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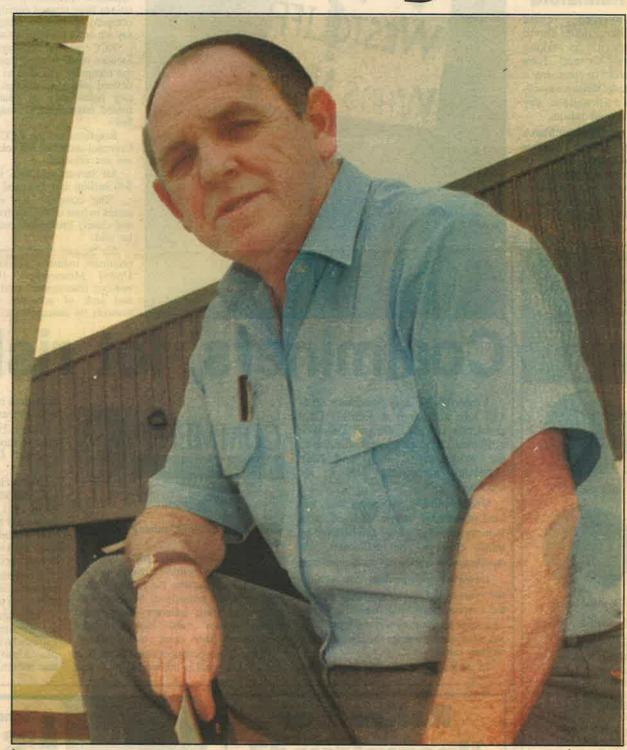
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# Tony Bevan tapes bombshell

# Former Mayor

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Former Wollongong Mayor Tony Bevan ... tapes reveal he was involved in a child sex ring.

Former Wollongong Mayor Tony Bevan ran an Illawarra-based paedophile ring with national and international links.

Bevan led a secret life as a pederast and

Bevan tape-recorded hundreds of phone calls made from his house in Edward St, Wollongong and his office in the CML building in Keira St. He recorded phone calls with political and financial associates. He also recorded phone calls to other paedophiles in Wollongong, Sydney and overseas.

## By Brett Martin

The Illawarra Mercury has obtained a

number of these tapes

Bevan, who died of cancer in 1991, aged 58, was an influential man. He had access to the halls of Australian financial and political

On the surface Bevan was a respected real estate developer and lobbyist. His connections in local and state government opened doors for

him, his friends and associates.

The Bevan Tapes reveal the secret sordid life of one of Wollongong's most powerful men. The Bevan Tapes show:

☐ Bevan ran a paedophile "school" where Illawarra and Sydney boys were seduced and manipulated. They were then used to sexually service Bevan and his friends.

☐ Bevan and his paedophile associates in Sydney controlled a youth refuge where boys were kept before being sent to work as

prostitutes in Kings Cross.

D Bevan was involved in bringing young

Filipino boys to Australia to work as

prostitutes.

• Bevan pimped for influential Illawarra, Australian and foreign paedophiles - offering boys who provided sexual favours.

☐ An international paedophile network exists that allows those "in the club" to access boys worldwide.

☐ The Bevan Tapes also identify 15 Australian paedophiles associated with Bevan as well as a number of corrupt officials in the Philippines.

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# TONY BEVAN - Pederast,

# By BRETT MARTIN

The Bevan Tapes prove organised paedophilia exists in Australia. It proves the people behind this system, this 'club", are men of influence.

Tony Bevan was a major player in this system.

A former Wollongong Mayor, Bevan was a successful wheeler and dealer. He counted senior figures on both sides of counted senior figures on both sides of counted senior figures. politics as friends. He cut business deals for millions of dollars. He dealt with the international financial world.

He was also a paedophile and pimp. Bevan ran a paedophile "school" in the Illawarra, he was close to the major players in Sydney, he had national and international contacts.

Bevan habitually recorded telephone conversations he believed could be valuable in the future. He recorded hundreds of conversations with political figures and businessmen. He also recorded conversations with fellow pae-

These conversations were recorded at his home in Edward St, Wollongong, and his office in the CML Building in Keira

The following edited transcripts of the Bevan Tapes are disturbing. They paint a picture of a murky world where children are a commodity – to be collected, used and traded.

A substantial number of Australian paedophiles and a number of corrupt officials are identified on the tapes. The Mercury has suppressed all but one of these names. The suppressed information will be handed to authorities.

The Mercury also has edited the Bevan Tape transcripts to remove unnecessary sexual references.

We have not, however, sanitised the material. Some ugly truths need to be

Bevan died of cancer in 1991. There is nothing to suggest that his school, or others like it, died with him.

BEVAN'S position as head of an Illawarra paedophile "school" is shown in this conversation with a fellow Wollongong paedophile.

