

Book Reviews

I thought that the subjects were generally well covered. The major cases appear. It did seem to me, however, that there was one area which deserved better treatment than it was given. Perhaps the most prolific kind of patent proceedings at the moment is patent extension applications under s.90 of the **Patents Act, 1952**. At least four such cases have been decided in the Equity Division of the Supreme Court of New South Wales in the last five years (**Eli Lilly & Co's Application** (1982) 1 NSWLR 562; **Ciba-Geigy AG's Application** (1983) 68 FLR 26; 1 IPR 171; **Merck & Co Inc's Application** (1983) 2 NSWLR 645; and **Pfizer Inc's Application** (1986) 4 NSWLR 567). Two further cases have been heard and await decision (**Sandoz Ltd's Application**; and **Syntex Corporations Application**). Still others are pending. There are numerous recent reported cases in Victoria. Many of these cases appear to demonstrate a shift away from the reluctance previously demonstrated by the High Court of Australia, when it had exclusive jurisdiction in applications for patent extension, to grant the applications (see, for example, **N.V. Philips**

Gloeilampenfabrieken's Patent (No.2) (1967) 121 CLR 83). It is unfortunate, therefore, that, notwithstanding the general importance of the subject of patent extensions, and particularly the recent developments in the subject, only one and one half pages (pp. 657, 658) out of a total of 741 pages were found for it in the case book. It is to be hoped that this imbalance will be remedied in future editions, unless the proliferation of cases in Australia leads the Australian Government to follow the United Kingdom, and some other Commonwealth countries, in abolishing altogether the right to seek extensions of patents.

All in all the case book is a useful tool for quick research. I would recommend it to practitioners engaged in the field, because of its convenience, and to others who may need to foray into the field from time to time, because it will avoid, in the first instance, the need to seek out obscure sets of reports. □

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This Sporting Life

Pymble Golf Day

Earlier this year, the Bar Association Golfing Society was formed for the purpose of organising both traditional and new golf matches. A register of members was established and now numbers more than 132 golfers.

56 Society members turned out for the first new match on the golfing calendar on Easter Tuesday at Pymble Golf Course. The match was played between the Bench and Senior Bar versus the Junior Bar. On an otherwise beautiful day, the Junior Bar won comfortably by 8½ to 5½ matches, thereby becoming the first holders of the Bill Cook Cup, named in honour of the immediate past Registrar of the Association. Gyles Q.C. generously contributed to the cost of a permanent trophy.

The best card of the day was returned by Bill Roche and Peter Gray with 47 stableford points. Judge Tony Collins and Tony Puckeridge Q.C. had the best round for the oldies and Jay Anderson and Ken Earl had the best round for the Junior Bar. Judge Bill Nash and Paul Webb Q.C. had the best score for the front nine, as did Richard Seton and Phil Greenwood for the Junior Bar. The best second nine scores were by Judge David Freeman and Kevin Kelleher, and Brian Ralston and Dennis Flaherty. Mr. Justice (Tex) McNerney and Tony Hewitt won the nearest to the pin prizes and Mark Williams struck the longest drive.

The staging of this event was intended to provide an opportunity for young barristers to get to know the Bench and the Senior Bar. 10 District Court Judges played, and their attendance was particularly gratifying, although Judge Staunton wishes it to be known that eminence at golf is not necessarily an attractive feature of a candidate for office in his Court. The event will become a permanent feature of the golfing calendar, and Pymble has been booked for next year again on Easter Tuesday.



The Captain Cook golf trophy was received by Phillip Mahony on behalf of the Junior Bar.

Neil Francey (who invented the thing) and Helen Barrett deserve the credit for the organisation of the day. No one can remember an assembly of any similar size for a sporting event.

The next match is the traditional game against the Services to be held this year on 17 July at Elanora Country Club. Entry forms for that day and applications for registration are available from the Registrar. □

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