

Editor's note

The final edition of *Bar News* for 2015 brings the usual mix of features, recent developments, bar history and reviews.

We are delighted to have an interview with the Hon Gabrielle Upton MP, attorney general of New South Wales, who discusses a number of current issues and initiatives.

Several articles in this issue look at the careers and lives of notable judges, including an address by the chief justice of Australia, the Hon Robert French AC, commemorating the life of Sir Kenneth Jacobs KBE QC, who was formerly a judge of the Supreme Court of NSW then the High Court – as well as the author of *Jacobs on Trusts* – and who died on 24 May 2015.

The Hon John Bryson QC has contributed a piece describing his personal recollections of a number of judges from the 1950s. And Tina Jowett

has interviewed Acting Justice Jane Mathews AO, who was the first female appointment to judicial office in NSW: her Honour was appointed a judge of the District Court in 1980; then to the Supreme Court in 1987; then president of the AAT in 1994.

Elsewhere, this issue includes another address by the chief justice, this time on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the NSW Environmental Defender's Office. Ian Barker QC has written a piece on the treatment of Indigenous people: 'How to behave while bathing in the Northern Territory'.

David Robertson has a comprehensive and helpful treatment of the new Legal Profession Uniform Laws. Talitha Fishburn has interviewed Phillip Boulten SC on the topic of equitable briefing.

Christine Melis has contributed a piece in honour of Paul Daley, who has recently

retired after 54 years' service as clerk of Eleven Wentworth chambers. When Christine asked Paul how he had kept it up for so long his answer was simple: 'I loved coming in to work every single day. There was always something different happening.'

Bar News thanks the outgoing president of the Bar Association, Jane Needham SC, for her tireless efforts during her term as president. We have included in this issue her speech: 'Tipping the Scales: Equity and Diversity at the Bar'. And *Bar News* welcomes the incoming president, Noel Hutley SC, whose inaugural column appears below.

Finally, *Bar News* notes with great sadness the loss of Andrew Thomas Martin of Chalfont Chambers. An obituary will appear in the Autumn 2016 edition.

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