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MAGISTRATES COURT

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DEPUTY CHIEF MAGISTRATE HINE
REGIONAL COORDINATING MAGISTRATE KILLEEN
MAGISTRATE ALLINGHAM
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VALEDICTORY CEREMONY IN HONOUR OF MR KEITH KROSCH

CABOOLTURE

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JUDGE IRWIN: Good morning everyone and welcome to this Valedictory Ceremony to recognise the contribution to the Queensland Magistracy of Keith Krosch on his retirement. Today's Ceremony is an opportunity for us all to show our appreciation for that contribution by Keith and to wish him all the best for his future.

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It's a great pleasure to welcome those members of Keith's family who are able to be here today, in particular his wife, Glynis, his daughters, Jodie and Leesa and also Glynis's mother, Iris. It's particularly important that the partners and family of retiring Magistrates can join in ceremonies of this nature because they are such an integral part of the work which is done by Magistrates, particularly Magistrates like Keith, about whom it will emerge have spent a lot of time travelling around Queensland and living in many different areas, particularly in regional centres. The families of Magistrates who undertake those responsibilities are very much part of the team.

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It's very pleasing also to have the Deputy Chief Magistrate, Mr Brian Hine, who is on my left, with us here today and also Keith's colleague in Caboolture, Trevor Allingham, who's recently taken up his appointment here from Mareeba.

I'd also like to recognise the regional Coordinating Magistrate for the area that includes Caboolture, Mr Tom Killeen, who has travelled from Maroochydhore to be with us today, and I'd also like to thank the efforts of the Clerk of the Court and frequently Acting Magistrate, Peter Hasted, who has made the organisation and the arrangements for today's proceedings.

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I also acknowledge Mr Glen Ferguson, the President of the Queensland Law Society, who always takes such efforts to be present on ceremonial occasions such as this. I'd also welcome Acting Sergeant Aaron Murray and Mr Laurie Watling, who I understand is representing the local legal profession here today.

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Indeed, I welcome all members of the legal profession and I welcome all distinguished guests. It's always pleasing to see a cross-section going from the prosecution side to the defence side of the Bar table. That sort of representation demonstrates the balance that Keith has brought to this Court.

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Keith, I know that your judicial colleagues hold you in high esteem and the staff of the Magistrates Court here at Caboolture have enjoyed working with you and that they will be sorry to see you leave. This is due to the fact that you are a true gentleman, friendly, approachable and that you apply yourself with great diligence to your work. You're a skilled lawyer and mediator. Your ability as a Magistrate is acknowledged here today.

Like many of our long-serving Magistrates, Keith began work with the Courts when he was just 16 years of age. Only last week I welcomed one new Magistrate and said farewell to another who had both joined the Magistrates Court service when they were 15.

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In those days you were a Clerk in what was known as the Petty Sessions Office in Brisbane. I note that you then spent a couple of years as a Clerk of the Magistrates Court Office here in Caboolture when you were in your early twenties. As you worked your way through the ranks of the Clerk of the Court, you were able to experience much of this beautiful State with postings in Dalby, Rockhampton, Millmerran, Charleville, Thursday Island, Ayr and Gladstone.

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After you were admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court in 1978, it seems you spent much of your time not as Clerk of the Court but performing the duties of Acting Magistrate, and I understand that when you were in Thursday Island this was really your full-time role.

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With 23 years of experience in the Court, it was in late 1985 when you were appointed to the position of Magistrate, a role you took up in January 1986 when you were transferred out to Cloncurry. Cloncurry is a place that I treat with particular affection, although I have spent very little time there myself, because my wife Louise, who I'm pleased is able to be with us today, spent many of her early years with her family growing up in Cloncurry.

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A couple of years later you were promoted to Southport, but it's interesting to note that you never took up that position because you received another promotion directly to Brisbane. Consequently, you returned as a Magistrate to the place where nearly 26 years earlier you had begun your career.

After having had to move location every two to four years over that 26-year period, it must have been wonderful for you and your family to settle down for a period of 12 years in Brisbane before you took up this appointment in Caboolture in the middle of 2000.

