

A touch of irony

The following is a transcript from a recent Mental Health Tribunal in Alice Springs. The names have been changed for the usual reasons.

Doctor Green: Good morning everyone. My name is Gary Green. I'm the medical member of the Tribunal today.

Patient: Good morning.

Tribunal Member: And I'm Wally White. I'm the Community Member of the Tribunal.

Chairman: And I'm Bob Black. I'm the legal member of the Tribunal.

Doctor Grey: I'm Greta Gray.

Patient: Good morning.

Doctor Brown: And I'm Dr Brown.

Lawyer: And I'm Bridget Blue. I'm the patient's legal representative today.

Patient: And I'm Sam Smith, these stories and more tonight on 60 Minutes.

(The patient, sense of irony notwithstanding, was committed.)

Just a Rumore

Ever wondered where that juicy little rumour overheard in the local coffee shop came from?

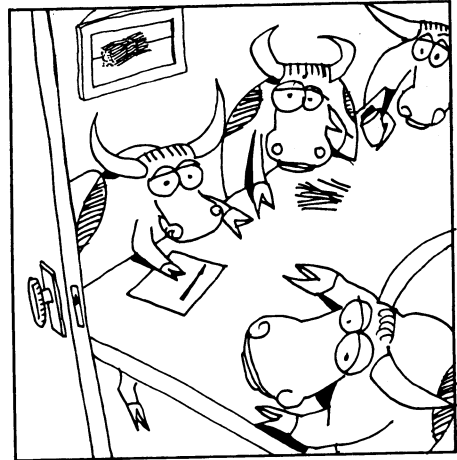
Perhaps you could hire a private investigator from the aptly named Gladesville detective agency *Rumore Associates* to help solve the mystery.

It's all boys

There are several old wives tales around about how to determine the sex of babies.

There was one floating around which said certain sorts of food eaten during the period of conception would determine whether you rush out to buy pink or blue booties. If there is any truth in that tale then obviously Suzi Kapetas, Chrissie McConnel and Elizabeth Morris were all eating the

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same thing about ten or eleven months ago.

All three women gave birth to baby boys: Suzi Kapetas and John Neill have welcomed baby Michael, Chrissie and Duncan McConnel produced baby Ned, and Elizabeth Morris and Rodney Haiffos are the proud parents of baby Jack.

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Ian Gray appointed Victorian Chief Magistrate

Former Territory chief magistrate Mr Ian Gray was sworn in as Victoria's Chief Magistrate on 14 March 2001 following the resignation of Michael Adams QC in November last year.

In an interview with the *Law Institute Journal*, May 2001, Mr Gray told journalist

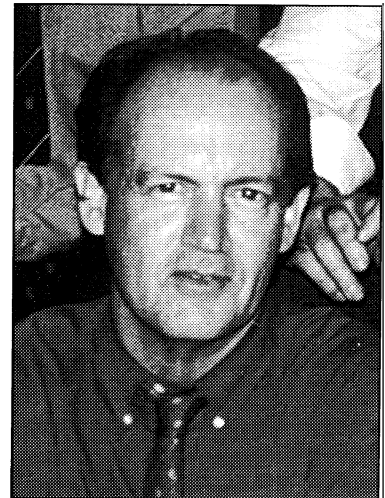
Melinda Brown he was honoured to take up the position.

"The job offers a range of contact within the community, which appeals to me, both within the purely judicial level and more widely with the group of agencies that assist the court and work with it in the area of law reform and change.

"There are also relationships with other courts, both in Victoria and around the country, and the chance of having an educative role for the court, speaking on its behalf to the community.

"All of that interests and excites me and there is a very appealing mix of judicial, administrative and managerial elements, which I find quite satisfying."

Mr Gray worked for 10 years in the Northern Territory from 1987 during which time he worked as a solicitor with the Northern Land Council, then as magistrate. He was Chief Magistrate of the Northern Territory for five years until 1997.



Mr Gray told the *Law Institute Journal* that he found working as a magistrate in the Territory professionally satisfying.

"I found it very interesting, in some ways surprisingly so. There's a very wide jurisdiction in the Territory as there are only two court levels, the Magistrates' and the Supreme," he said.