

## **REAL STORIES OF ASSAULT**

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All of the stories below are true. They happened in Australia. They happened to young people. These stories are included because it is important for us all to understand that this happens, it happens regularly and it can happen to anyone.

### **The Beach Party - Leigh Leigh's Story**

Leigh Leigh was a 14 year old girl who went to a birthday party at her local surf club in Stockton, Newcastle. At that party, a group of boys from her school planned to get her drunk and, as a group, sexually assault her. Leigh was sexually assaulted several times by several different people. She was then bludgeoned to death with a rock.

The boys knew her. They went to school with her. Her friends were at the party.

### **The Footballer and the Glass**

In August 2008, NRL footballer Greg Bird 'glassed' his girlfriend Katie Milligan in their home. His girlfriend initially told hospital staff what had happened but then refused to give police a statement or talk about what happened. Police charged him anyway and he was found guilty of reckless wounding.

Katie Milligan and Greg Bird were in a romantic relationship.

### **Filmed on a Mobile Phone**

In January 2007 in Sydney a 17 year old girl was with some male friends at one of their houses playing cards. After she had drunk 4 drinks close together she became quite drunk. The girl was then taken to a bedroom where she was raped and sexually assaulted by a number of boys. The crime was also filmed on a mobile phone. The victim did not recall the event due to the alcohol until one of the offenders showed her the video some days later.

The boys knew her. They went to school with her. They were acquaintances at least.

### **The Actor and the Actress**

Matthew Newton, son of Bert and Patti Newton and star of Underbelly, pleaded guilty to assault for punching his girlfriend, Brooke Satchwell in their home in September 2006.

Brooke Satchwell and Matthew Newton were living together, and in a romantic relationship.

### **Angela Barkers's Story**

At 16 years old Angela Barker was violently bashed by her boyfriend when she tried to end their relationship. The injuries she sustained threatened her life for some time and has left Angela with permanent physical disabilities including the need to use a wheelchair. Follow [this link](#) to read Angela's story in her own words.