Bevan and his paedophile associates used a simple code when discussing their

Friendly paedophiles were usually referred to as "she", senior paedophiles were often referred to as "mother".

Children and unfriendly paedophiles were referred to as "it". Children's ages were one-three (13 years old) or one-four (14 years old).

The edited conversation below between Bevan and a leading Illawarra businessman shows Bevan ran one Illawarra paedophile "school" where boys were recruited.

The Mercury has decided not to name the second man on the tape because although he is dead, he still has family living in the region.

BUSINESSMAN: So what's all the news on the other front?

BEVAN: Oh, not much. Not much to

BUSINESSMAN: What are you doing? What have you got lined up? BEVAN: Very little lined up at the

BUSINESSMAN: When's the chance of some action with your man in Sydney? Any at all or is he still .

BEVAN: There's a guy I met from Perth the other day who said he saw you once, a tall fellow. His name's Richard I think it was ... Peter, yeah Peter. A tall fair-headed kid ... said he knew you. He hadn't seen you for 12

BUSINESSMAN: What was it like? BEVAN: Oh, very nice ... You've got a fellow down there, what's-his-name

BUSINESSMAN: Uh ######. He's the ####### in the ####### shop.

BEVAN: Oh is he? BUSINESSMAN: Why? BEVAN: Where does he live?

BUSINESSMAN: ###### I think. BEVAN: He's got a one-three or a

Tapes shame former Mayor

one-four that's quite nice.
BUSINESSMAN: One-four what? BEVAN: Years of age. BUSINESSMAN: Has he? BEVAN: Mmmmm.

BUSINESSMAN: Long hair? BEVAN: Don't know, he's about 14. BUSINESSMAN: Because he had one in here over the Christmas holidays but he was pretty surly like. From what I saw of him. But he might be all right anyway, especially if he goes to your

BEVAN: He goes to someone else's school, not mine.

BUSINESSMAN: What? BEVAN: He goes to someone else's

BUSINESSMAN: You reckon? BEVAN: He does.

BUSINESSMAN: Who's that? BEVAN: Oh, someone I know up north. And uh, he's been there two or

three times so BUSINESSMAN: Have you had something to do with it, too?
BEVAN: No I haven't yet, no.

BUSINESSMAN: And what's the school up there? Is it someone you

BEVAN: Yeah, oh yeah. BUSINESSMAN: Who runs that? BEVAN: Oh, ###########

BUSINESSMAN: (Laughs) That's a precarious one, isn't it? (laughs) BEVAN: Yeah (laughs) yeah.

BEVAN: Start at two o'clock? At the

FILIPINO: Yeah.

BEVAN: Well I have to be at the airport at what, three o'clock, the PAL flight (Philippines Airlines) comes in at three doesn't it?

FILIPINO: What's the name? BEVAN: #####. I have to have a good boy for him, special. Okay?

FILIPINO: Okay. BEVAN: Fifteen, sixteen for ######. And if he wants to he can stay here.

ONE of the most disturbing allegations arising from the Bevan Tapes is that paedophiles used a Sydney youth refuge as a staging house, where boys were kept until they could be sent to work in Kings Cross as prostitutes.

The following conversation is between Bevan and a man identified by sources close to Bevan as Bill O'Donnell, a former television technician serving a five-year prison sentence for a 1990 sexual assault.

O'Donnell was found guilty of holding a 15-year-old boy at knifepoint and forcing him to have oral sex. The assault took place at an Albion Park property leased by Bevan.

In the edited conversation below Bevan and O'Donnell discuss problems at Kings Cross involving boy prostitutes

forward to the clean-up. BEVAN: Yeah.
O'DONNELL: I also talked to

Cowboy for a while and he is saying very much the same things. The refuge down at ###### St is full with kids but they are not letting them come up town because of all the other trash that's there.

BEVAN: Hmmm. O'DONNELL: So there's a whole heap of new faces held on tap just waiting

to bust out.

BEVAN: Hmmm.
O'DONNELL: They've got a few faces around ready and waiting to go. So, that's going on. All these things are happening.

THE following edited transcript shows Bevan seducing a young Sydney

Bevan met the boy at a heterosexual strip show in Kings Cross. He befriended him and, over time, introduced him to mutual masturbation, the first step on the road to recruitment into Bevan's

Bevan was a supreme manipulator. He kept various "toys" at his West Dapto property, including guns and more than 10 motorbikes.

His access to light planes was also a great lure for young boys.

Bevan was one of the first people in Wollongong to own a car with central

AMERICAN: Well I haven't had any. BEVAN: Why, haven't been looking

Tony Bevan wearing the chains of authority as Mayor.

seven thirty.

o'clock. No worries.

unnamed American.

AMERICAN: Not really.

into hiding since you arrived.

AMERICAN: Really?

AMERICAN: Really?

BEVAN: No?

there at the moment.

AMERICAN: You know, I don't know where to go anymore. I've been gone five years.

