

# NORTHERN TERRITORY POLICE

## STATUTORY DECLARATION

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<b>STATEMENT OF:</b>					
Name of Witness:	David KOCH				
Date of birth:	██████████	Place of birth:	Adelaide	Age:	75
Occupation:					
Home address:					
	Phone:		Mobile:		Fax:
	Email:				
Postal address:					
Work address:					
	Phone:		Mobile:		Fax:
	Email:				
Subject of statement:	History of Todd Tavern, in particular the Animal Bar.				

<b>POLICE OFFICER TAKING STATEMENT:</b>					
Name of Police officer:	Lee Morgan	Rank:	Detective Superintendent	Reg. No.:	2035
Station:	PMC	Phone:	██████████		

<b>SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE:</b>
Purchased (co-owner) the Todd Tavern in 1992 and remained involved for an extended period. The premises had a bar called the 'Animal Bar' when the premises was purchased in 92.

<b>DATES UNAVAILABLE:</b>

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

OATHS, AFFIDAVITS AND DECLARATIONS ACT

**STATUTORY DECLARATION**

I, David KOCH, of an address known to police, do solemnly and sincerely declare that :

1. On 29 February 2024 I spoke to Detective Superintendent Lee Morgan (Morgan) and provided him the following information. Det Supt Morgan typed the statement and I reviewed it before signing it.
2. In 1992 I was part of a company that purchased the Todd Tavern which is a licensed premises in Alice Springs situated on the corner of Wills Terrace and Leichardt Terrace. I was the Licensee for the premises. Upon taking ownership of the premises it was in a rundown state and required considerable work to bring it up to a suitable standard.
3. At the time of taking ownership there was a bar within the premises that was called the 'Animal Bar'. The Animal Bar was listed on the liquor licence for the Todd Tavern and displayed an external sign with the name 'Animal Bar'.
4. I recall there being a large photograph fixed to the wall in the Animal Bar. The photograph was of a rugby team and the males in the photo were naked. I recall the team was referred to as the 'Animals' by the bar patrons and I believe there was some historic link between the photograph and the bar being called the Animal Bar.
5. Historically the Animal Bar was frequented by white males and in particular by Ringers and tradies. Over time the bar transitioned and became a bar that was frequented heavily by the local Aboriginal community.
6. In the mid to late 90's, I think it was sometime between 94 and 95, we (The Todd Tavern) were contacted by the Northern Territory Liquor Commission and advised that the name of the Animal Bar needed to be changed. As a result of this correspondence the name of the Animal Bar was changed to the Riverside Bar.

This is page 1 of the statutory declaration of David KOCH.

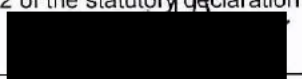
Declarant

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7. For some years after the name change the Riverside Bar continued to be known around Alice Springs residents as the 'Animal Bar' despite an official name change and displaying signage detailing the new name 'Riverside Bar'.
  
8. I ceased having any involvement with the Todd Tavern in 1996

This is page 2 of the statutory declaration of David KOCH.

Declarant

  
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I will be available to give evidence in Alice Springs when required. I will be unavailable for N/A. I understand that the contents of this statement may be disclosed for defence purposes.

and I further declare that:

- (a) (i) I have attained the age of 18 years;
- (iii) I have not attained the age of 18 years but have attained the age of 75;

AND

- (b) (i) I have read this statement before signing it;
- (ii) I have had this statement read to me before signing it.  
The statement was read to me because of the following reason/disability:

and I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the OATHS, AFFIDAVITS AND DECLARATIONS ACT, conscientiously believing the statements contained in this declaration to be true. I acknowledge that a person who wilfully makes a false statement in any material particular is guilty of a crime and liable to imprisonment for 3 years, (*section 119 Criminal Code*). Furthermore, a person who does anything to a Statutory Declaration that results in it becoming false or misleading, is liable to a penalty of a fine or imprisonment, or both (*section 27 Oaths, Affidavits and Declarations Act*).

Maximum penalty: 400 penalty units or imprisonment for 4 years.

DECLARED AT 29 THIS Feb DAY OF 2024  
[Redacted Signature]  
\_\_\_\_\_  
David KOCH

BEFORE ME [Redacted Signature]  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Lee Morgan

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS (NT)