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When you came to Caboolture, you took on the role of Supervising Magistrate. That role is now known as Coordinating Magistrate. It is a role which is a very demanding one, and that's not something which is always appreciated and it's not something that can ever be adequately compensated. I'd like to personally acknowledge the extra time and effort that you have put into fulfilling those functions as Coordinating Magistrate and the great support and assistance that you have given me. It's a relief always to know that Courts can be left to essentially run themselves smoothly without having to be given regular attention, and that's certainly the way in which you have run this Court so far as I've been concerned.

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Your departure is actually one of four experienced Magistrates who are leaving us over a period of two months. Ken Lynn from

Cairns and Alan Yorkston from Kingaroy have already departed and Tom Bradshaw from Rockhampton will be leaving at the end of this month. In total, the experience that we are losing is something in the vicinity of 80 years, and despite the fact that there will be excellent replacements and there have been excellent new appointments, that experience is not something which is easy to lose in one hit.

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One thing which is common with Keith and with all of the Magistrates that I've mentioned is their collegiate approach to the Court and to the circumstances of their retirement. Those who hear me speak know that I place a lot of importance on collegiality. Well, in the case of Keith and all the other Magistrates, they demonstrated that collegiality by putting the Court before themselves and giving me a considerable amount of notice that they were due to retire, much more notice than they were required to give, and this makes it easier to fill the vacancies without leaving too much of a vacuum before the new appointment is made.

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For those of you who do not already know, Paul Johnstone has been appointed to Caboolture. He is currently constituting the Magistrates Court at Gympie, where he's been for the last couple of years. He will become the Coordinating Magistrate, although there will be a short period of time before he takes up that position. When he does come here will depend on when we can make a new appointment to Gympie. In the interim period, Trevor Allingham will be acting as the Coordinating Magistrate.

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While Paul will be taking up the reins, we wish you well in your retirement, Keith. Those who know you on a personal basis are aware of how important your family is to you and this will give you more time to spend with Glynis, your daughters and your grandchildren, and also looking after your father. Perhaps you'll get round to building that shed or to some other home projects. Hopefully, you'll get more chances to stretch your legs on the golf course.

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I know that you have spent many holidays and weekends with Glynis, riding around Queensland and Australia on your motorbikes. Everyone expects that this is how you'll be spending much of your time now and we hope that a planned trip that you have in the future is an enjoyable one.

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On the subject of motorbikes, I can't resist relating a story that occurred when you were the Clerk of the Court at Gladstone. One day the Acting Clerk of the Court, Len Radnedge, who is still, I'm pleased to say, in Gladstone, despite this incident, saw a person who these days could only be described as a hoon on a motorbike coming into the car park. This person had a full face helmet on and Len was trying to make it clear to this person that this was the staff car park and he shouldn't be there and he should leave. But, despite all these remonstrations, the motor cyclist just ignored Len. So Len approached him as he pulled up and parked his bike and gave him, quite properly, a piece of his mind, and it was only then, when the cyclist removed his helmet,

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that Len exclaimed, "Oh, it's you Kroschy. How are you going?"

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So I'd like to thank everyone for coming along today to wish Keith and his family all the best in retirement. I'm sure that everyone who is here is sad that you're leaving the Magistrates Court, but appreciates that you have a desire with Glynis to get onto your Yamaha, and I won't say speed, but at least ride off into the sunset. So, Keith, thank you for your contribution to the Magistrates Court. On behalf of all Magistrates in Queensland, I wish you and your family the very best for your future together. You will be remembered fondly by all of us and we hope that you have a long and happy and rewarding retirement. Thank you.

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I'd like to call on Mr Glen Ferguson to address the Court on behalf of the Queensland Law Society. Thank you, Mr Ferguson.

MR FERGUSON: May it please the Court, it gives me great pleasure on behalf of the Queensland Law Society to be here today and to farewell, thank and wish a long and happy retirement to Magistrate Keith Krosch, who by any yardstick is certainly a legend in the magistracy.

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Magistrate Krosch has served a remarkable 42 years, beginning in November 1962, as a Magistrates Court Clerk when he was 15 and culminating in his career as a Magistrate. I often wonder if he regretted abandoning a possible banking career after several months with the then Bank of New South Wales.

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Today, Magistrates are appointed usually from the ranks of practising solicitors rather from those who have grown up in the ranks from the ranks of junior clerks but changed realities and new procedures do not mean that Magistrates who come to their important offices by a different path and a different era, suffer by comparison. Indeed, the invaluable experience as a clerk and the opportunity that gave to many who became Magistrates, to see Queensland, learn what Queenslander's think and feel and to study part-time for their solicitor's qualification produced Magistrates with sound commonsense and a real sense of balance and objectivity. This description certainly applies to you, Magistrate Krosch.