BOY: It was pretty late, six thirty,

BEVAN: Oh, when you got back was

THE following is an edited transcript

The edited transcript below shows

BEVAN: Very well, how are you? (laughs) When did you get in?

AMERICAN: We got in Tuesday.

BEVAN: Oh God. Everything's gone

BEVAN: There's plenty of trade up

BEVAN: Oh it's chock-a-block.

of a conversation between Bevan and an

Bevan's international connections. It also

shows he had little hesitation sharing the

boys in his "school", even his "specials"

AMERICAN: How are you?

it? Oh, well that's your fault. You could be home by seven 'cos I could drop you

back wherever you want me to by seven

BEVAN: Well Lonny, just to put you in the picture, next to the park, in between the Rex and the park there's a place called #####. From there to the fountain is as good as anywhere you'll

AMERICAN: Really?

BEVAN: And of the three or four dozen that are around you will find three or four very good ones there at the

AMERICAN: Wow. BEVAN: Yeah, very good. I look forward to Sydney because there's so much about and it's just coming out of the bloody bubblers at the moment; unemployment of course isn't helping,

and they are running everywhere. AMERICAN: Are you having a lot of young lovers? Or do you got one special? BEVAN: Yeah I've got a couple of specials.

AMERICAN: Really?

BEVAN: About one-four, one-five. AMERICAN: Really? (laughs)

BEVAN: Beautiful mate. Has Mother still got the wrestling business?

AMERICAN: Yes.

BEVAN: She's making plenty of money of course.

AMERICAN: Oh yes we are all doing very well. But I'll tell you, the prettiest things I had over here in all the years I got from you. There was nothing like those last two you know. Last time I was here and had the penthouse.

BEVAN: Oh yes, I remember. It was beautiful.

AMERICAN: You come into Sydney what, one or two nights a week?

BEVAN: Tuesdays and Wednesdays. AMERICAN: What do you do, stay? **CONTINUED PAGE 7** 

#### 'Are you having a lot of young lovers? Or do you got one special? BEVAN: Yeah, I've got a couple of specials.'

THE following conversation between Bevan and an unnamed Filipino man shows Bevan was involved with an organisation which brought Filipino boys Australia to work as prostitutes.

BEVAN: These other boys you've got, are they good boys? You've got six or seven you said. FILIPINO: Yeah, seven.

BEVAN: You bring them here,

FILIPINO: Seven here. When you like? Tomorrow?

BEVAN: How old are they? FILIPINO: Fifteen, sixteen. BEVAN: That's good. And they are very good looking boys?

FILIPINO: Yeah, very good looking. But not uh .

. they slim not so . . BEVAN: Heavy. FILIPINO: Not so heavy.

BEVAN: Regular Filipino beauties. FILIPINO: Uh huh.

BEVAN: Ok. Well that's good. And when will we have a look, tomorrow? FILIPINO: Maybe 10, 9 o'clock . . . BEVAN: Too early mate.

FILIPINO: Okay 11? BEVAN: Eleven, yeah good. Eleven o'clock, that would be good. And we can have a good talk in here and work it out. You work this afternoon?

who are running out of control.

O'DONNELL: They are hoping for a bit of a clean-out in a way. A few of them have been left behind that should have been taken away by now.

BEVAN: Yeah, oh yeah (with feel-

O'DONNELL: They're just sitting around waiting type of thing. There's nothing he can do about it type of thing. He hopes a whole lot of them will get dragged out. They are apparently causing a whole lot of trouble lately between two and four in the morning.

BEVAN: Oh yeah, I know. O'DONNELL: They know who they

BEVAN: Oh they know who they are.

O'DONNELL: They are just waiting for Mr Policeman to come along and they can ring up and scream to their heart's content but nobody is going to help them out this time round. They are finished. BEVAN: Yeah.

O'DONNELL: So any moment they are going to all get out of the road.

BEVAN: Yeah, that will be good

O'DONNELL: Oh it will, #### was talking about what good news it will be when it all happens. Mr Policeman is just biding their time till they go through it all and get rid of them all without any worries at all. They are all looking

BEVAN: You've got to be home by 12 haven't you? BOY: Yeah.

BEVAN: Well, we'll have to get ing fairly early, about seven or eight. BOY: Yeah that will be right.

BEVAN: Everytime you go I've got a bonus for you. I've got a bet of \$10 for every time you blow. We'll see how good you are.

BOY: (Laughs). BEVAN: No, fair dinkum. See how good you are. That's the bet, that's the bet. From seven o'clock, from the time we leave ######## till the time you come home if you go four, five, six times that's your good luck to my sorrow.

BOY: (Laughs) Ripper. I can't wait to see the girls.

BEVAN: Oh, it will be good mate, I'm saving all your pocket money for you too. 10 bucks every time, you'll end up with a bankroll.

