

10:40am: The jury is today hearing evidence from the 17th witness in the trial and the youngest daughter of the Baden-Clay family, who was aged five, on April 20, 2012.

The interview was filmed at the **Indooroopilly Police Station** and the girl tells two police officers she attends Brookfield State School and is in her Prep year.

The girl sits on a double sofa, clutching a purple Telly Tubby toy, wearing her school uniform and swinging her legs.

She said she was on school holidays recently for Easter and the Easter Bunny had visited, bringing chocolates.

“He brought some caramel and some normal chocolates,” she said.

The girl tells police her mum had long, brown hair and her name was Allison.

“She was walking for a long time and we think she’s twisted her ankle because she stayed out for so long,” she said.

The girl said she lived in a blue house on Brookfield Rd with her family.

She said she went home after school on Thursday, April 19, 2012 with her sisters and her mum and together they ate afternoon tea.

“Mummy stayed home until Daddy came home and then we went to bed,” she said.

She said she couldn’t remember if she watched television that night but her favourite show was Peppa Pig.

The girl said she had mince for dinner with her family around the dining table.

“But they stayed up for a little bit and watched some TV and then they went to bed,” she said.

She said she “heard nothing” when she went to bed and slept through the night.

The girl said she woke up the next morning and her mum was gone.

“Daddy was asleep and Mummy went off for a walk we think,” she said.

“We think mum twisted her ankle ... because she’s taking for a long time and she’s not coming home and getting ready for work.”

The girl said she thought her father was asleep when her mother went for a walk.

“Because dad didn’t tell us much about mum,” she said.

"He told me that maybe she's out for a walk because sometimes in the morning she sometimes does that."

The girl said she went to school with her Auntie "Livy" - Gerard Baden-Clay's sister, Olivia Walton.

She said her father was at home looking for mum at the time.

The girl said she didn't know how her mum and dad were getting on the previous night.

She said her dad didn't look any different when she woke up in the morning.

She said she had never heard mum and dad "talk loudly" to one another.

"Dad knows where mum walked sometimes," the girl told police.

She said her mum usually drove her to school in "Sparky" a silver car.

She said the white car in the house was called "Snowy" and it was dad's car.

"I think dad took Snowy to work," she said.

The girl told police she watched some television when she woke up that morning, while her father was making lunches, and then realised her mother was gone.

The girl said her dad told his mum was missing.

"Dad told us that mum was gone and dad thinks that she went for a walk," she said.

"Dad said to us that Dad couldn't find mum and I don't know what happened next."

She said her dad told her he was going to go and look for mum and had his work clothes on at the time.

The girl said her father had a shower that morning.

She said no one had told her what to tell the police but she had told her school friend what had happened.

The girl told police if something was upsetting her, she would tell her mum, dad, Auntie Liv or teacher about it.

11.25am: The jury was played a second police interview with the eldest Baden-Clay daughter, recorded on June 27, 2012.

The girl told police her family had two cars, one was white called "Snowy" and one was silver, called "Sparky".

"We all decided together," she said of the name given to each car.

"Quite recently we sold our other car and we got Sparky and so, we hadn't really had a proper plan of which person drove which car."

She said Snowy was an eight-seater Prado.

"We don't really use the back seats, the ones in the boot," she said.

The girl said the back seats were occasionally used when they had friends over or extra people "some of the time".

"Well usually the three of us sit in the middle and the adults sit in the front," she said.

"Usually I sit in the middle."

She said there was usually a tissue box and a map in the car while jockey straps or ropes were kept in the boot "in this glove compartment".

She said Sparky was a newer car and had seven seats.

The girl said nothing was usually kept in the boot of Sparky.

The police officers showed the girl a picture of plastic containers in the boot of Sparky.

"These are old toys and stuff because we all put together some toys we don't need... and they were going to charity," she said.

She said a friend who worked for the RSPCA was going to collect them.

"They were put outside the garage door, just downstairs so that when she came to pick them up, she could," she said.

"I think they were just downstairs or something."

The girl said she did not remember the boxes being put into the back of Sparky.

She said she packed her old toys and clothes into the boxes after Easter.

The police officers asked the girl if she took any medications.

"When I get sick I have Panadol and all the usual things...," she said.

