



Tony Bevan tapes bombshell

Former Mayor

ran child sex ring



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 pimp.

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.

EXCLUSIVE

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 power.

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.
- 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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Tapes link Bevan to Filipino sex trade

FROM PAGE 7

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 to me ...

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 generally.

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

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.

BEVAN: Oh shit.

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 him.

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 down at ...

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: Mmmmmmmmm.

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 ones ...

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

was something going on and I went up on the roof 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 it, 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 time ...

BEVAN: He forgets about it.

MAN: ... 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 him.

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 together.

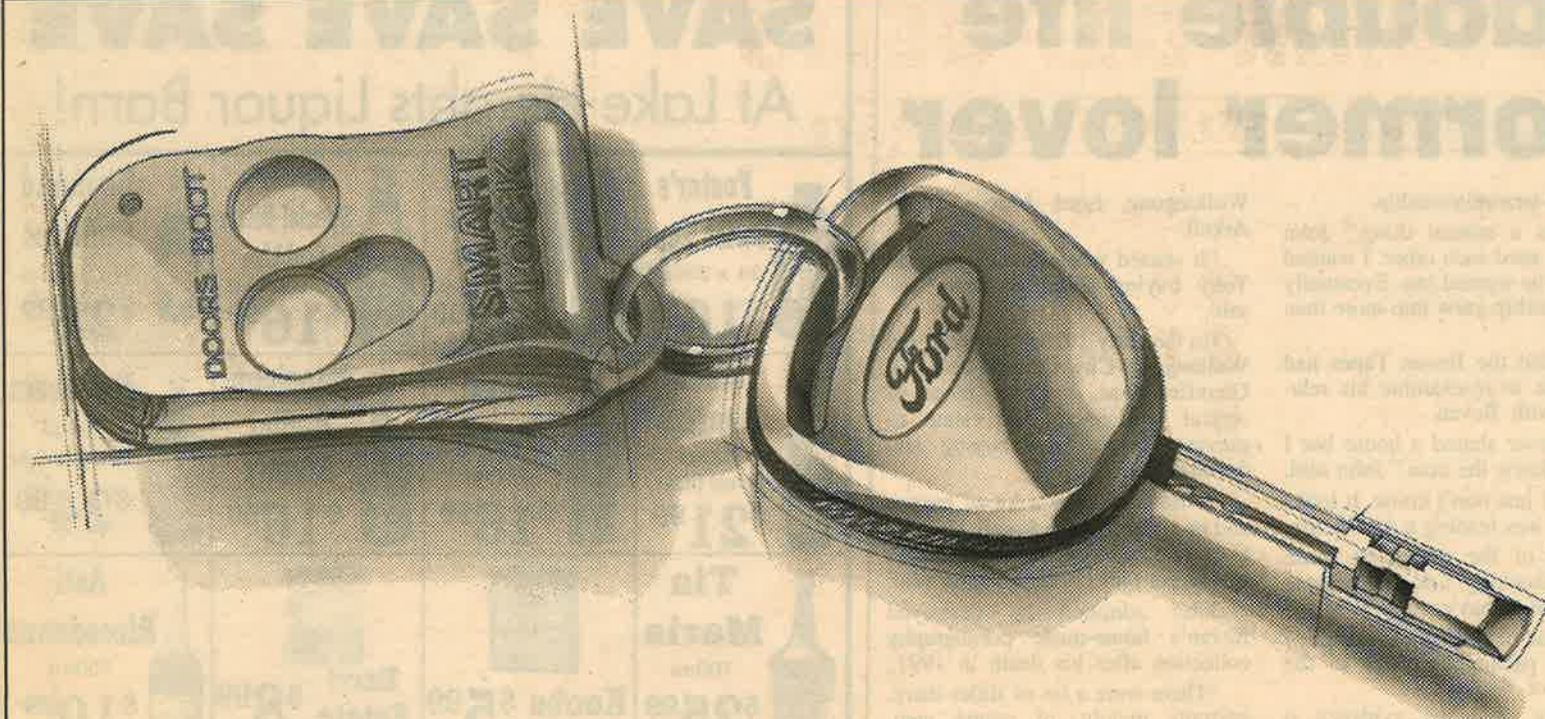
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'A good way to go in schools'

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

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 larrikism 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 better or worse).

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,
Broulee.

Veterans want proof it was worth the effort

SIR. - Politicians must be the greatest purveyors of non-compliance to have emerged this century.

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

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

And now Australia Remembers, beginning with the end of world conflict.

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 bull?

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

- H M MOBBERLEY,
Balgownie.

SCLC viewed as 'backward group'

SIR. - A wise man once remarked "where signorance 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.

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- 1903 - 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 in 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.

ILLAWARRA Mercury - OPINION -

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 lives.

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.