BOY: I won't be able to keep it up all night, Jesus. What time? BEVAN: Oh, you know, half past six

or six o'clock or something. BOY: I almost got killed by my parents last time. BEVAN: (Worried) Why?

BOY: Because I was out that late and I'm not really allowed to go out that late.
BEVAN: What late?

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# pimp, child sex trader

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BEVAN: Yeah, I still stay down at the flat in Elizabeth Bay there. But I might make a trip up on Saturday night and bring something up for you.

AMERICAN: Really?

BEVAN: Or something. I might bring

one of my specials up.

AMERICAN: Well, I could be very

BEVAN: It's Christmas Day isn't it

AMERICAN: Yeah.

BEVAN: Oh well, we might come up

tomorrow night.

AMERICAN: Well, that would be nice. I would give a nice young chickie a

hundred bucks.

BEVAN: Yeah, well. AMERICAN: That's a lot of money. BEVAN: Yeah, you'll like this one. AMERICAN: Are you just going to bring up the one or are you going to bring

one for yourself? BEVAN: No I'll bring . . . well I might grab something up there later.

AMERICAN: You just bring the one

BEVAN: But I'll bring the little one

AMERICAN: And I'll be here. I'll be home, my hair in rollers at 9.30.

BEVAN: Lovely. AMERICAN: Tomorrow night.

BEVAN: Lovely. And how is the

AMERICAN: Well you know with what you like and we like it's difficult to get something that age. BEVAN: No but 16, 17.

AMERICAN: Oh plenty of that. BEVAN: Is there?

AMERICAN: Yes (unintelligible) who works for me goes to those kind of bars. There's a whole street in Houston called (unintelligible) and it's just lined

with places, so if you ever come over . . .
BEVAN: Safe, is it safe?
AMERICAN: Yup.

BEVAN: I read terrible reports about

AMERICAN: Really?

BEVAN: Oh murders and ... AMERICAN: Oh yes .

BEVAN: All these people getting 20 or 30 kids and burying them. All this

AMERICAN: Well, that happens.

BEVAN: (Laughs) Jesus. AMERICAN: Yes it did. It wasn't good for us you know but there's still plenty goes on. You know you can't stop

em, you can't muzzle 'em.
BEVAN: No, but there's plenty of one-sixes and one-sevens?

AMERICAN: Oh yes.

BEVAN: And do they all screw or do ... the Americans are funny like

AMERICAN: Well some do and some don't you know.

"Well we want to try and organise something for Thursday afternoon to make a call..."



"...his young nephew Richard saw me and he said 'I will come and sleep with you tonight' you see..."



"I agree with the tourists that like the little boys six and seven and eight years of age."

BEVAN: Mmmmmmm. We're all ladies over here.

FORMER Wollongong Lord Mayor Frank Arkell has previously accused Bevan of using secretly tape-recorded conversations, the so-called Scorpion Tape, to embarrass him.

Bevan made the so-called Scorpion Tape as revenge for the Arkell-led council's decision to prevent Bevan buying Gleniffer Brae in Gwynneville.

The Scorpion Tape was an illegally made recording between Cr Arkell and a young man. Cr Arkell has denied offering sex to an underage boy.

"Tony Bevan set me up," Cr Arkell said.

"But there is no truth in the tape. If the tape was checked I think you would find it had been tampered with."

A conversation on one of the Bevan Tapes between Bevan and the young man who features on the Scorpion Tape supports Cr Arkell's allegations Bevan was out to get him.

BEVAN: What's happening? YOUTH: Nothing. I went down the Coast on the weekend.

BEVAN: Oh did you?

YOUTH: Yeah, went prawning. Caught a few prawns. Had a quiet weekend. Nothing.

BEVAN: Nothing happening? YOUTH: No. Shopped around though but nothing.

BEVAN: Yeah, yeah. All right, well we want to try and organise something

for Thursday afternoon to make a call . . . YOUTH: Oh ... Frank.

BEVAN: Mmmm. YOUTH: Oh yeah.

BEVAN: I think it's about time

YOUTH: . . . Got stuck into it again. BEVAN: Yeah.

THE following conversation indicates how well connected Bevan was. Angered by some harassing phone calls from kids, Bevan tells an unnamed woman that he is going to have the problem sorted out unofficially.

BEVAN: Oh they are mongrels of things. I'd like to find them and I know what I'd do to them.

WOMAN: We'll have to see what can be done about it. Somehow or other. I don't know how.

BEVAN: Well I've got a mate in Sydney and I'm going to get some advice. I'm seeing him tomorrow.

WOMAN: Yeah see ####. I think that would be your best bet.

BEVAN: Because there are certain ways you can go about these things without it becoming official. Otherwise you turn the world upside down.

WOMAN: You want to know who

you can trust

BEVAN: That's right. He was down here and he's just gone up there. WOMAN: He might be able to find

some details about down here.

