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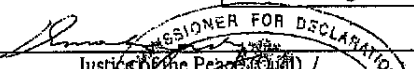
Name of witness:	Alana Alice Mc MAHON	Date of birth:	31.01.1979	Age:	24yrs
Occupation:	Dive Instructor / Coxswain				

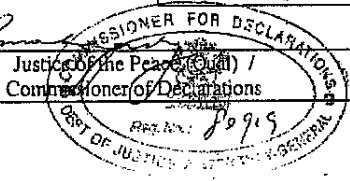
Police officer taking statement:

Name of police officer:	G.LAWRENCE	Rank:	S/Const	Reg. No.:	10253
Region/ Command/ Division:	Northern / Townsville	Station:	Townsville Water Police		

Alana Alice Mc MAHON states:

- I am a 24yr old single female and I currently reside at 18 Murray Street North Ward Townsville, my contact phone numbers are (07) 47 214588 and mobile 0419 670 259, my email address is mclana79@yahoo.com.au . Tropical Diving Pty Ltd as a Dive Instructor and Coxswain employs me on a casual basis. This company has employed me for three months.
- My duties within the company include the position of trip director on board the company's dive vessel "JAZZ II", in this role I coordinate the other dive instructors, conduct dive tuition and perform second mate duties on the vessel (this includes general deckhand work, maintenance, engineering and any other reasonable requirements of the skipper). I escort divers on guided dives at various dive locations, set out dive sites and present dive and safety briefings to the passengers.
- I recall the events of Wednesday the 22nd of October 2003. I commenced work at 5:30am at the company's Palmer Street office. I set up the briefcase for the trip and arranged the required provisions. I then completed loading the vessel in preparation for departure (this included loading dive equipment, tanks etc and any other associated gear).
- At about 6:45am I met, greeted and boarded the passengers. On this trip we had a total of about 4 passengers from the mainland and about 3 or 4 from Magnetic Island.


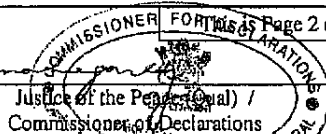
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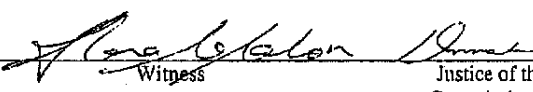
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5. I left the mainland onboard "JAZZ II" about 7:00am and we proceeded out to Nelly Bay harbour (Magnetic Island) to collect the remaining passengers and crew. On this day our crew was Bart PAINTER (skipper), Rob (Dive Instructor), Casper (Dive Master trainee) and Jay (volunteer crew) and myself. We departed Nelly Bay for the historic shipwreck called the "Yongala" at about 7:45am. The "Yongala" is approximately 42 NM East of Townsville, and the passage usually takes us about two and a half (2.5) hours.
6. During the passage out to the "Yongala" Rob gave the passengers a vessel safety briefing and a dive briefing. I went and checked the oxygen bottle levels and recorded them. I noted that one of the bottles had 1650bar and the other 1100bar. I saw that this was sufficient safely return a diver to Townsville if required. I also had the passengers completed their respective waive and release forms while I completed dive rosters and associated vessel and dive paperwork.
7. We arrived at the "Yongala" dive site at around 10:10am. I saw that Mall Ball's dive vessel the "Spoilsport" was already at the dive site. "Spoilsport" was secured to another mooring buoy about 50 metres off our stern (the rear of "JAZZ II). I could tell that there were divers in the water from "Spoilsport" as I could see their bubbles; it was a perfect day – very calm. It wasn't a glass out, very slight ripples on the water, the breeze was about 5 knots if that, from the North. I could not see any sea swell.
8. We secured "JAZZ II" to the Northern Mooring Buoy near the isolated danger marker. Once secured, Bart, Rob and I launched our tender. I jumped into the tender and started the engine Rob then climbed into the tender with his dive gear. We proceeded out to the ascent / descent line which was about 20metres off the Port Quarter (rear left hand side) of "JAZZ II. Rob entered the water and I handed him the line (the shot line which we carry on board). I looked back over towards "JAZZ II" I could see that our mooring line was slack from "JAZZ II" to the mooring buoy. This indicated to me that there was very little current if any. If there was some current run the mooring line to "JAZZ II" is taken up taut.