She said she once took tablets on a camp because she was unwell, but usually Panadol.

The girl said her sisters sometimes took liquid Neurofen and her middle sister had asthma.

She said she had appendicitis once but her sisters, mum and dad had never experienced any major injuries.

The girl said her mum would walk every morning unless she had to go to work early.

"I'm not really sure because usually by the time I'm waking up she's getting back or something like that," she said.

"Mum always got, she always wears lots of jumpers because she gets cold... so she had grey tracksuit pants and her tracksuit jumper and just normal runners, not fancy ones.

"They are just normal white with blue on them."

She said her mother would usually take a phone with her when she went for walks.

The girl said her mum usually wore relaxed pyjama pants and a top when she went to bed, while her dad wore an old top and boxer shorts.

She said her mum would sleep on the right side of the double bed, next to her father.

The girl said her dad was getting worried on the day her mum disappeared.

"Dad was just trying to be confident for us and saying, 'oh she's just gone for a walk and she'll be back', except you could see he was worried, he was calling people..." she said.

She said her grandfather, who she called "Bwana", came around to look after them that morning.

She said she could not remember hearing anything on the night of April 19, 2012.

"Dad went downstairs to get some fluid or something from the downstairs fridge and mum was watching TV, but that's all I can remember and they didn't say anything, that I heard," she said.

The girl said she did not remember car noises that night or the next morning.

"I just heard dad walk down the stairs from the garage," she said.

"I came out to get a drink of water and he was coming up (the stairs) probably about five minutes (after I went to bed)."

She said her father was allergic to shellfish.

The girl said on the morning her mum went missing her father was "trying to be confident".

"He was just trying to be confident for us and stuff and he was just trying, to, he was like, worried but he was just confident and saying you've got to get ready for school and stuff like that," she said.

The jury saw photos of the toys in the back of Sparky, a diagram the girl had drawn of the house and a diagram of the outside of the house.

12.20pm: The jury watched a pre-recorded interview with the Baden-Clay's middle daughter, aged eight, on June 27, 2012.

The interview took place at the Surfers Paradise Police Station.

She told the police the family had a silver car called "Sparky", which had seven seats, and a white car called "Snowy", which had eight seats.

"Dad usually drives Snowy and mum used to drive Sparky," she said.

She said she didn't sit in the back seat of Snowy "very often".

The girl said her school backpacks were left in the boot of the car, and so were her parent's computers and work bags.

She said it wasn't very often that someone sat in the very back seat of Sparky, either.

The girl said sometimes there were "yard arms" for signage and bags in the boot of Sparky.

The police showed her a photo of boxes in the back of Sparky.

She told the police officers the old toys in the back of Sparky were going to be taken to a charity shop.

The girl said her mother and her younger sister had packed the toys up into the boxes.

"Only here," she said when asked if she had ever seen the toys kept in the back of Sparky before.

She said she took Dimetapp if she was sick.

The girl said her mother would go walking in the morning and would usually wear a blue or pink singlet and black leggings.

"Sometimes she wears just her T-shirt and pants," she said.

She said her mum would always wear her runners when she went walking and usually took her white iPhone.

The girl drew the police a map of the inside of the Baden-Clay family home and the layout of the bedrooms.

She said she usually wore her heart or star pyjamas or, her silk doggy shorts and a pink monkey T-shirt, when she went to bed.

The girl said her mum usually wore a T-shirt and pants to bed.

She said she couldn't remember the conversation she had with her father on the morning her mum went missing.

She said her Auntie Livy (Baden-Clay's sister Olivia Walton) and grandfather came over to the house.

The girl said she heard the television on the night her mum went missing.

"Just voices," she said.

She said she did not hear mum and dad fighting on April 19, 2012.

"I don't know," she said when asked if her parents ever argued.

12.45pm: The jury was played a second interview with the Baden-Clay's youngest daughter, aged five, recorded by police on June 27, 2012.

The girl told police she was wearing new shoes and pulled them up when they playfully suggested she was six and not five.

"Noooo," she said and laughed, correcting them.

She said the family had two cars, a white one called Snowy and a silver one called Sparky.

The girl said she had a special seat to sit in because of her age.

She said her mum usually drove Sparky and says she doesn't usually sit in the boot.