The following conversation is between Bevan and a friend recently returned from a Philippines holiday.

In this edited transcript Bevan and the friend discuss the paedophile situation in Manila and the notorious Paksunhan paedophile resort. They also reveal corrupt officials assisted Australian paedophiles.

MAN: How are you mate? BEVAN: All right. Welcome home.

MAN: Thank you. Thank you. BEVAN: I heard you were home this

MAN: Yeah I got home on Monday. BEVAN: Ah, Monday's the day. Have a good time?

MAN: Oh marvellous. Excellent, excellent.

BEVAN: That's good news. No drama?

MAN: No drama whatsoever. BEVAN: No aggravation?

MAN: No, no. BEVAN: Not even a ripple?

MAN: No, but ... BEVAN: Oh.

MAN: . . . Uh we were very lucky the ##### (a senior public official) who lives on the other side of the river, as soon as we arrived took us to the ##### (another senior public official's) office and we had a cup of coffee.

BEVAN: That's right, he's a poof. MAN: Yeah, and so we got in a car and he took us into Santa Cruz and had made an appointment and introduced us to ######## (a senior military officer).

BEVAN: Shit.

MAN: So we had photostat copies of our passports and our visas and all the bit done and gave them to him and he said 'well you've got no problems. If the Department of Immigration comes into the Province of Laguna they have got to notify me that they are coming. So if they do decide to come I will be telling them I have already seen you people and I have all your details here and all your papers are in order and I have photostat copies of everything and

BEVAN: They can go and jump. MAN: ... so there is no need for them to worry you. So that was . . . BEVAN: That was nice.

MAN: Yeah that was good see and of course to the house after a couple of days when the boys started to arrive and I said to a couple of them 'well look I think it's better for you to go back home and I will meet you on the other side of the river. I don't think it's a good idea for you to be coming to the house just in case there is any you know'

BEVAN: Yeah. MAN: ... spies about. BEVAN: That's right.

MAN: So anyhow William, that was out here, his young nephew Richard saw me and he said 'I will come and sleep with you tonight' you see ...

BEVAN: Oh shit.

MAN: . . . and I couldn't say anything

BEVAN: But yes.

MAN: . . . anyhow I went home and then William turned up and I said 'do me a favour, when you go back tell Richard that I don't think it's a good idea for him to come and stay the night'.

They tell me that if Immigration ever do make any raids they are always made at four or five o'clock in the morning. I said 'it would be better if he came over with you, like with an adult see'. And he said 'well yes he can do that but there's no problem. You just come over to the other side' and I said 'what's the good of me coming over to the other side? The only place I can take anybody is to ####'s place and you know I don't feel inclined to be sharing all my friends with ####### (an Australian paedophile)'.

BEVAN: Oh, is she over there?

MAN: She was there. BEVAN: Oh shit.

MAN: And he said 'you've got problem . . . you've got my house. You can come to my house, I have a big house and your friend #### from Adelaide is back in Australia and ##### is looking after his big house on his own, there's nobody there and you can speak to ####### and take anybody to his house see 'on this side of the river you've got no problems'

BEVAN: Oh.

MAN: So then just a couple of days before I was coming home we were going for a drink somewhere and the bloke who owns the house as I went past his house he said 'oh you come in, you come in. I have guests come and have a drink'. So I went in and I was having a drink with these blokes and one of these fellas said 'now what I tell' he says 'is not to tell you that I agree with the tourists that like the little boys six and seven and eight years of age' he said 'but I think that once a boy reaches about 12 or 13 he is quite old enough to make up his own mind what he wants to do'.

BEVAN: Yeah.

MAN: He said 'and so as long as you don't want to have the little babies you can have anybody you want' and I said 'yeah but what about the Immigration Department?' and he said 'by the time the Immigration Department has got across the river on a boat I would have my men from the mountains waiting on the other side for 'em'.

BEVAN: (Laughs).

MAN: He was the leader of the local NPA group (communist guerillas). (Laughs).

BEVAN: Oh shit.

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## Bevan's double life shocks former lover

Tony Bevan's long-time lover was shocked by allegations Bevan was involved in organised paedophilia.

John (not his real name) was Bevan's lover and confidante for more than a decade. He said he believed the Bevan Tapes were genuine but he had "no idea Tony was involved in anything like that".

"I always knew he had a weakness for young men but I did not know the extent of his involvement," John said.

John, who still lives in Wollongong, admitted Bevan kept a stable of young lovers but said he had believed the youngest was 16.

"Tony used to say that anything younger than that was too danger-ous," John said.

John met Tony when he was 17. Bevan was a pilot and John had a fascination for flying. A chance meeting at Albion Park Aerodrome led to a 15-year rela

"It was a mutual thing," John said. "We used each other. I wanted to fly and he wanted sex. Eventually the relationship grew into more than just sex.

John said the Bevan Tapes had forced him to re-examine his relationship with Bevan.