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9. I gave Rob the shot line and deco cylinder, (an extra dive cylinder with regulators attached). I then watched as Rob descended below the surface towards the submerged deco stop buoy, which is set at around 5m below the surface. On the shot line we have another buoy, I tied a bowline to it and ran the running end back to "JAZZ II". This is a surface line for the divers to aid in ascent, descent and returning to our vessel. I then returned to "JAZZ II" tied off the tender and began to attend to our passengers.
10. Once our divers were ready I assembled them at the stern of "JAZZ II" obtained all of their details and readied them for entry into the water. All of our divers were ready to enter the water at about 10:25am. All of our divers were to descend together; all but about 4 divers (2 pairs) were on an advanced open water dive course and therefore were diving together with Rob. ~~The remaining 2 pairs were to dive separately from the students on the course.~~
11. I watched all of the divers leave the vessel and enter the water. As they leave the boat I log them into the water, I watched as they all descended along the shot line. The last diver descended just after 10:30am. I remained on the back deck of "JAZZ II" as I was the dive lookout. Onboard with me was Bart and one remaining passenger, she was a partner of one of the divers but was not diving on this day.
12. A few minutes after they descended, at about 10:40am a diver surfaced from the ascent / descent point, screaming for help. At that point I put on my dive gear and signalled to Mike Ball's tender for help. He was with the diver calming him, asking what had happened. I asked if I should jump in and he asked me to standby, Bart was standing next to me, he asked Bart to standby also. I saw the tender operator get this diver into the tender and took him back to "Spoilsport". I waited with Bart and approximately two minutes (2) later a diver surfaced with the victim. Bart told me to grab the oxygen bottles and resuscitation equipment, which I did immediately.
13. I saw that the diver was holding the victim from behind and was making their way to our boat. Bart jumped into the water and helped bring the victim to the stern of "JAZZ II".

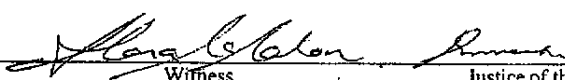
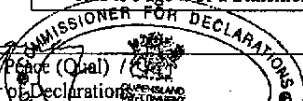
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While this was happening Jay surfaced and reported a toothache and exited the water onto "JAZZ II".

14. Once the victim was brought to the stern I cleared equipment off the back deck and she was brought up onto the deck. I assisted Bart and 3 of Mike Ball's staff bring the victim onboard. I could tell immediately that she was in trouble. I saw that she did not have her mask on or regulator in her mouth, I saw that her face was a very pale yellow colour, her lips were quite blue, her eyes were fairly wide open. She was not moving or responding to anything, I only heard a gurgling sound coming from her lungs.
15. Once she was on the back deck, two of Mike Ball's crew started removing the top half of her wetsuit and began EAR and CPR. The victim vomited while EAR was being performed by Uzi (a crewmember from "Spoilsport"), after she vomited I took over from Uzi and continued EAR with a facemask after rolling her on her side and clearing her airway. I administered EAR for about one (1) minute before Uzi recommended that I set up the oxygen. I plugged the oxygen into the mask and continued with advanced resuscitation.
16. A Doctor arrived onboard and I assisted him in preparing with needles and medicine. I assisted with the bleeding control with swabs from the first aid kit and handed out gloves. The victim was given shots to either side of her chest and neck; pulses were checked regularly with no response.
17. Resuscitation continued for approximately forty-five; (45) minutes. Another Doctor arrived onboard. The two Doctors conversed and then pronounced the victim to be dead. Upon this being pronounced all resuscitation attempts ceased. The time now was about 11:20am.
18. I then helped with the clean up of all of the first aid equipment as well as cleaning the victim up a bit. Some of Mike Ball's crew arrived with a body bag and I then assisted with placing the deceased into the bag. I waited on the rear deck and waited for instructions from Bart as to what to do next.



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19. Whilst waiting for instructions on what to do with the body, the deceased's partner arrived on "JAZZ II" and spent some time with her before returning to "Spoilsport".
20. About an hour later "Spoilsports" engineer arrived at "JAZZ II" and assisted with the removal of the deceased back to "Spoilsport".
21. Once the deceased had been removed I assisted with cleaning the deck, and bringing our passengers back onboard (they had been taken over to "Spoilsport" during the emergency). I returned the first aid equipment that had been brought over from another dive vessel "Adrenalin"(I had only become aware that "Adrenalin" was at the dive site a short time before this). I then brought our tender back on board, recovered our shot line and deco cylinder from Mike Ball's crew who had recovered them for us, and dropped our mooring lines. Bart then got us under way back towards Townsville.
22. We arrived back in Townsville at about 4:30pm. On our arrival we spoke to members of the Townsville Water Police and the Townsville CIB. We provided all the information that we had to Police and assisted them in any way that we could. All of our passengers attended the Townsville Police station to provide statements.
23. I returned to the company's office and completed the required trip paperwork before finishing work for the day at around 5:00pm.
24. On Tuesday the 28th of October 2003 I attended the Townsville Police station and provided this statement, which was taken by Senior Constable Glenn Lawrence. I have not had any further dealing with this matter.


Alana Alice McMAHON

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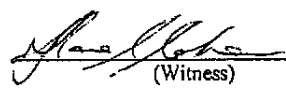
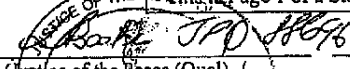
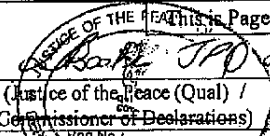
Name of witness: Alana Alice McMAHON	Date of birth: 31/01/1979	Age: 26
Occupation: Dive Instructor/Coxswain		

Police officer taking statement:

Name of officer: Gary C CAMPBELL	Rank: SGT	Reg. No.: 4006690
Region/Command/Division: Northern		Station: District Functions

