

My name was MAUREEN Byrne now CROFTS
when i was 15 or 16 i left home & went to
Queensland with some friends where i was picked
up by the police and taken to Holy Cross Girls Home (Qld)
when i left they took me to the airport and put me
on a plane back to Sydney they told me my mother or father
could be at the airport to meet me but when i arrived
no one was there, so i got a bus & train home. When i
got home dad said no one had informed them that
i was coming home, I stayed home for a while
then left again and was living with some other girls
one night we was in a pub at the Cross and one
of the girls went to get a pie but didn't come
back so when we left i was carrying her bag
and the police stopped us and took us to the
police station and we saw our friend they searched
our bags and in my friends bag that i was carrying
they found a marrawanna smoke i told them it wasn't
mine and she even said it was hers but i was
charge with "possession of drugs" even though i
have never done drugs in my life. I went to
ALBIAU ST childrens court and was sent to
Glebe shelter than to P.G.H. As soon as i got
there MR Magnew & Mr Guildford as me if i

was related to Bumper Byrne I told them my sister Irene had been here as i didn't no her nickname was Bumper They told me not to be smart. I wasn't as i was scared I'd been there ~~for~~ for a while and one day while in the dining room a girl took another girls apple and all i said to her was "Give her back her apple" and i didn't now MR Guildford was standing behind me and he grabbed me by my hair and told me to get up to the coveredway and wait for him. When he finally came he took me into the office and said "So you think your a stand over do you" we don't have stand overs here" and he bent over i thought he was going to do his shoe lace but he came back up and hit me across the face it was so hard that i fell over the chair then he said to get back to the coveredway when he came out i had to ~~see~~ scrub the covered way it was dark when he came back then i was put in isolation. When i got out i went to the showers the next week my mother came to visit and asked what happened to my face i told her i done it in the Laundry as MR Guildford was standing nearby and when i looked up at him he just gave a smirk. I don't remember

having a medical but i must have had one
as all the time i have been trying to forget
that i was ever in Girls homes. I think that
Mr Mayhew & Mr Guildford should apologise
for everything that they have done to all
of the girls

Thanking You
Maureen Crofts (Byrne)

P.S.

I was in P.G.H.
in 1968 and 1969