"We never shared a house but I thought I knew the man," John said.

"Now I just don't know. It looks like Tony was leading a double life.

"Some of the things on those tapes are shocking. I do not condone that sort of behaviour.' John said he had no knowledge of

organised paedophile rings in the Illawarra or Sydney. "Having seen the evidence it certainly looks like something was

going on but Tony never involved me in any of that," he said. One thing John could confirm was Bevan's hatred of former

Wollongong Lord Mayor Frank Arkell.

"It started when council stopped Tony buying Gleniffer Brae,"

(In the early 1970s the Arkell-led Wollongong City Council resumed Gleniffer Brae, a prime piece of central Wollongong real estate, to prevent Bevan from buying and developing it.)

"That cost Tony a lot of money and he never forgave Arkell. He used to go into rages over it. He swore he would get him (Arkell)," John said.

John admitted he destroyed Bevan's home-made pornography collection after his death in 1991. "There were a lot of slides there,

to haunt them," he said. People have lives to lead. The mistakes you make as a young man shouldn't be held against you."

portraits mainly, of young men. Those slides could have come back

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# Tapes link Bevan to Filipino sex trade

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MAN: He said 'you have no problems, no problems. Our friends we look after'. He said 'no problems here, the message would get to you in plenty of time before anybody got to this side of the river'.

BEVAN: Yeah, that's what I mean, over that side is very safe. I would feel a lot safer over there

than I would over near the pub.

MAN: Of course. You see, as they pointed out

BEVAN: Because it is only those that are in the know and friends of the family that are over there anyhow. The rest are all bloody tourists.

MAN: That's right. BEVAN: Because once you are in the family you're right over there, you're a bloody sacred cow mate, over the river.

MAN: That's right, you're a part of the community

BEVAN: You're one of the bloody kangaroos. MAN: Yeah that's right. So of course I had a

wonderful time. It was really good. BEVAN: That's good. So how's Manila

MAN: Well, it's not very much different. It's only how you feel yourself, you know what I

BEVAN: That's right ... if you feel uncomfortable.

MAN: Like in Harrison Plaza I had three little ones and the whole three of them were bloody little spunks and they followed me and followed me everywhere I went.

BEVAN: Oh shit. You'll break this poor heart. MAN: When I was going one of them said 'are you going home now' and I said 'yes' and he said 'can I come' and I said 'no you can't come, you are, you know, you are too young'. But the whole three of them were real little bloody spunks and under other bloody circumstances Tony

BEVAN: Mother would have them in his pram and have them home (laughs).

MAN: ... I would have taken one, two or three of them but you've just got that feeling.

BEVAN: That's right. MAN: . . . that it might be the one bloody time when it might be the wrong people see you.

BEVAN: Well mate, you don't know who's watching. Over there there are so many eyes you're not sure whose a cockatoo, they see you chatting up the three little ones, next thing their following you and they have someone else follows and someone else follows and someone else follows and you wouldn't know whose

following you.

MAN: You do have to be a bit bloody careful and not go silly and of course it was the bloody tourists themselves you see. They showed me a house there on the lodge side of the river. By their standards it's Buckingham Palace. Now it was built by a German bloke see and the ###### (a senior public official) showed me all the information and it's in the newspapers over there at the moment that, whilst it's in a Filipino's name, the bloke took voluntary deportation, the German guy, and the Government are now trying to get the house and turn it into an orphanage, but the ####### (senior public official) showed me all the papers and the information. The bloke had 50 children in the house, boys and girls, and there was not one of them over 10 years of age.

MAN: And he showed me the advertisements that they presented to the court in German newspapers advertising, advertising in Germany to any paedophiles that were interested in young children 10 and under that he could supply them with anything they wanted and they reckon he made millions

BEVAN: Mmmm.

MAN: There's an Australian priest over there mate. He collects money to help the poor people in the Philippines. He's got the most beautiful house built on the river, he's got about four boyfriends who are dripping in bloody gold, they are all young men, they aren't kids, he's got a speed boat going up and down the river see and it's all this bloody money he is raising in Australia to help the poor Filipinos (laughs). He's built himself a castle over there.

BEVAN: Yeah.

MAN: Those sort of people do not make the

local people happy.

BEVAN: No, no and they all know he's on. MAN: Oh of course, yes they all know its on. BEVAN: It's a wonder they haven't got on to

MAN: Well, I would say that sooner or later the boys will come out of the mountains and . .

BEVAN: Fix him up.

MAN: . . . empty his joint out to start with. BEVAN: You didn't see my little husband

MAN: No, well I didn't go down there. I didn't go down there. I don't know why I didn't. I just didn't have time Tony.

BEVAN: Well the main thing is you had a

good time. MAN: I had a ball. Yeah I really did have a

good time. BEVAN: Well I was thinking of you a fortnight ago. I had something over here from Adelaide

MAN: Oh yeah.

