



VICTORIAN BAR

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Dear Victorian Bar member,

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The Barristers' Benevolent Association of Victoria

At the Bar's annual meeting held on the 17th of February 1928, members unanimously resolved to form the Barristers' Benevolent Association of Victoria:

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Since its beginnings more than 91 years ago, the Association has provided financial assistance to many barristers and their close family members, by extending gifts and loans using funds obtained from donations and bequests from other members. It provides a vital service and marks our Bar out as a truly collegiate one.

Thanks to the generosity of members, since 2000 the Association has granted gifts totalling over \$600,000 and made loans totalling over \$690,000. Contrast this to the activity for the year ended 31 December 1963, when the Association received donations of £617.6.0 and paid out grants of £604.

Request for financial support

We write to ask you to make a tax-deductible donation to the Association. You may also wish to consider leaving a bequest to the Association in your will.

We fully understand there are many worthy causes deserving support, but ask that when you next consider making a tax deductible, you give priority to the Barristers' Benevolent Association. Doing so will help to ensure it can continue to support your fellow members as it has now for almost a century.



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The amount of any donation is of course at your discretion but the following table may provide a guide:

Members of the Judiciary	\$1,500
Queen's Counsel/Senior Counsel	\$1,500
8 years' call and above	\$1,000
All other members/Junior Bar	\$500

How to make a donation or bequest

We have **attached** a donation form which contains details about how to make a donation via credit card or by cheque.

If you wish to make a bequest to the Association in your will, a clause for inclusion could be as simple as:

I give free from taxes duties and expenses the sum of \$_____ to the Barristers' Benevolent Association of Victoria, ABN 55 460 375 150.

We thank you for any support that you are able to offer. By donating, you will be contributing in a real and material way to the care and support of those of your fellow barristers who find themselves in difficult circumstances.

Yours sincerely,

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President
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Treasurer
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