The girl says whoever arrives home first gets to park their car in the garage.

She said she didn't know if the cars were usually parked nose-in or reversed in.

The girl tells the police she can't remember when she was last sick but remembers taking medicine when she had a cough once.

She said she didn't know if mum and dad took any medication.

The girl said her mum usually made her beds in the morning.

She said her mother wore pyjamas when she went to bed.

The girl, curled up on the couch in the police interview room, was shown a photo of old toys in the back of Sparky.

She said she didn't know what was in the picture.

12.50pm: The 18th witness to give evidence in the trial is Steve Courtney who lives at Anstead.

Prosecutor Danny Boyle did not ask him any questions.

In cross-examination by barrister Michael Byrne QC, Mr Courtney said the river was flowing fast on April 29, 2012.

“The water was flowing very fast, swiftly, under the pipe... pretty fast, there was a lot of water going through,” he said.

He said off Mt Crosby Rd was a ridge called Ugly Gully.

In re-examination by Mr Boyle, Mr Courtney said Ugly Gully was near the bridge and flowed to Kholo Creek.

He said the Ugly Gully ridge was around 100m from Kholo Creek.

Mr Courtney pointed on a map to show Little Ugly Creek located off Wirrabarra Rd at Anstead, upstream and inland of the Kholo Creek Bridge.

The 19th witness is Kerry John Carey who lives at Anstead.

He said the level of the Kholo Creek rose and fall depending on the tides.

1pm: The 20th witness to give evidence in the trial is Fiona White who in April, 2012, lived at 22 Clarkson Place in Kenmore Hills.

She said she heard a noise one night on a week day.

“I heard in the distance a loud scream, I heard screaming twice,” she said.

“It was straight one after the other. From what I remember I would say it was a female.”

Ms White pointed out her home on a map that also identified the Baden-Clay home quite a distance away at 593 Brookfield Rd.

“I was standing at the back of my house, I was outside standing, I have a balcony,” she said.

“Look, you know, again, I’m recalling, but I’d put the dog out and I was going to bed just after 9 or 10pm.”

She told the jury the scream was “quite high”.

“It was like... someone falling off a cliff, a push, high-pitched, it happened twice,” she said.

“When I was standing at the side (of my house) it would have been heading to Greentrees Avenue, there’s a fork in the road heading to Brookfield Rd...”

The trial was adjourned for lunch and will resume at 2.30pm.

2.50pm: The jury is hearing continued evidence from the 20th witness in the trial, Fiona White, who in April 2012 lived at 22 Clarkson Place in Kenmore Hills.

She marked on a map where the direction of the screams she heard that night had come from, roughly towards Brookfield Rd.

In cross-examination by barrister Michael Byrne QC, for Baden-Clay, she agreed she gave a statement to police on May 15, 2012.

She agreed she could not recall then what day she had heard the screams.

“No, I didn’t have a date or time so I didn’t go forward to police, I just let it go ... ,” she said.

She agreed she told the police that “around the time of Allison’s disappearance I heard a scream”.

“After a week I had remembered and I knew I had heard a scream but I could not remember when,” she said.

She said not reporting the scream to police earlier had “tormented” her.

“After 9 o’clock is just normally when I would go to bed and put the dog out but it could be anywhere between 9 and 10,” she said.

She said she did not mention hearing the scream to anyone, including her husband who was at home. Ms White agreed she heard the screams from the direction of Greentrees Avenue, which was on a ridge line.

2.53pm: The 21st witness is Susan Ann Braun who lived at 512 Brookfield Rd at Brookfield in April 2012.

She said she was at her home beside the tennis courts on Thursday, April 19, 2012 when she heard some noises.

“It was after 11.30pm at night, I was woken to what sounded like someone calling out. I went to sleep and then I was woken up a second time with someone calling out,” she said.

Ms Braun said she heard the dogs next door barking around 10pm and 10.30pm.

She said she heard someone calling out after 11.30pm.

“I was sound asleep and I heard a loud human noise that was calling out, I don’t know what the words were, it woke me up with a fright and I just lied there to see if I could hear anything else and it would continue and it didn’t and I went back to sleep,” she said.

She said she was woken up a second time by the noise after falling asleep.

