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Message from editor-in-chief of LEGAL EAGLE, Associate Professor MICHAEL WEIR, Bond University School of Law:

Dear Readers

Bond University School of Law is thrilled to be involved with the production of Legal Eagle. We are delighted to have the opportunity to interact with Legal Studies teachers and student from NSW and ACT.

Bond Law School is keen to make Legal Eagle as useful to our readers as possible. You will notice some changes to the contents and design of this publication so we welcome your feedback. We would be happy to hear from you with suggestions about what articles you would like to read and any comments concerning editorial, discussion questions, layout, design and cartoons.

The Bond editorial team has researched a number of topical issues for this edition of Legal Eagle and we have included some discussion questions that should generate some interesting arguments in class!

Production of Legal Eagle is consistent with Bond Law School's commitment to school and community education. It is our aim to make the law more accessible to everybody.

We look forward to working with the Law Society of New Wales on Legal Eagle and other exciting projects.

Associate Professor Michael Weir

Editor-in-Chief School of Law Bond University

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Message from Chief Executive Officer of The Law Society of NSW:

Dear Teachers and Students

The Law Society of New South Wales is pleased to announce a partnership with Bond University School of Law to produce each issue of Legal Eagle. As key supporters of the Society professors from the School of Law will be contributing the articles appearing in upcoming issues of Legal Eagle.

Production of Legal Eagle is just one example of how the Society and Bond Law School are co-operating on a number of exciting initiatives. Bond University professors recently presented a numer of very successful sessions at the annual Legal Studies Teachers' Conference. The School is also involved with The Law Society of NSW Mock Trial Competition and will award half-fee scholarships to study for a Bachelor of Laws to the two individuals judged to he the best barristers in the competition. The approximate value of these scholarships is \$35,000 each.

We trust you ill enjoy this issue of Legal Eagle. Stay tuned for further announcements about new joint initiatives that are evidence of the Law Society's commitment to effective community outreach programs of the highest quality.

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Mark Richardson Chief Executive Officer The Law Society of New South Wales

Letters to the Editor

Teachers, students and class groups are invited to sent letters to the editor of Legal Eagle. Tell us about what your want in the Legal Eagle and your opinions of the issues we raise. We want to hear from our readers. Send letters to:

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Did you know

Sir Redmond Barry tried and sentenced bushranger Ned Kelly to death on 28 October 1880 for murdering a policeman. Sir Redmond Barry and Kelly exchanged words when the verdict was announced:

Judge: 'Edward Kelly, the verdict pronounced by the jury is one which you must have fully expected.'

Kelly: 'Yes, under the circumstances.'

Judge: No circumstances that I can conceive could have altered the result of your trial. 'Kelly: 'Perhaps not from what you can now conceive. But if you had heard me examine the witnesses, it would have been different.'

Judge: 'I will give you the credit for all the skill you appear to assume.'

Kelly: 'No, I don't wish to assume anything.

There is no flashness or bravado ahout me.

I know I would have been capable of clearing myself of the charge, and I could have saved my life in spite of all against me.'

The judge sentenced Kelly to death: 'May the Lord have mercy on your soul.'

Kelly: 'I will go a little further than that and say that I will see you there where I go.'
Within a fortnight Kelly was executed in the Melbourne goal. Twelve days after the hanging, Sir Redmond Barry unexpectedly died of congestion of the left lung.