BEVAN: . . . one-six and very nice and it just lobbed in the Cross and I grabbed it and I put it down in the bottom end of Pitt St there in the CBD and some of those places for two or three nights and I drove it backwards and forwards and nursed it, very nice, fantastic in that department. Loved everything and couldn't get enough. And I thought shit if only you were home you could put

it up ... MAN: Mmmmmmmm.

BEVAN: There's been a bit about, up there. Not so much around the cruising areas but generally in the Cross there's been a bit of new stuff all around as long as you get in early. MAN: That's right.

BEVAN: Yes (laughs). Some nice youngies

over there? MAN: Oh yes, oh yes.

BEVAN: Get some nice photos? MAN: Well I didn't take any ... BEVAN: Oh bugger me gently.

MAN: ... I wasn't game to take any nude

BEVAN: No that doesn't matter. MAN: . . . but I got a few photos of some of

the boys yes. BEVAN: Thank Christ for that.

MAN: And then my other stroke of luck was when I was at the hotel in Manila, just before I was leaving last time I went up on the roof. There

to see, you know, some sort of a parade, and there were two boys up there with remote control cars, you see, and I talked to them and had a bit of a go with these cars and they belonged to a boy who looked like he had a bit of Japanese in him, see. So anyhow I'm in the hotel and a knock comes to the door and it was the younger one of the two, not the Japanese-looking one but the younger one of the two boys that I had met on the roof. He said 'do you remember me' and I said 'yes I do'. I said 'your name is ####'. He said 'oh you remember my name why didn't you write, you told me you were going to write'. Well I said 'I didn't write because I got home and I went to write to you and I looked at the address you had given me and I thought, there's something very wrong with is, you know, this is not the right address, so I didn't write'. So he said 'can I come in'. Well every day I was staying in the hotel he visited me. And he is growing into a lovely boy, a lovely boy. So your

mother was very lucky. BEVAN: How old's she? MAN: She's about 15. BEVAN: Good screw? MAN: Yes. BEVAN: All screwing?

MAN: Well, he did at the end. It all started off very thingo, with him just laying there not doing anything but by about the third day he was active and by the time I got back into Manila for the second visit

BEVAN: Oooh (laughs).

MAN: ... he was

BEVAN: Prancing Catherine wheels.

MAN: Yeah, yeah. The only things that he likes is he likes to stand a girlie porno book up on the edge of the bed against the wall and every now and then he turns the page. But 99 per cent of the

BEVAN: He forgets about it.

. he's not even looking at it.

BEVAN: No, not interested.

MAN: So, when I went shopping and I would come back and I would buy him a pair of pants or a pair of shorts or a T-shirt or something and bring it back for him and he was thrilled to bits. BEVAN: Oh that's nice mate.

MAN: So I'll keep that association rolling too.

BEVAN: Yeah, yeah. MAN: So all in all it was very nice.

BEVAN: Very good.

BEVAN: So when am I going to see you mate. MAN: Well, whenever, whenever mate, whenever, whenever. I'm home, I'm here. I'd better try and get down and say g'day to you over the next couple of weeks I'd say.

BEVAN: Yeah, yeah. Ever see the little one

you were going to bring down?

MAN: Well as a matter of fact #### called in here last night and said he had a phone call from

BEVAN: Oh yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.

MAN: Yeah #### came down the week before

I went away and stayed for a couple of days so I made him write down the dates and that I would be back so I expect to hear from him any tick of the clock

BEVAN: Oh, right. Well, when you're ready, give us a yell mate and in the meantime I'll give you a ring when I'm in Sydney and we'll get

MAN: All right Tone.

















### ETTERS TO THE

## A good way to go in schools'

SIR. - I reply to the Mercury (March 3) article, "Teachers glad for help with

Morality went out of favour because society took responsibility for it and still does. The church is only the mediator to inspire. We ultimately are our own morality. Evil overtakes us or we overcome it.

The body of people who know and recognise the church understand the issue of morality well. However the general community has not enjoyed being inflicted with morality, hence the break away from the restrictions of authority.

The nature of larrikinism and the real Australian character ridicules such posturing. The community does not accept fettered judgement.

Harmonising these "quaint" ideals and unifying health with morality teaching in schools is definitely a good way to go. Perhaps the Education Department and the government could show intelligent recognition to the turning point in our society with encouragement and support.

We need committed caring teaching of health and morality in our schools. The

powerhouse of our bodies is our soul. Knowledge to understand ourselves and harmonise the two together can best be taught by caring teachers. Often these teachers know the children differently than we do as parents (for

The securing of a child's emotions is the passport to its future. Christianity, through the teachings of Jesus Christ's love for us, can maintain the morality in all of us.

> - (Mrs) VALERIE BAMSLEY, Fairy Meadow.