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It will be an understatement to say that the new solicitor in 1978 probably knew more than most of his admission class given that he had already served almost 14 years as a clerk, senior clerk and registrar of the Courts.

That qualification opened the way for promotion which, of course, meant further travelling. From July 1978 to June 1980, Mr Krosch served at Thursday Island, Ayre, Mackay as a registrar and Acting Magistrate, finally being appointed Magistrate in November 1985 and being posted to Cloncurry. With Court circuit visits to Normanton, Burketown, Mornington Island, Julia Creek, Mount Isa, Boulia and Dajarra. In 1988, he went to Brisbane where he stayed until May 2000 and since then has been a Co-ordinating Magistrate here at Caboolture.

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In the later years of his service, Magistrate Krosch was a member of the initial Rules Committee and involved in the Uniform Civil Procedures Rules and the Criminal Practice Rules and was Chair of the Board of Enquiry into the collision of two freight trains at Beerburrum in 1994. He has also served as the Chair of the Railways Appeal Board and the Brisbane City Council Appeal Board.

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By my rough calculation, Magistrate Krosch's appointment here, at Caboolture, is the longest single stay he has had in one place outside Brisbane, since his three and a half years at Millmerran back in the mid 1970's.

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His willingness to serve in what are often difficult and even lonely places, has never really given the recognition and respect by the public that it so clearly deserves. I know that his Honour, the Chief Magistrate, is clearly aware of this hardship and how it so generously and willingly accepted by so many Magistrates. I understand that, as the Chief Magistrate indicated, Magistrate Krosch and your wife - you are both enthusiastic motor bike riders, doting grandparents and you get to travel Australia, play golf and simply enjoy a well earned retirement.

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On behalf of your solicitor colleagues the Queensland Law Society, I wish you, Magistrate Krosch and your family, every good wish for the future and a wonderful and happy retirement.

May it please the Court.

JUDGE IRWIN: Thank you, Mr Ferguson. I'd now call on Acting Sergeant Murray to address the Court. Sergeant Murray.

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A/SGT MURRAY: Thank you, your Honour. Yes, may it please the Court, I'd also like to say a couple of kind words from, I think I speak on behalf of myself and my fellow Prosecutor, Senior Constable Maloney, on probably an ideal situation.

Like some of my colleagues here, who appeared before Keith on a very regular basis, but even more so, that in my four years here at Caboolture, it would be fair to say that I appeared before Keith on a daily basis and coming before a person every day really does place myself in the ideal opportunity - position that I comment on the professional manner and the type of person that Keith is, the way he operates his Court. I can say that in my time here, myself and Paul Maloney, along with a few other Prosecutors that have come and gone, being Sergeant Kordick and Sergeant Lamerton, that Prosecutors are probably no different to anybody else, that if a decision doesn't go our way, we're quite quick to point the finger and blame somebody else and during my time, I can honestly say that myself, Kordick, Lamerton, Maloney, that I've never heard and that is a true statement, that Keith's character or credit or credibility to ever be called into question and that I can honestly say to myself he appears to be - the way he conducts his Court to strive to be fair to all parties, that's the defence, the defendants and the Prosecutors alike and I can say personally and I know I speak on behalf of the other prosecutors that it has been a privilege to perform duties on a daily basis with yourself and that I sincerely do wish you all the best in your retirement.

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JUDGE IRWIN: Thank you, Sergeant. I believe that Mr Watling is to speak on behalf of the local legal profession this morning. Mr Watling, I invite you to address the Court.

MR WATLING: Thank you, your Honour. On behalf of the Caboolture solicitors including the Legal Aid Office I wish yourself and your good wife all the very best in the future. I know Keith was appointed to Caboolture about four or five years ago and just listening to the former speakers before me you joined the Magistracy about the same time that I became a solicitor here in Queensland so we've had about equal service so that makes it very close probably to my retirement as well.

