

# Captain Cook slips the painter

Since the start of 1985 Captain Bill Cook, Registrar of the New South Wales Bar Association since 1971, has been "showing the ropes" to his successor, Captain Tim Duchesne.

On April 17, Captain Duchesne assumed the office of Registrar. Captain Cook will assist him as a consultant until July 5, 1985.

Prior to joining the Bar Association as assistant to his predecessor, Sep Osborne, in 1965, Captain Cook had a long and distinguished career in the Royal Australian Navy.

He joined the RAN in 1930 when he was 13.

During World War II he served in a number of "hot spots". He was First Lieutenant on *HMAS Voyager* (not the one) when it was part of the "Scrap Iron Flotilla" supplying provisions to the Rats of Tobruk. He also saw action in Crete, Singapore and New Guinea.

He was on the first Australian ship into Tokyo Bay on August 29, 1945.

After the war his career included serving as Staff Officer for the Royal visit in 1954 and standing by in England during the construction of *HMAS Melbourne* (now China-bound). He retired with the rank of Captain in 1960.

During his years with the Bar Association, Captain Cook saw the members of the Bar Association swell from 423 to 981 and barristers' chambers disperse from Phillip Street to the surrounding streets, suburbs and country towns.



• Captain Cook

• Captain Duchesne

He also observed, with approval, the easing of the Bar's rules concerning public appearances.

Over the years Captain Cook became a familiar figure in Phillip Street. He was seen daily bustling around the corridors of chambers, cheerful, smiling and helpful.

His successor, Captain Duchesne, is also ex-Navy although his career started in England. He joined the Royal Navy as a Boy Seaman in 1945.

In 1952 he joined the Royal command. In 1967 he transferred to the Royal Australian Navy as a Lieutenant Commander.

He served in the Australian Submarine Squadron including commanding *HMAS Otway* until 1972 when he was promoted to Commander. From 1973 to 1976 and 1982 to 1984 he had command of the Squadron.

From 1976 to 1982 he served as Staff Officer in Defence Central (Canberra) and then as director of submarine policy in Navy Office.

A dinner in honour of the retiring Registrar will be held on August 23, 1985.

# Bar XI vanquished

The Bar's Bradman, Bruce Collins, made a special reappearance to captain the Bar XI in its attempt to restore lost pride and dignity in the annual match against the Queensland Bar, following successive losses in last year's fixture and to the Victorian Bar XI.

The cleverly organised "blockade" of Queensland led to a 7.15 am flight from Sydney on the morning of the match — Saturday, April 19.

Following a disastrous loss of the toss, the New South Wales early order batsmen were still rubbing sleep from their eyes and batted accordingly, with the exception of Stirling Hamman (47). Fortune smiled but rarely, although Gyles QC was dropped twice off Callinan QC.



The victor and the vanquished: Gary Crooke, captain of the Queensland team and Bruce "matey" Collins, captain of NSW.

Things looked grim as last batsman, Francis Douglas, strode to the crease to join Larry King in a 10th floor double.

To the delight, not to say amazement, of all concerned, a record last wicket partnership of 52 saw the total reach 185.

Unfortunately the new ball attack of Douglas and King had exhausted itself with the bat (and the 10th floor dinner at Len Evans the night before) and were not their frisky selves.

Despite the valiant efforts by Collins and Hamman the Queenslanders cruised to an easy victory with only four wickets down. Callinan QC hit the winning run.

Asked to comment on the loss "Bruiser" Collins said, "It's back to the drawing board, mate".

Anyone who wants to help salvage the pride of the NSW Bar XI or participate in the next debacle should contact Larry King, Peter Hastings and Stirling Hamman.

Persons who have had their names removed at their own request from the roll of Barristers to the roll of Solicitors from Friday, 31st August, 1984 to Friday, 3rd May, 1985 inclusive:

**Friday, 31st August, 1984:**

Francis Patrick Riley  
Paul Reginald Rumble  
Philip Francis Kelso  
Robert King  
Paul Francis Mansfield  
Lorraine Judith Bevan

Gail Frances Madgwick  
Maurice Milton Martin  
George John Toussis

**Friday, 8th February, 1985:**

Craig Kiernon Smith  
Edith Brigitte Pers

**Friday, 2nd November, 1984:**

Kenneth Thomas Batterham  
David Myles Bennett  
Stephen Arthur Hibbert  
Estelle Denise Aylward-Dyne

**Friday, 8th March, 1985:**

Robert Stephen Angyal  
Michael Anderson Taylor  
John Edward Bolzan  
Barry Bunton

**Friday, 20th December 1984:**

Daya Nand  
Maurice Jocelyn Castagnet  
Michael John Kirby  
Keith Robert Spencer  
Ian Phillip Barnett  
Peter Michael Fraser

**Friday, 3rd May, 1985:**

John Anthony Levingston  
**Friday, 3rd May, 1985:**  
Roger Anthony A. Spain  
Michael John Frankel  
Malcolm Bligh Turnbull  
Jennifer Ethel Betts