

## Parole Determination Kevin Paul Naismith

9 August 2024

### Parole Granted

The NSW State Parole Authority has made a parole order for offender Kevin Paul Naismith, satisfied that refusing parole would be counterproductive for the protection of the community.

Naismith was convicted of murdering two men at a house in Charlestown on 16 August 1999 and burning their bodies. He claimed it was over a drug rip off, although the court was unable to determine a motive for the murders.

Sentenced to 33 years expiring 24 August 2032 with a non-parole period of 25 years, Naismith becomes eligible for parole 24 August 2024 (when his non parole period expires), as set down by the Sentencing Judge.

At a public review hearing today, the Parole Authority accepted the expert advice and recommendations of the Serious Offender's Review Council (SORC) and Community Corrections which supported release to parole.

The SORC advised the Authority that Naismith has completed his program pathway in custody, has demonstrated a commitment to rehabilitation; has participated successfully in external leave including day and weekend leave, and has been employed with positive reports.

"It would appear that the inmate has maximised the opportunities provided to him while incarcerated and Council recommend his release to parole is appropriate," the SORC stated.

Community Corrections said it had formulated a robust post release and that granting him parole at this time under strict supervised conditions "will provide him with the best opportunity for release, with supports in place to continue his rehabilitation in the community".

The State made no submissions opposing parole.

Having considered the expert advice and all material available, the Authority panel determined supervised parole as appropriate and in the interests of community safety.

It directed Naismith be released not earlier than 24 August 2024 and not later than 31 August 2024.

Naismith must comply with Standard Conditions 1-11 and Additional Conditions imposed by the Authority that he MUST:

- Not use a prohibited drug or substance, except those prescribed to him
- Not possess or use a firearm or any prohibited weapon.
- Not contact, communicate with, watch, stalk, harass or intimidate the victims' families.
- Not contact, communicate, or associate with his co-offender without express prior approval of his officer.
- Not frequent or visit the LGAs of Lake Macquarie, Singleton, Newcastle, Port Stephens, and Central Coast.

Naismith's parole order expires at the end of his sentence on 24 August 2032, unless the order is revoked.