Ms Braun said the calling out lasted less than 10 seconds and that she was unable to discern any words.

“It came from up Brookfield Rd, which is up towards the Baden-Clay residence,” she said.

Ms Braun said her bedroom was at the front of the house facing the road.

3.15pm: The 22nd witness in the trial is Anne Marie Rhodes who lives at 5 Deerhurst St. Brookfield.

She said she heard fighting and a scream around 10pm on April 19, 2012.

“Fifteen to 30 minutes later I heard a loud thud and quite soon after that I heard car wheels scream and a car go back, in my mind, towards Brookfield,” she said.

She said she was in the bathroom brushing her teeth.

“I just heard an argument, I couldn’t make out what was being said and I didn’t pay much attention to it,” she said.

She said the noise was “moderate” and she couldn’t tell if there were two people involved or distinguish a man’s or a woman’s voice.

“It was not long after I noticed the time ... it was 10 o’clock and then I heard a scream after that,” Ms Rhodes said.

Ms Rhodes said the fighting came from the direction of Brookfield Rd, near to the day care centre.

“Once again, it was just a female scream and it was fairly short in duration and there was only one,” she said.

“I thought it came from Brookfield Rd or up towards the day care centre,” she said.

The jury was directed to the child care centre on the map, located next door to the Baden-Clay residence.

Ms Rhodes said around half an hour later she heard a “loud, dull thud” and screeching tyres.

“I heard a dull thud and wondered whether a car had had an accident initially and I was just about to get out of bed and get my husband...,” she said.

“Loud and dull. It was like a sack of horse feed falling onto concrete or something.”

Ms Rhodes said she was sitting in bed reading and estimated the time between the scream and the thud as being 15 minutes to half an hour.

In cross-examination by barrister Michael Byrne QC, for Baden-Clay she agreed she gave two statements to police on June 7, 2012 and on May 30, 2012.

She said it was “very rare” to hear school kids in the area on a week night.

“I couldn’t accurately put a date to the scream however I knew which night it specifically was because it was the night I went to bed before my husband, which was unusual in our family,” she said.

She said her husband went to a conference the next day and agreed they “put their heads together” to work out the date she heard the noises.

Ms Rhodes said she went to the police command post at the Brookfield Showgrounds on April 20, 2012 and found out someone was missing but did not report what she had heard the night before.

“It didn’t even enter my mind,” she said.

She agreed she saw police searching a neighbour’s property the next day.

Ms Rhodes said a police officer came to her home on April 28 or 29 asking whether she had heard anything abnormal on the night of April 19, 2012.

“We couldn’t think of anything we’d done differently or heard differently at that stage,” she said.

She agreed she did not mention hearing a scream until May 1, 2012.

“Yes, we had by then worked out a date and I thought I had a duty to report it,” she said.

“I did go back a second time and that was in June and report hearing the dull thud and the car wheels as well.”

She said she reported those things because she thought they were a little bit abnormal.

Ms Rhodes said she thought it sounded as though someone had crashed their car into a bank.

3.30pm: The 25th witness to give evidence is David Jenkinson who lived at 87 Diamantina Circle at Karalee in April, 2012.

He said he heard a noise around 10.30pm on April 19, 2012.

“The first thing that we were alerted to was the dogs barking, that woke me up. After that, the noise that I heard was initially two heavy thuds, one straight after the other,” he said.

“The only way to describe it was like a cement bag or something heavy being thrown onto the ground.

“Probably not too long after that, maybe half a minute, I heard what sounded like a car door close.”

He said the noise came from the back of his property and to the right, down the river, and marked the location with an “X”.

Mr Jenkinson said his property was at least 200m back from the river at Karalee. He said it would have been over 500m from the Kholo Creek Bridge.

“It was very short, it was probably a second thereabouts, between each one of them. One straight after the other,” he said of the thuds he heard.

“It was definitely a car door shutting that was fairly distinctive.”

He said he could not see Kholo Creek from his property but could hear traffic from the other side of the river.

“I was actually in bed when I heard the noise, its right at the back of the house, facing directly towards the river,” Mr Jenkinson said.

In cross-examination by barrister Michael Byrne QC, for Baden-Clay, Mr Jenkinson agreed the noises he heard could have come from anywhere in the streets and houses between him and the river. He agreed the Kholo Creek Bridge was in a different direction to the place he indicated.

