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Form 27B – Appellant’s chronology

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF AUSTRALIA

SYDNEY REGISTRY

BETWEEN:

ESTATE OF THE LATE GEOFFREY CROFT

Appellant

and

MTH

First Respondent

STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES

Second Respondent

SANDRA CROFT

Third Respondent

APPELLANT’S CHRONOLOGY**Part I:**

1. This chronology is in a form suitable for publication on the internet.

Part II:

Date	Description	Court book reference
24.8.1962	First respondent’s date of birth	Further materials book; Volume 2, page 800
26.4.1966	First respondent placed under the care of Department of Community Services	Further materials book; Volume 2 page 803 (paragraph 13)
22.2.1979	First respondent placed in the care of the late Geoffrey Croft and the third respondent (Sandra Croft)	Core Appeal Book 27 (97), Core Appeal Book 39 (151)

		Further materials book; Volume 2, page 808 (paragraph 33) Further materials book; Volume 2, page 888 (paragraph 11)
1979	TH spent nearly every weekend at the Crofts apart from school holidays	Core Appeal Book 46 (195) Further materials book; Volume 2, page 911 (paragraph 16)
20.3.1979	Second respondent's documents confirm the first respondent now enrolled in Tech College in accounting certificate course	Core Appeal Book 56 (248) Further materials book; Volume 2, page 971
6.1.1980	First respondent left the care of the Crofts and relocated by Department of Community Services to a farm in Moree	Core Appeal Book 53 (235), Core Appeal Book 39 (151) Further materials book; Volume 2, page 889 (paragraph 16)
February 1980	Second respondent's records show first respondent moving to a farm in Moree	Core Appeal Book 53 (236)
1980	The first respondent returned to the Crofts	Core Appeal Book 29 (111), Core Appeal Book 43 (117) Further materials book; Volume 2, pages 899- 900 (paragraph 97)
13.5.1980	Second respondent's records show that Mr McIlveen notes first respondent and Crofts still in contact	Core Appeal Book 52 (225)

25.8.1980	First respondent discharged as a ward of the State on her 18 th birthday	Core Appeal Book 29 (109)
1981 – 1982	First respondent returned to visit the Crofts for the second time	Core Appeal Book 42 (172) Further materials book; Volume 2, page 900 (paragraph 98)
1986	First respondent separates from first husband	Core Appeal Book 33 (129)
24.10.2008	The first respondent files claim with Workcover Queensland for psychological and psychiatric injury arising from bullying and unfair tactics by her manager	Core Appeal Book 33 (133) Further materials book; Volume 2, page 965
7.11.2011	First respondent told Natalie Wallace from CLAN that she had been abused by Geoffrey Croft.	Core Appeal Book 60 Core Appeal Book 64 Further materials book; Volume 2, pages 969-970
2011	First respondent makes claim for harassment and bullying at work and an unfair dismissal claim.	Further materials book; Volume 2, 827 (paragraph 111)
10.1.2013	First respondent provides a statement for the use in criminal proceedings and confirming she had completed Technical Certificate course in accounting at Armidale Tech.	Core Appeal Book 52 (229), Core Appeal Book 55 (242) (7) Further materials book Volume 2, page 862 (paragraph 44) Further materials book; Volume 2, page 858 (paragraph 15)

13.8.2014	First respondent's affidavit confirms first respondent went to tech and received an allowance of \$45.00 per week	Core Appeal Book 56 (250) Further materials book; Volume 2, page 967 (paragraph 39)
19.3.2015	CLAN report of Natalie Wallace refers to abuse being revealed at first meeting on 7 November 2011 which was inconsistent with the first respondent's evidence	Core Appeal Book 64 (259) (3) Core Appeal Book 65 (263) Further materials book; Volume 2, page 969
8.10.2015	First respondent provides police with further statement advising she completed the TAFE course contrary to her evidence at trial	Core Appeal Book 55 (242) (7) Further materials book; Volume 2, page 847 (paragraph 25)
19.4.2016	First respondent consults Dr Khoo, psychiatrist	Core Appeal Book 87 Further materials book Volume 3, page 985
15.12.2017	Transcript of first respondent's academic record	Further materials book Volume 2, page 971
22.11.2019	Geoffrey Croft convicted by jury of criminal offences	Core Appeal Book 174 (80)
14.7.2020	First respondent examined by Dr Patricia Junger, psychiatrist	Core Appeal Book 88 (364) Further materials book Volume 3, page 1018
29.7.2020	First respondent consults Dr Patricia Junger, psychiatrist	Core Appeal Book 88 (364) Further materials book Volume 3, page 1018

2022	First time first respondent mentions that her memory of the abuse had been suppressed when mentioned to Dr Cheong	Core Appeal Book 64 (261)
20.5.2024	Appellant's defence to amended statement of claim	Further materials book Volume 1; page 34
22.7.2024 – 2.8.2024	Hearing Supreme Court New South Wales	Core Appeal Book 5 Further materials book Volume 1 pages 64-493; Volume 2, 498-799
28.11.2024	Judgment of Supreme Court for appellant. Court finding: a) It was unable to accept anything the first respondent said about a TAFE course dismissing first respondent's claim. b) That the first respondent had given inconsistent statements between the criminal proceedings and the civil proceedings. c) There was substantial evidence inconsistent with the first respondent's evidence as to the time she spent at the Croft farm. d) There was substantial inconsistency between the first respondent's evidence and the second respondent's records. e) The court preferred the evidence of TH and the third respondent finding it was	Core Appeal Book 5 Core Appeal Book 99 Core Appeal Book 54 (242) Core Appeal Book 56 (250) Core Appeal Book 47 (205) Core Appeal Book 48(206) Core Appeal Book 48 (211)

	<p>impossible to reconcile evidence of the first respondent with that evidence</p> <p>f) The trial judge found the first respondent's evidence was wrong in many places or the first respondent was not telling the truth about a number of matters, finding first respondent is either not telling the truth or her memory of her time at the Croft farm is fundamentally flawed finding the court could not be comfortably satisfied that the evidence of the first respondent is reliable, was not satisfied the abuse complained of by Mr Croft occurred.</p> <p>g) The first respondent is either not telling the truth or her memory of her time at the Croft farm is fundamentally flawed.</p> <p>h) The court could not be comfortably satisfied that the evidence of the first respondent is reliable finding it was not satisfied the abuse complained of occurred.</p>	<p>Core Appeal Book 50 (221 – 222), Core Appeal Book 67 (272) Core Appeal Book 68 (278) Core Appeal Book 69 (281)</p>
7 and 8.5.2025	Hearing first respondent's appeal, NSW Court of Appeal	Core Appeal Book 136 Further materials book; Volume 3, pages 1299-1445
23.10.2025	Notice of appeal High Court pursuant to leave granted on 9 October 2025	Core Appeal Book 263-265

Dated 26 February 2026

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