



## Bowraville murders suspect appears in Newcastle court



*Evelyn Greenup's aunt, Michelle Jarrett, with a picture of Evelyn at 3 years old.*

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The man accused of murdering two Aboriginal children in the northern NSW town of Bowraville has appeared in court for the first time since he was acquitted over the unsolved killings, which took place over a quarter of a century ago.

The man, who *The Australian* is not naming, has been charged with the murders of Evelyn Greenup, four, and Clinton Duroux, 16.

He sat in Newcastle Local Court directly in front of the two children's families, as well as relatives of a third child who also disappeared in the small country town at the same time.

He has been granted bail and will now appeal at the NSW Court of Criminal Appeal next week, where lawyers representing the state's attorney-general will seek to have the previous not guilty verdicts overturned and the case sent for a new trial.

For some of the children's family members, who travelled for hours to be at today's court hearing, this was the first time they had seen the man since childhood. For others, it was the first time they had seen him since he was most recently acquitted in 2006.

Speaking outside the court, Thomas Duroux, whose son Clinton was the third of the three children to go missing, said, "It's something we've waited for a long time, so it's good, it's really good to be here.

"I've travelled a long way and I have to go back a long way tonight, we've all travelled a long way down here, all our families have ... and we still have a long way to go yet.

"We've just got to keep fighting, keep going. There's a long way to go, it's been a long travel but hopefully we'll get there," he said.

Other family members declined to comment today.

All three of the children were staying on the same road in Bowraville when they disappeared over five months between 1990 and 1991. The first to go missing was 16-year-old Colleen Walker, whose body has not been found.

The body of the second, four-year-old Evelyn Greenup, was eventually found dumped beside a dirt road outside the town. Clinton's body was discovered beside the same road.

A local man was charged with killing Evelyn and Clinton but acquitted after a judge ruled the cases must be heard in separate trials, meaning evidence about the other disappearances could not be admitted in each.

The families and the police have long campaigned for those not guilty verdicts to be overturned without success before the then NSW attorney-general, Gabrielle Upton, ordered the cases back to court last year.