3.45pm: The 26th witness in the trial is Brian Mason who lived at 670 Mt Crosby Rd at Anstead in April, 2012.

He said Kholo Creek was approximately 600 or 700m from his property.

Mr Mason said there was one other property between his and the creek but closer to the road, while he was situated roughly 200m back from Mt Crosby Rd.

He said he was woken by his dog in the early hours of the morning on April 20, 2012.

“The dogs started howling, I’d gone to bed about 9pm and I was sound asleep but I woke, I think, around 12.30am or 1am,” he said.

He said he got up to quieten the dog but she started up again.

Mr Mason said he then heard a voice, which he assumed was his neighbour talking to his dog.

“Mumbling, someone talking but I couldn’t establish what was being said. Just mumbling.”

Mr Mason said the vegetation between his property and the bridge had recently been cleared of lantana. “It was fairly open trees, grasses and that sort of thing,” he said.

In cross-examination by barrister Michael Byrne QC, for Baden-Clay, Mr Mason agreed he gave two statements to police about his barking German Shepherd dog, the first on May 12, 2012.

He agreed he contacted police on February 5, 2013 to tell them he remembered voices coming from nearby Wirabarra Rd, not from the Kholo Creek Bridge.

"I was assuming they came from one of the residences close by," he said of the voices he heard.

Mr Mason agreed his wife contacted police about some suspicious vehicles she had seen at 4am on April 20, 2012.

In re-examination by prosecutor Danny Boyle, Mr Mason said he found out his neighbour was away on holidays at the time and secondly, he had become aware he could hear traffic quite easily from the bridge.

4.10pm: The 27th witness in the trial is Gerard Baden-Clay's father, Nigel Baden-Clay.

Mr Baden-Clay corrected Crown prosecutor Todd Fuller QC when he mispronounced Gerard's name. "We christened him Gerard," he said.

He said he lived with his wife on Durness St at Kenmore since 1997 and that he thought his son met his wife at Flight Centre in 1996.

He said he saw his son at least once a week and helped him periodically with his real estate business since 2003.

"In the early years we worked together and helped him set up his real estate business," he said.

Mr Baden-Clay said his son set up his own business - Century 21 Westside - in October, 2004 and he worked there as a sales person.

He said his wife assisted in the office, as well as did reception work and "prospecting".

"I was retired at the end of 2009," he said, adding that after that he helped to put up and take down signage. He said his daughter-law, Allison, helped with the business, too.

Mr Baden-Clay said he put real estate signs up on April 19, 2012 after collecting them from the car port of his son's house.

"I'd get up early and probably be there by half past six," he said.

He said his grandson was with him at the time.

"He and his mother and his siblings were down visiting from Townsville. They moved up there in July, 2011 and so it would have been 10 months later," he said.

He said Olivia Walton was his daughter.

Mr Baden-Clay said he could not remember if he went inside the Baden-Clay house on the morning of April 19, 2012.

He said he drove a Holden Statesman with a personalised plate that read "Bwana".

Mr Baden-Clay said he was at his son's house on April 18, 2012 to babysit because he and Allison wanted to "go out for a coffee".

He said the children were already in bed.

"I think they were only gone for about half an hour, they weren't that long, half an hour, three-quarters of an hour," he said.

Mr Baden-Clay said he couldn't remember what his son and daughter-in-law's mood was like when they returned because he was "engrossed in a TV show".

He said they were celebrating the birth of a new grandson that night, too.

Mr Baden-Clay said on the afternoon of Thursday, April 19, 2012 his son dropped by his home at Durness St with some sausages for a barbecue they had planned.

He said his son returned about 5pm or 5.30pm for the barbecue and told him his wife would not be coming.

"As normal I suppose," he said of his son's mood.

He said his son left the house with his girls in the Prado he usually drove around 6.30pm.

"The next contact that I had with him was the next morning," Mr Baden Clay said.

He said he took a Skype call from his youngest son in Canada to meet his new baby at 6.30am.

He said the family woke up to greet the baby when he had a separate call from his son, Gerard.

