

Bar Notes

Bar History Committee

The Bar Council has appointed a Bar History Committee under the chairmanship of Mason QC SG. Its primary function is to identify, preserve and collect records and memorabilia about members of the New South Wales Bar, past and present. Arrangements are in hand to obtain a series of oral histories from senior barristers as well as retired judges and barristers' clerks. The Committee has a tentative list of interviewees, but if you are under 75 it will be a while before it gets to you.

In due course a detailed call will go out to all members for the deposit of memorabilia and information. In the meantime, any member who has useful information or memorabilia such as photographs, obituary speeches, etc. is invited to forward it to the Chief Executive. Suggestions as to how the Committee might go about its task will be gratefully received. □

Leycester Meares Trust Letter to the President

I write this letter as a trustee of the Leycester Meares Trust on behalf of Judge H H Bell, my co-trustee, and for myself.

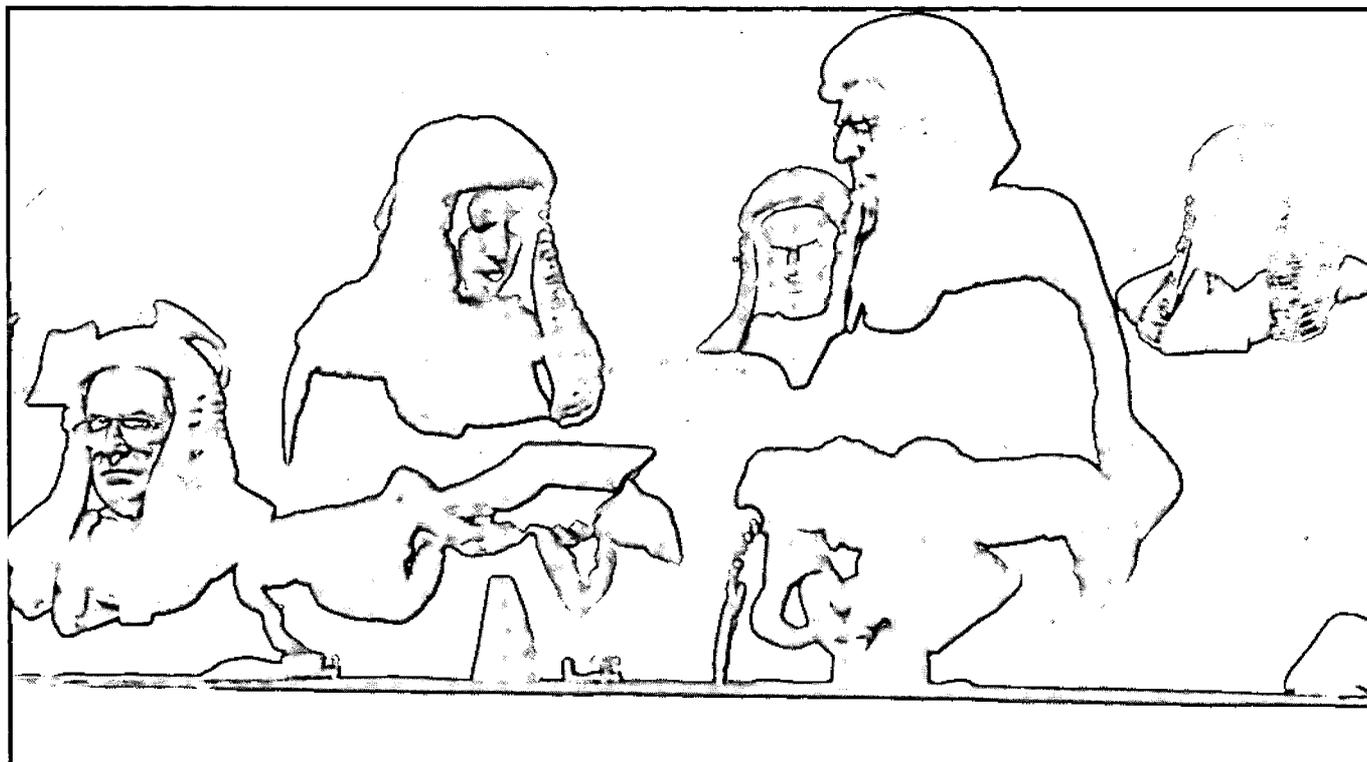
Your Association was good enough to nominate this trust to be the Bar Association's annual charity for 1995-6. This letter is intended to thank the Association for its choice of us as the recipient of its bounty as a body related to Kidsafe. Secondly and more importantly to show our appreciation for the splendid response made by the members of the Association to its appeal.

Leycester Meares gave a legacy of \$50,000 to Kidsafe which body decided to use this money as the nucleus of a trust fund to be used to further its objects. The trustee decided that, this decision having been taken, an attempt should be made to augment the fund principally to make it a more effective producer of income.

This was the basis upon which we approached your predecessor in office and sought the assistance of the Association. The target set was to double the fund and such was the support of Murray Tobias QC, then the President, the members of the Bar Council and its officer Kimberley Ashbee and those who contributed, that the object has been achieved.

The name of the original benefactor, a former President of the Association, is on record and the Bar can feel confident it has helped in the continuing campaign to prevent children being killed or injured by accident and can take pride in having done so.

Ray Reynolds □



Chief Justice Gleeson AC swears in Justice Beazley as a Judge of Appeal on 29 April 1996