QUEENSLAND LAW REPORTER

A WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT TO THE QUEENSLAND REPORTS — SINCE 1908 ISSN 0726-0784

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Recent publication from The Federation Press

In the past week Australia's leading legal publisher, The Federation Press, has published the following new works:

Tom Hughes QC; A Cab on The Rank by Ian Hancock.

This is another excellent biography published by The Federation Press. This one is of Tom Hughes QC, one of the great advocates of the last century. Undoubtedly, he shaped the NSW Bar and its unique mannerisms and style in a way that will endure for generations. However, on the positive side, he was a prodigious worker and hugely talented Counsel, and like Sir Maurice Byers, never sought elevation to the Bench.

Hughes has had a remarkable life. Whilst his private life may well have been difficult for many years his professional life was boundless success. He had been, variously, a wartime pilot, a grazier, a federal Attorney-General (and an activist one at that), a successful politician and a racehorse owner. However, it was as Counsel where he excelled. He remained at the pinnacle of his profession for over thirty years where he displayed his formidable talents in his unique style. He had a more theatrical style than most of his modern compatriots, but he nevertheless supplemented that with a great command of language and forensic skill. He was best in front of juries but judges were also equally persuaded by him. He appeared in many of the important cases in Australia for over thirty years. He has been identified as being the most expensive counsel in the country for a period of over 25 years.

This biographical work of Hughes by Ian Hancock is a fitting and formidable work. It is exhaustingly well researched and superbly constructed. The style is fluid and flowing whilst at the same time being informative and detailed. It is a pleasure to read. That is not surprising given the abilities of the esteemed author. Ian Hancock is an Editorial Fellow of the Australian Dictionary of Biography and he has published widely in both history and politics. He has also been the historical consultant to the National Archives and been a member of the National Archives Advisory Council.

This work is not just about Tom Hughes. It also shines a light on Australian history and culture over half a century. It is highly recommended. It is available online from the website of The Federation Press at the price of $55.00. The website can be accessed by clicking here.

The Law of Tribunals; ***Annotated Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act*** by John Levingston.

This work is also published by the Federation Press. It will be of most interest to our readers in New South Wales, of which there are many. It is unashamedly a practitioner's text and one which ought to be or to become familiar to all who practice in the jurisdiction. Its shape is taken from the *Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act* which is only natural. It is well researched with substantial references to many modern cases dealing with the issues which arise in NCAT. It avoids being too parochial and many of the references are to other jurisdictions (both State and Federal) where the same issues arise under cognate legislation. It is a very useful and practical handbook. It will no doubt be the template for other publications for other jurisdictions.

More detail about this work can be found on the website of The Federation Press. It is priced at $135.00 and it can be ordered from that website which can be accessed by clicking here.

The Queensland Law Reporter is published by the Incorporated Council of Law Reporting for the State of Queensland ABN 74 009 656 982, Queen Elizabeth II Courts of Law, 415 George Street, Brisbane, Queensland 4000 Australia.
Email: enquiries@queenslandreports.com.au