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During the years that - and I've personally been at Caboolture since 1987 and during the years that I've been at Caboolture there's been a number of Magistrates before you and I can say that Caboolture has had a real good reputation for Magistrates that have served here in Caboolture. Keith, I've appeared before you as what Sergeant Murray has said, not quite on a daily basis, but over here three, four times a week and your integrity is up there with those that I've appeared before in all of my lifetime as a solicitor.

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You treat the defence fairly, you treat the prosecution fairly, and that is all that is asked in this day as being a Magistrate. It's a tough job being a Magistrate and I'm sure

you appreciate it's tough being a defence solicitor and also a Prosecutor. We have our little ups and downs in Court but that's just like any other business. You don't stand for any rubbish and we appreciate that. Your Court works wonderful and I'm sure whoever takes over from you will run exactly the same way.

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I was nearly going to ask his Honour to - because I have the duty lawyer form here today to take the matter of Krosch and enter a plea of guilty but Sergeant Murray said he didn't have the facts with him so we have to ask for an adjournment today, probably till Friday afternoon I would suggest, it might be a good occasion.

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MR KROSCH: You'd be asking for costs too; wouldn't you?

MR WATLING: I've just been warned about costs but I'll reserve that until Friday afternoon I think, Keith. We've had some social times together, golf, various functions and that happens when you're in a small community like Caboolture. I've met your wife on a number of occasions and I know that she is an equal enthusiast at riding a motor bike as what you are and I understand that she wishes to ride for a few more years so you'll be going along with that too.

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Keith, I wish yourself and your family well in the future and hope you enjoy a healthy and long retirement and it's been a pleasure appearing in this Court, thank you.

JUDGE IRWIN: Thank you, Mr Watling. Well, Keith, you don't quite escape with an adjournment of this matter until Friday today, at least not without responding and I'd invite you to do that.

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MR KROSCH: Thank you, Chief Magistrate. I've written some things down here so that I don't lose it completely in trying to get some words out but first of all I'd like to thank everyone for coming along here today to help me celebrate what's an end to my time as a Magistrate and commencement of the next phase of my life and I know there's some people that have commitments elsewhere and couldn't make it here today.

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I'd like to thank family and friends that have come along today and my wife changed her work arrangements, she's got to keep working for a while if I'm going to give up work to keep some pocket money coming in for her. I'm pleased that - the daughter Lisa and her husband Ken have come in from Longreach to be here today and with two of the grandchildren that are behind the glass there. My other daughter Jodie has managed to convince the boss to give her some time off to be here and along with the mother-in-law. Jodie's husband Glen couldn't make it today because, as I understand it - they're the parents of the other two pride and joys, the other two grandchildren, one of those isn't well and Glen stayed home and couldn't be here but I do really appreciate the family members being here. My family does mean a lot to me and I'm very pleased that they could make it.

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I wasn't going to have one of these valedictory services, mainly because I'm not big on speakers, although some of you that are here today would probably believe that on occasions I say too much from up here. There was the thought about - it is a rather big event where I give up work and I decided to agree to have one. It also gives a chance to have half a day off work in the last week which wasn't a bad idea.

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Having listened to the speakers it does remind me a bit about - like weddings and funerals, things like that, and it's 34 years since I was married so it's good to hear some kind words and I don't think I'll be around - no, I mean I got them at the wedding. I don't think I'll be around to hear them at my funeral. I would like to thank the Registrar Peter Hasted for assisting to doing the organising for this event and it's good to see the boss and deputy boss and the third in line boss here today to - I'm honoured that they all could make it to see me off here today.

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Over recent years the Magistracy has hit the news in ways that I think all Magistrates could do without so I'm proposing not to say anything that could add to that type of media reporting. There's a few things that I could say, some of you will be aware that I have been, at times in conversations, critical of Government in what they've done or failed to do for the Magistracy but, yeah, I'll leave those alone. I do give credit to the Government though for getting it right, as I see it, in the appointment of the present Chief Magistrate. He's the one that's left with the hard decisions that have to be made in relation to the running of the Magistracy. I'm quite impressed with the way that I see it he consults with Magistrates before coming to those decisions and I leave, as I see it, with the Chief Magistrate and Deputy Chief Magistrate working together with a good team at the top.

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So, as I'm going to keep out of things that might get me into trouble I'll just have to talk about myself, that's boring and it's not likely to be reported. As you've heard, I've been around and it does bring back memories. My early desire was to get off the dairy farm and I wanted to get a job in an office or a bank so it was for that reason that I did the commercial course at high school and leaving school after year 10 and at 14 I started in the bank as you've heard but Mum was of the view that I was likely to be transferred at 15 and that was a bit young for her son to go out the bush.

