

Port Elizabeth

New members

Four pupils successfully completed their pupillage in June of this year, two of whom commenced practice at the Port Elizabeth Bar in July 1994. These new members are S C Rorke and M J de Jager. The two other successful pupils, Miss D W Collier and D Erasmus, have not as yet commenced practice.

Daar is tans vyf nuwe pupille met hulle voorbereiding vir die November-eksamen besig.

Great Train Race

On 3 September 1994 the "Barflyers" from the Port Elizabeth Bar raced against the train in the annual Great Train Race for the eighth successive year. The Port Elizabeth team was bolstered by one member of the Eastern Cape Bench, Jansen J, who also ran in the Comrades Marathon earlier this year. The Bar's team consisted of ten runners who covered a distance of approximately 72 kilometres in relay.

Die volle span was Regter Chris Jansen, Keith Harvey, Leon Schubart, Chris Mouton, Marius Swanepoel, Quiryn Spruyt, Patrick Scott, Nick Mullins, Hendrik van der Linde en Perry Beningfield.

Noord-Kaap

Die Algemene Jaarvergadering van die Algemene Balieraad het vanjaar in Kimberley plaasgevind en is deur die plaaslike Balie gereël.

Die gebeure het 'n aanvang geneem op Donderdagaand, 21 Julie 1994, toe die Burgemeester en ook 'n lid van die Noord-Kaapse Balie, advokaat Stoffel de Jager, 'n skemerkelkie aangebied het vir die afgevaardigdes wat die vergadering bygewoon het.

Op Vrydag, 22 Julie 1994, het die gades van die afgevaardigdes, gedurende die oggend, 'n Victoriaanse tee geniet by Dunluce, 'n historiese huis en besienswaardigheid te Kimberley. Later gedurende dieselfde dag het die gades van die afgevaardigdes 'n tremrit geniet na die Oop Myn-museum (by Kimberley se Groot Gat) en is hulle aldaar op 'n geleide toer deur die betrokke museum geneem. Daarna het die dames, terwyl die afgevaardigdes die vergadering bygewoon het, middagete geniet by die Australian Arms, 'n eetplek in een van die historiese geboue by die betrokke museum.

Die Vrydagaand is daar 'n formele dinee/dans aangebied vir die afgevaardigdes en hulle gades waar, onder andere, die Adjunk-Minister mnr Fisser, die mense toegesprek het, en die nuutverkose voorsitter van die

Algemene Balieraad, advokaat Wallis SC, ook sy intreerede gelewer het.

Die Saterdag is daar vir die afgevaardigdes en hulle gades 'n uitstap-pie gereël na 'n nabygeleë wildplaas waar daar 'n skaap en 'n springbok op die spit gebraai is vir middagete.

Ciskei

New member

Advocate Tim Chemaly who previously practised in Johannesburg, joined the Ciskei Bar.

Acting appointments

Advocate J Renene SC of the Transkei Bar was appointed in an acting capacity to the Ciskei Bench from 1 August 1994. The Bar hosted a cocktail party to welcome Acting Justice Renene to the Division. The evening was well attended by the Bar and the judiciary and was most memorable. All present were treated to a thought-provoking speech by Acting Justice Renene as he reminisced about the bygone era and told of some interesting anecdotes.

Status of the Court

The Ciskei Supreme Court has now become a Provincial Division and is now known as "Supreme Court Ciskei Provincial Division". □

Sydney Kentridge QC

In an interview published in the *New Zealand Law Journal* of March 1994 the Chief Justice of New Zealand, Sir Thomas Eichelbaum, was questioned about his experience as a member of the Privy Council in London in 1993. One of the questions was:

"Was there anything else about the actual presentation of the cases – I'm thinking not just of the way in which the English barristers would have presented the cases but presumably you had some barristers from other jurisdictions that you heard. Were there any difference?"

The Chief Justice replied *inter alia*:

"I was very fortunate in hearing a number of leading London counsel. The silks included On two occasions the great Sydney Kentridge (formerly of the Johannesburg Bar but now practising in London) appeared who, like Lord Lester, argued with impressive – one might say almost irresistible – authority."

Q: *That's the authority of his presentation rather than of his being able to cite himself as a case I presume!*

A: *The most noticeable feature of the style of leading English counsel compared with the general standard of advocacy in New Zealand is the speed and silky smoothness of delivery ..."*