"Gerard said to me 'dad I don't want to alarm you, but have you seen Allison?', and I said 'no' and he said 'well, she hasn't come back from her walk yet and I'm a bit worried for her'," Mr Baden-Clay said.

He told the jury he and his daughter Olivia Walton got dressed and drove off in different directions. "I went straight to the house," he said.

Mr Baden-Clay said both the cars were in the driveway when he arrived at his son's home, the Captiva in the carport with the bonnet facing out towards the road.

"I think normally it was facing out," he said.

"I went straight up the stairs and Gerard met me at the door and the girls were there in various states of dress and readiness for school. He was in his suit without a jacket on at that point."

He said he noticed a cut on his cheek.

"I said 'what is that?' and he said 'I cut myself shaving this morning in my hurry to get ready'," he said.

Mr Baden-Clay said they did not talk about Allison being missing because his son "wanted to get going to look for her".

He said his son took the Captiva to go looking for his wife around 7.10am.

"He would have been away about half an hour I think," he said.

Mr Baden-Clay said he was in the lounge room when his son returned.

"I spoke with him but we wanted to be careful of not alarming the girls at all so by this time, as far as I could recollect, Gerard had already phoned the police and they said they would send a patrol down and we were anxious to get the girls out of the house and to school before the police arrived," he said.

He said his son told him he had gone to bed early the night before because he wasn't feeling too good and had left his wife sitting up watching The Footy Show.

4.30pm: Nigel Baden-Clay said three lots of police arrived at the Baden-Clay home on Brookfield Rd on the morning of April 20, 2012.

Mr Baden-Clay said he drove home in his daughter Olivia Walton's car but became unclear when it came to the chronology on whether he had walked to the Brookfield State School to pick it up.

He said he did not remember seeing Ms Baden-Clay's parents at the house that morning.

"Very close with my son and I loved Allison as a daughter in law," he said.

"They were a very private couple and we were unaware of the depression Allison was suffering until probably four or five years into their marriage."

He said the couple seemed to be happily married in 2012.

Mr Baden-Clay said he did not talk to his son about the state of his real estate business.

In cross-examination by Michael Byrne QC, for Baden-Clay, Mr Baden-Clay said he was employed as a salesperson in his son's business and also did the accounts for the business.

He said he had a salesperson license and upgraded it to a real estate agent license.

Mr Baden-Clay said his wife also had a real estate license but mostly did administration work and “prospecting”, or phoning new clients.

“Less on a business footing in later years, of course, because apart from the signs I had no further input into the business,” he said.

He said that fairly early in the marriage of Baden-Clay and his wife, they were asked not to show up and visit without phoning first.

“They didn’t readily share with us any aspects of their marriage or their relationship,” he said.

Mr Baden-Clay said he became aware of his daughter-in-law’s depression when she phoned his wife Elaine one day.

“Elaine explained to me that Allison had broken down in tears and told her that she was suffering from some illness and she didn’t know what was wrong with her and Elaine had advised her to seek help,” he said.

He said his wife recommended Ms Baden-Clay see a GP they trusted, who referred her on to a psychiatric specialist.

Mr Baden-Clay said he saw manifestations of his daughter-in-law’s depression.

“Often when we would go round to the house we would find the curtains or blinds drawn and the house in semi-darkness and frequently Allison would be laying on the sofa, that was the sort of manifestation we experienced,” he said.

He said despite the couple’s desire for privacy, he and his wife always felt welcome in their home.

Mr Baden-Clay said his new grandson was born on April 18, 2012.

He said the Baden-Clay girls came to his place at Durness St for a barbecue on the evening of April 19, 2012.

He told the jury he did not speak to his son or daughter-in-law that night.

Mr Baden-Clay agreed his son called him about 6.45am on April 20, 2012.

He said his son immediately went to search for his wife when he got to the house on Brookfield Rd.

Mr Baden-Clay said his son was “anxious and worried” about his wife when he arrived.

“He knew she was going to a real estate seminar ...,” he said.

He said the first police to arrive were two constables who were there for around 20 minutes before two sergeants arrived and later, two officers from Homicide.

Mr Baden-Clay said he received a phone call from Ms Walton at 10am who asked him to pick up one of the Baden-Clay girls from school because she was feeling a bit anxious.

The trial will resume on Monday at 10am.