Alana Alice McMAHON states:-

1. I am a 26 year old single female and reside at 18 Murray Street, North Ward, Townsville, Queensland, Australia.
2. I have previously given a statement to police in relation to the death of a woman at the Yongala shipwreck on the 22nd day of October 2003.
3. On the 7th day of February 2005 I went to the Mundingburra Police station and provided this addendum statement to Detective Sergeant Gary CAMPBELL.
4. Further to some questions put to me by CAMPBELL I can say that I referred to a distressed diver surfacing in paragraph 12. I can say that the rescue diver and the deceased surfaced about two minutes after the distressed diver broke the surface.
5. On the day of the death I did not enter the water at all.
6. I did speak briefly with the husband of the deceased on the back deck of the JazzII. This was to express my condolences for his loss but I did not discuss with him as to what actually happened.
7. When the deceased was brought onto the back I did assist with removing her diving equipment. However I did not check the equipment or interfere with it in anyway.
8. I can not be certain however I am fairly sure that the motor vessel "Adrenalin" did not deploy any divers into the water prior to the deceased being brought onto the back deck of the JazzII.

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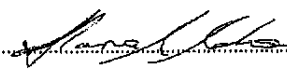

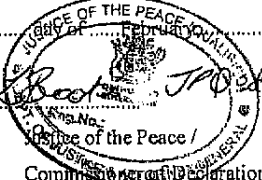
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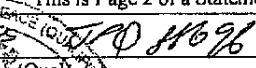
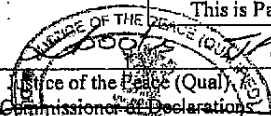
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9. Apart from Robert WEBSTER and Jay FISHER I have had not had any direct conversation or communication with any person who was underwater at the time of the incident.


Alana Alice McMAHON

Oaths Act Declaration

OATHS ACT 1867 (DECLARATION)	
I, Alana Alice McMAHON, do solemnly and sincerely declare that:	
(1)	This written statement by me dated 7/2/2005 and contained in pages numbered 1 to 2 is true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and
(2)	I make this statement knowing that if it were admitted as evidence, I may be liable to prosecution for stating in it anything I know to be false.
and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act 1867	
..... Signature	
Taken and declared before me at ..Townsville.....	
this....7th.....2005....	
Witness 
 Justice of the Peace / Commissioner of Declarations Other (Please State)	

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Occurrence #: _____

Statement no.: _____ Date: 24/10/2007

Statement of

Name of witness: MCCMAHON, Alana Alice

Date of birth: 31/01/1979 Age: 28 Occupation: Student

Police officer taking statement

Name of police officer: CAMPBELL, Gary Colin

Rank: Detective Sergeant Reg. no.: 6690

Region/Command/Division: Northern Station: Townsville Criminal Investigation Branch

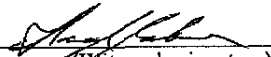
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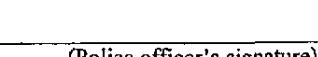
I am a 28 year old single female and reside at 47 Roberts Street, Hermit Park, Townsville.

I have previously provided a statement to police on the 28th of October 2003 in relation to the death of a female person at the 'Yongala' shipwreck on the 22nd day of October 2003. I was later approached by Detective Sergeant Gary CAMPBELL to provide another statement. This occurred on the 7th of February 2005. I have again been approached by Detective Sergeant Gary CAMPBELL and asked further questions. In response to the questions by CAMPBELL I can say the following.

On the 22nd day of October 2003 I recall the diver that surfaced at about 10.40am screaming for help that was picked up by the tender from the "Spoilsport". I also recall Jay surfacing who was a diver from the "JazzII". Apart from those two divers I do not recall any other single diver surfacing that morning on the surface between or near the two vessels prior to the deceased being brought to the surface.


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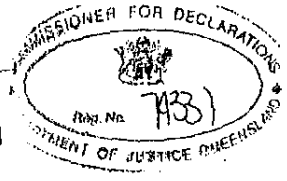
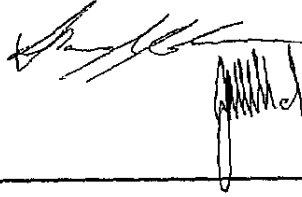

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Commissioner for Declarations's signature


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I provided this statement to Detective Sergeant Gary CAMPBELL during September 2007 and it was signed on the 24th day of October 2007.

Alana Alice MCMAHON




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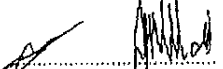
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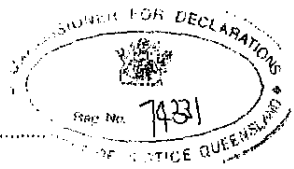
- (1) This written statement by me dated 24/10/2007 and contained in pages numbered 1 to 2 is true to the best of my knowledge and belief; and
- (2) I make this statement knowing that if it were admitted as evidence, I may be liable to prosecution for stating in it anything I know to be false.


and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act 1867


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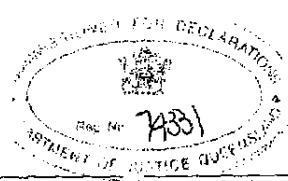
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