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Early in the piece I did go and approach the Clerk of the Court at Brisbane to get a transfer to the Auditor-General's department and Eric Lendidge convinced me that there were more high paying jobs in the Magistrates Court service than in the Auditor-General's department so I stayed.

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I did have a bit of trouble with the Clerk of the Court exam at 15 but, on advice, I left it go and probably left it go a little bit long before I got back to it. Then when I did get the Clerk of the Court's exam up they brought in the solicitor's qualifications for a Magistrate and a requirement that you had to have 10 of the - what were then the solicitor's board exams that I did to reach the top - two divisions of Registrar, to do that you had to apply to take the subjects out of order but I didn't always do that and by the time I had the required 10 I had 14 so it seemed I might as well finish the study and at least I'd have it there and just sit in a position of registrar somewhere. But when I'd completed it I decided to throw the hat in the ring and - although I had no desire to be a Magistrate up until that time.

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I do thank my wife, Glynis, for the encouragement she gave me during those years of study and I didn't really enjoy the study. There were some interruptions along the way. There was the Returning Officer's duties that gave the extra pocket money in those days but transfers came at the wrong time - around exam time - so I deferred them. We had one child and then the second child arrived. When I was doing the cramming for the study I'd generally go back to the office and leave my wife with the two young children and I thank her for that.

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We did move quite regularly until we got back to Brisbane in 1980 - 1988 and I'm happy that the family did move with me, as I understand it without complaining. Glynis did tend to move the furniture around in Brisbane after we were there for a while - every two years or so to feel that she was moving again, I think. One thing though we did learn quickly that every place is what you make it and I can say that we've enjoyed life at every place that we've served.

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I didn't have the opportunity, or because I didn't want to be a Magistrate, I never did the classified deps clerk position but I did learn a lot from a time that I did deps here in Caboolture when Doug Birch visited and in Dalby when Jim Latchford was in charge and I did the deps work on the typewriter for him. The - as registrar, I've worked with quite a number of Magistrates and I think you pick up a little bit along the way from - take a little - little bit of each of them with you.

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At Thursday Island that was a very practical learning experience. At that time we did a - a line from Weipa South - as it was called then - across to Lockhart River up to New Guinea border and I was permanently acting as Magistrate and I liked to acknowledge Bernie Scanlon's assistance. He was the Magistrate in Cairns - the nearest to me - and he got a few calls and Thursday Island didn't have any real law libraries. You couldn't jump on the computer and search the internet and get some assistance so he was the one that reserved the decision. I'll send you a couple of cases to read and things like that and I do appreciate the assistance he gave to me. In fact, Thursday Island didn't have television and had no reliable day-time radio when I was up there and that's not so long ago.

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I would like to take the opportunity to thank the colleagues that I've worked with over the years who have offered me assistance and support. They - usually when you've got a difficult one that you need a sounding board there's always someone around that you can use to offer that and I thank everyone around that has offered me assistance over the years for doing that.

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As you've heard in - when I was in Brisbane the then Chief Magistrate Stan Deer gave me the opportunity, without volunteering, to go on to the unit to perform civil procedure rules. I did enjoy that experience in that I had dealings with the Chief Justice and Judges of the Supreme Court and District Court who were on that Bench and I was quite impressed that they treated Basil Gribbin and myself, who were members of the committee then, as members of the judiciary and they generally did consider our position that we - anything we raised it may affect our position in the Magistrates Court.

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In relation to Caboolture, I was here 1965 to 1968 and in those days it was the little - the old wooden building here. And we moved into the brick building that was knocked down for this building whilst I was here and now we have the present courthouse. It does provide a good working environment. I think there was only three staff - two clerks and the Clerk of the Court when I was here in those days with a visiting Magistrate. It's grown quite considerably. The building here is quite good although the air-conditioning was a problem last year and unfortunately started to misbehave again at the first sign of hot weather this year so hopefully they tell me it's sorted out.

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I would like to see the funds eventually available to appoint a permanent security officer to the Court here and I'd hope that the IT people finally have sorted out the problems with the Court 2 equipment that have been playing up for the last 10 months but - been causing some problems. Once again, I didn't really volunteer to come here but come back here and I - but I have enjoyed it at Caboolture. I can run my own diary.

