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This is not the place to start a revival of Barron Field's poetry, if that were possible. That is for the Supreme Court to do. But I would like to read part — well the first line — of the poem for which, according to the *Oxford History*, he is best remembered.

The poem is called *The Kangaroo*. The first line consists of two words "Kangaroo, Kangaroo".

Call your poem *The Kangaroo* and then say nothing in the first line but repeat the title twice, is surely illustrating the obvious and explaining the evident, if not expatiating on the commonplace.

But who are we, poor lawyers, to challenge the authority of the *Oxford History of Australian Literature* and wonder how it has preferred such a poem to the treasure to be found in the *New South Wales Law Reports*?

Madam, the list of your achievements and the honours earned by you is long. You are Fellow of both the Australian College of Education and the Australian Academy of the Humanities. Melbourne University has conferred upon you an Honorary Doctorate of Laws and the Australian National University an Honorary Doctorate of Letters.

In January, 1977 you were appointed a Commissioner of the Australian Broadcasting Commission and on the first of January, 1982 you became its Chairman. At the time you were appointed a Commissioner you were one of the few women professors in Australia.

You yourself, however, judged it quite mad to appoint commissioners according to their sex. You were the first woman Chairman of the ABC and one of the very few women heads of large organisations in Australia, public or private.

In 1976 you were appropriately honoured with the Order of the British Empire, and in 1983 made a Dame Commander of that Order.

During your time as Chairman of the ABC, there occurred in May, 1983 a confrontation with members of the Government. To television audiences during that time you came across as a person of integrity and courage, and above all loyalty to those who worked with you.

I understand the Australian Council for Educational Standards is critical of "progressivism". Who would not be critical of such a hideous word and all it stands for? It ranks with President Reagan's "progressivity". I congratulate you.

Madam we welcome you here tonight. We hope that our company will give you as much pleasure as yours surely gives us.

Slip of the List

The Sydney Morning Herald's need to contain the ever-growing Law List which it publishes each day, Monday to Friday, by abbreviating the names of cases listed for hearing, is understandable.

But sometimes this can give rise to an eyebrow or two. For example, among the cases listed recently for the Industrial Commission were the two following entries:

*Appln for an award Beauty rapists, etc., Awd
... Appln and disp. re shit allow.*

We are assured these matters related to beauty therapists and shift allowances, respectively.