ALLEGATIONS of sexual abuse at the Mornington Child Care Centre and Nursery School rocked the town in 1991-92. Here is a sequence of the events of the scandal as it unfolded:

- Allegations of child sexual abuse involving the Mornington Child Care Centre and Nursery School, run by Norman and Alison Shulver, are reported to police by several parents.
- A number of parents remove their children from the centre.
- Norman Shulver calls a meeting at the centre with the parents.
- Parents who believe their children have been abused meet police at a hall in Barkly St, Mornington, where police offer support and updates on the investigation.
- At a public meeting at the Mornington Information Centre, parents call for the childcare centre to be closed until the investigation is completed and set up a support group.
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- Mr Shulver “resigns” as parents step up their fight to have the centre closed.
- Police charge a 45-year-old woman with having tried to drive her vehicle into Alison Shulver at the front of the childcare centre.
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- The centre and Peninosa Medical Centre sexual assault clinic and Mornington Council set up support services.
- The Shulvers appeal against the deregistration of the centre to the Supreme Court.
- The Supreme Court dismisses the appeal. Mr Shulver challenges police to charge him.
- Parents deliver a brochure in Mornington and Mt Martha, offering a $10,000 reward for information leading to the conviction of those responsible for alleged child abuse.
- The Shulvers move interstate.
- April 1994: The Crimes Compensation Tribunal awards damages of up to $20,000 to more than 30 applicants for pain and suffering after toddlers were allegedly abused at the Mornington centre.
- May 1995: Norman Shulver tells the Sunday Herald Sun that he has run out of money and opportunities for legal challenges.
- June 2002: Chief Commissioner Christine Nixon refers complaints about the mishandling of the case by police to the Victorian Ombudsman.
- May 2003: An Ethical Standards Department officer is stood down from the Ombudsman’s investigation for “incompetence” after he failed to pass on information from two key witnesses.
- April 2004: Psychologist Dr Reina Michaelson alleges the Ombudsman’s investigation is marred by corruption and calls for an urgent royal commission into organised pedophilia in Victoria.

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