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I'd like to think that the Court's operated well in those four and a half years that I've been here, balancing the need to

keep the diary reigned in - but taking into account the concerns that are raised with me by the stake holders. In the time I've been here I had Jim Older. He was always willing to work and I thank him for his efforts there until he went onto sick leave and then we had Peter Hasted who's capably filled the gap until Trevor Allingham was appointed here. Trevor's only been here a short time and then he took a bit of leave and so I haven't really worked with him for a long time. I haven't worked personally with his - my replacement but I'm confident that what I've known about them - what I've seen of Trevor - that they will continue to operate the Courts efficiently.

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I've had quite a deal of difficulty coming to my decision to - to leave. I did - when I turned 50 and started riding motor bikes again I did set 57 and a-half - unfortunately it arrived rather quickly. Now that I've made the decision I do think that I'm really looking forward to the journey ahead.

The grown nomad toys - four wheel drive and caravan are coming shortly although there's a couple of close friends in the Court here will probably won't believe that until they actually see them arrive because they've had a caravan for a while and waiting for us to join that caravan brigade. The motor bikes are still on the agenda so I'm told by my wife for about another five years and on bikes, that's been an interesting time some time in Court where some legal representatives, in defending some representative, got up and made the submission, "If you knew anything about motor bikes, your Worship, you'd realise...", and it's been very interesting.

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I do hope to increase the amount of golf I play and I hope that the handicap starts going the other way to what it has been in recent years.

We do plan to see mainly a lot more of Australia but hopefully - I hope to take a couple of trips overseas.

Just talking about appeals, I had a case last week dealt with for disqualified driving. I thought that the Caboolture Court operated rather competently but it's got nothing on the Independent Sovereign State of Australia. I convicted the person of disqualified driving around lunch time and in the afternoon I've got a fax from the Chief Justice of the Independent Sovereign State telling me that special leave to appeal is granted. The appeal's allowed with costs. I don't know who against. Judgment of the Caboolture Magistrates Court is set aside in lieu thereof. The appeal to this Court from the Judgment of the Caboolture Magistrates Court is allowed with costs. The Judgment of the learned Magistrate set aside and in lieu thereof ordered that the appeal against the ISSA, Independent Sovereign State of Australia licence suspension be allowed. That the defendant is free to drive on Queensland roads under a National Federal State ISSA licence. And that came - it was faxed to me 3 of 4 o'clock that afternoon. I didn't get notice of the appeal.

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The Chief Justice of that State sat in and listened to most of the case. So they're pretty efficient in that area.

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I can say the shed has been built. I've got some work to do around the shed. I don't think I will bore you much with anything more I have to say.

I just thank you all for coming. I am quite proud of what I've achieved in family life and also work wise. If I can be so bold, I reckon it's not bad for a country boy with a year 10 education. I've had that submission made to me a few times that my clerk's not very well educated. Left school at year 10 and it usually gets a response with, "So what."

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So, I'd just like to end by thanking you all for coming and hopefully we'll enjoy retirement. Thank you.

JUDGE IRWIN: Thank you. Well, I'd like to thank everybody for coming and goodness if you wanted to move in the Court so you can take a photograph of Keith on the Bench please feel free to do that but, as I say, I'd like to thank everybody for coming here and being a part of the ceremony this morning.

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I think it is important to be able to conduct valedictory ceremonies such as this, or welcoming or swearing-in ceremonies, as the case might be, in the area where the person is serving as a Magistrate rather than these sorts of ceremonies always being conducted in a capital city like Brisbane or a major provincial town like Townsville or Rockhampton. So I really do thank you for supporting this.

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Caboolture, of course, as Keith has drawn out during his remarks, is a growing area and you've heard through his narrative to you of the various courthouses that have been occupied by the Caboolture Magistrates Court just how this area has evolved and what a busy, thriving area it is. So it is important that we are able to conduct this ceremony in the local area and that you came to support it here today.

All that remains for me to do is to adjourn the matter of The Queen against Krosch until, I think, some time later on Friday afternoon, the 22nd of October, and I'd adjourn this Court with an invitation that you join us all for refreshments at the second floor meeting room in this courthouse. The Court is adjourned.

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