

Ceremonial Sitting to Mark the 175th Anniversary of the Supreme Court of New South Wales



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THE 175TH ANNIVERSARY of the Supreme Court of New South Wales took place in the Banco Court on 17 May 1999. Chief Justice Spigelman presided over the ceremony. Chief Justice Gleeson AC and Sir Laurence Street AC, KCMG, both former Chief Justices of the Court sat on the Bench with him.

Aunty Ali Golding, a member of Sydney's Aboriginal community, welcomed all present to the Eora homeland. The Court was addressed by the Honourable Premier of New South Wales, R J Carr MP, the Honourable E G Whitlam AC QC on behalf of the Bar of NSW and the Honourable Prime Minister of Australia, J Howard MP, on behalf of the solicitors of NSW.

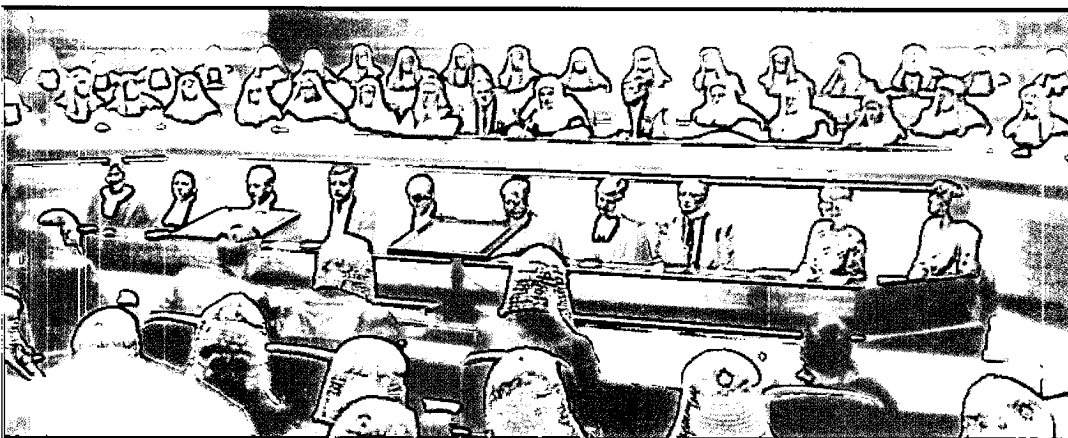
Full text of the speeches can be found at: www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/sc



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1. The Prime Minister The Hon. John Howard MP, the Premier, The Hon. R. J. Carr MP and The Hon. E.G. Whitlam AC QC 2. The Hon. J.J. Spigelman, Chief Justice of NSW 3. The Prime Minister (left), counsel, other members of the legal profession and visitors wait for the Justices of the Supreme Court to arrive in the Banco Court 4. The Chief Justice of NSW with The Hon. Sir Laurence Street AC KCMG and The Hon. A M Gleeson AC, Chief Justice of Australia on either side and the Justices of the Supreme Court 5. The Chief Justice with Aunty Ali Golding who made the welcome address on behalf of the Aboriginal community

Dinner to Mark the 175th Anniversary of the Supreme Court of New South Wales

A DINNER TO COMMEMORATE the 175th anniversary of the Supreme Court of NSW was held on 19 May 1999. All judges and members of the legal profession of NSW were invited to attend. The dinner was addressed by the Hon Murray Gleeson AC, Chief Justice of Australia. He told the audience:

'For all its problems, and for all the shortcomings resulting from the human imperfections of those who have participated in its work, the Court, for 175 years, has adhered faithfully to its central commitment to maintain the rule of law. The citizens of this State are able to take for granted that the Government, and the people, are both bound, and protected, by law. This is the ultimate safeguard of their liberty and their dignity. This is their inheritance...Whatever changes be ahead, the essence of the Court's character will remain unchanged. As in the past, so in the future, it will be as explained by Francis Forbes: uncontrolled and independent, bowing to no power but the supremacy of law.'

The full text of the Chief Justice's speech can be found at www.hcourt.gov.au



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1. The Hon E G Whitlam AC QC with David Bennett QC, Commonwealth Solicitor-General, 2. Ian Barker QC, The Hon Justice G James, The Hon Justice J A Miles AO, Chief Justice of the ACT and The Hon Justice Kenneth Hayne 3. The Hon J J Spigelman, Chief Justice of NSW, John McCarthy QC, The Hon Justice C Einstein and Chris Murphy 4. The Hon A M Gleeson AC, Chief Justice of Australia 5. The Hon J J Spigelman, Chief Justice of NSW



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6. The Hon Justice RO Blanch, The Hon Justice P L Stein and The Hon Justice M. Pearlman AM. 7. The Hon Justice K R Handley AO and The Hon Justice J P Bryson 8. Katzmann SC and Justice Wood 9. Porter QC, Leigh Johnson, David Elliott and James Gleeson QC 10. The Hon Justice R P Meagher JA, Tony Bellanto QC and The Hon E F Hughes AO QC and Mrs Chrissie Hughes



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