

**SUPREME COURT  
OF QUEENSLAND****Valedictory ceremony upon the retirement of  
the Honourable Justice H G Fryberg  
Banco Court**

Thursday 28 November 2013, 9:15am

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**The Hon Paul de Jersey AC  
Chief Justice**

We join to farewell Justice Fryberg upon his retirement from the court, and to acknowledge his valuable contribution to the judicial government of the State.

The Honourable the Attorney-General cannot be present today. When some weeks ago today's date was set, and it is immutable being His Honour's last day in office, the Attorney informed me he regrettably could not be present because of an existing long-standing commitment at the Gold Coast, acknowledging Justices of the Peace. He has asked me to express his thanks for Justice Fryberg's judicial contribution and his best wishes for his retirement.

I acknowledge the presence of the Shadow Attorney-General, Ms Anastacia Palaszczuk. I also acknowledge the presence of Federal and Family Court Judges, the Chief Judge and Judges of the District Court, the Chief Magistrate and Magistrates, retired Judges and Tribunal members. Justices Kiefel and Keane of the High Court regret their inability to attend.

As is becoming our custom, our regional colleagues and also today members of the regional professions are with us in a virtual sense, thanks to our advanced technology and we are very pleased about that, and as a technology aficionado, Justice Fryberg would appreciate that.

Justice Fryberg was appointed to the court as from 23 September 1994, and was sworn in that day at a ceremony in the Banco Court at the Law Courts Complex at 304 George



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Street. His Honour was from the outset his own man, as Chief Justice Macrossan implicitly then noted. The Chief Justice welcomed “Justice Fryberg, that being the formal mode of address he has chosen”. His Honour replaced Justice Kiefel upon her movement to the Federal Court. In those days, movement for men to the generic title, “Justice” rather than “Mr Justice”, was still moot.

His Honour’s 19 years on the court have been marked by conscientious dedication to the disposition of the case at hand, the production of a raft of judgments which have displayed illuminating analysis of the law, great willingness to serve the court in other capacities – for example on the Medical Assessment Tribunal and in the Land Appeal Court, and a substantial contribution to the administration of the court.

Acknowledging his vast experience and commensurate wisdom, I have found Justice Fryberg’s support, over the last 15 years especially, invaluable: it may not have hurt that we both hailed from the same regiment.

His Honour leaves the court as a very good lawyer, if I may say with respect, and as a friend of, these days, quite extraordinary levels of loyalty.

Mrs Jeraldene Fryberg has been a much admired and cherished member of the court community. She has supported the Judge in very many ways, including accompanying him to the comparatively undeveloped western regions of China as he has promoted the rule of law. Jeraldene has been genuinely interested in the legal process for a long time, extending to her sitting in the Gallery over some weeks at the recent trial of Dr Patel, although her concentration was apparently not exclusive to the process: the media, undoubtedly reliably, reported that she was observed from time to time knitting. I hope that all, one day, will have the opportunity to enjoy her wonderful drawings and caricatures!

We will miss you both; we profoundly thank you both; we warmly wish you well.



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Mr Davis...

Ms Bradfield...

Justice Fryberg...