#### 'Forthright representation' delivered by retiring MP

SIR. - It is with a touch of sadness that I heard John Hatton Senior was not contesting the forthcoming State election, even though we all knew that his workload was taking its toll.

When you work in excess of 80 hours a week, there comes a time when your body says it's had enough and continuing to push yourself will only result in destroying your health.

I have been lucky enough to have worked with John in his election campaigns when his electorate extended to Bega and have seen at first-hand his dealing with his constituents.

Young or old, rich or poor, Labor or Liberal, they all received the utmost courtesy and attention, as well as his forthright representation of their concerns to the relevant ministers.

I have seen John worried, concerned for his safety, exhausted, and with insufficient time to relax, but I have never seen him take a backward step in his representation of his constituents.

The electors of the South Coast have been represented by an independent for 22 years, a member who has been able to vote in parliament as his conscience dictates and always representing you, the elector.

- R MURPHY,

## Veterans want proof it was worth the effort

SIR. - Politicians must be the greatest purveyors of noncompliance to have emerged this

One doesn't need a university degree to see through the veiled promises which appear at the slightest whisper of a forthcoming

Always the same splurge hospitals, transport, employment, education - roll off their tongues as though spitting out a sour

And now Australia Remembers, beginning with the end of

What happened to the intervening years?

Twenty-five years passed before Vietnam vets were even recognised, and now 50 coming up for front-line and home-front participants of WWII.

Is this 25-year cycle a salve for suffering in between - a band-aid to cover an apology, or just plain

We already have our memories and we don't want praise, but we do need proof it was worth the

> - H M MOBBERLEY. Balgownie.

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# SCLC viewed as 'backward group'

SIR. – A wise man once remarked "where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise".

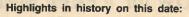
Although Wollongong has a fine university with continuous growth, it also has a backward group in the South Coast Labour Council, incapable of respect for the qualified engineers responsible for planning the Wombarra tunnel project.

I am sure that most people will agree, for safety reasons, that such a project has to be handled by properly qualified professional experts, and any intervention by unqualified, egotistical persons should not be tolerated.

The SCLC needs to change its image to attract more development to make more jobs. Strike-happy unionism should be a thing of the past because it is a deterrent to industrial development, and may well reduce employment. A fair go is needed by both sides to achieve mutual benefits.

> - CHARLES ROSE. Port Kembla.

#### **TODAY IN HISTORY**



1860 - J Robertson becomes Premier of NSW. Ten die when Cyclone Leonta hits Townsville, Qld. Most were killed when hospital was

badly damaged. 1942 - Japanese complete conquest of Dutch

island of Java in Indonesia during World War II. 1951 - Robert Menzies' government's Communist Party Dissolution Act is declared invalid by the High Court of Australia, after challenge by Communist Party and ten unions.

1965 - 27-year term of Liberal and Country Party

League Premier Thomas Playford ends in South Australia with election of Labor.

1976 - Cable car plunges to ground near northern Italian city of Trento, killing 42 skiers.

1987 - Iran accuses Iraq of using chemical bombs

Gulf War.

1989 - Vienna talks open, aimed at curbing armed might built up in 40 yrs of East-West enmity.

1990 - Two Germanys begin preliminary reunification talks.

1994 - IRA launches first of a series of mortar attacks on Heathrow Airport in London.



## This evil must be stamped out of our midst

TODAY'S exclusive Illawarra Mercury report on former Wollongong Mayor Tony Bevan and his Illawarra-based pedophile ring is unpleasant and deeply disturbing.

It is also a story that had to be written.

It had to be written because it is a chilling reminder of the depraved forces that operate within our community, preying on the young, the weak and the vulnerable, and destroying

Some people may think that it is impossible for a prominent citizen like a mayor to live a double life - in public a pillar of the community, while privately engaged in illegal and sordid activities.

But Tony Bevan lived such a life - a hideous and revolting character whose depravity apparently knew no bounds.

His pedophile ring had tentacles that stretched from the Illawarra to the Philippines, and to high and powerful places in Sydney.

And Tony Bevan revelled in it, using his contacts for sinister purposes. How else do you explain the hundreds of hours of tape recordings he made of conversations with his partners in pornography and depravity.

Sadly, police and the authorities are hamstrung in their efforts to weed out this filth from our society by lack of manpower, and even lack of political will.

Often, young people who complain that they have been abused by adults are ignored by an uncaring community, or simply not believed.

That is an indictment of our society because it is hard to imagine a more disgusting activity than the corruption of the young by depraved adults.

Child abuse is real. It is far more widespread than most people realise.

Hopefully, today's report will serve as a warning to those who fail to take this insidious threat seriously.

Today The Illawarra Mercury will hand over the Bevan Tapes to the NSW Royal Commission investigating claims of child abuse in the community. We believe that is one arena that offers hope of a concerted effort to stamp this evil from our midst.



SIR ROBERT MENZIES