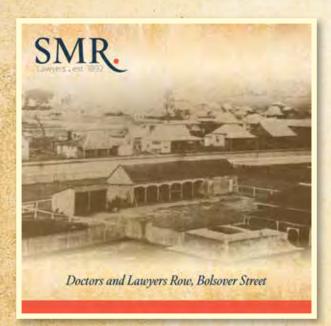
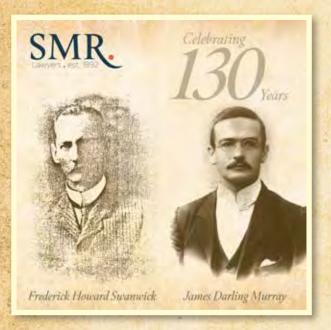




2022 sees the 130th anniversary of Swanwick Murray Roche Lawyers







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Frederick Howard Swanwick, known as Howard, came to Rockhampton in 1892 to take over the law files of a local solicitor, Robert Lyons, who had died. Swanwick remained in practice in the district for 24 years, and entered a partnership with James Darling Murray in 1924.

Later that same year, Mr Swanwick died, leaving James
Darling Murray, who shifted the firm's focus to the booming
gold-mining town of Mount Morgan.

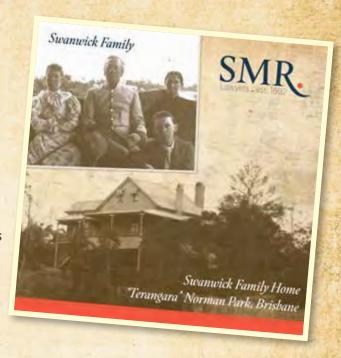
Murray died in 1948, and the practice continued under the leadership of Vivian Charles Roche.

Vivian Charles Roche, who was born in 1914, had purchased the practice in 1948, adding his name to the business and he died on 11 November 1972.



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Frederick Howard Swanwick was born in Brisbane in 1867, and educated at the Brisbane and Ipswich Grammar Schools.



Frederick Foulkes Swanwick, emigrated from Manchester, England on the "Golden Empire" in 1863 and married Elizabeth Fox in 1864. He was an undergraduate of Oxford, and soon after arriving in Queensland, joined the teaching profession. His last appointment was at Kangaroo Point Primary School in 1878.

Later that year he was admitted to the bar, and was elected as the member for Bulimba the following year. Although Frederick Foulkes Swanwick was later struck off the Roll of the Queensland Bar in 1882 when he became insolvent, he opened a legal coaching school at his residence 'Terangara' in Norman Park. Frederick Foulkes Swanwick and Elizabeth nee Fox had six children and he died in 1913 at Norman Park.

After completing his education, Frederick Howard Swanwick served his articles with Messrs Chambers, Bruce, and McNab of Brisbane, and was admitted as solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland in December 1888. He practiced first for two years in Brisbane, forming a partnership with Arthur Leopold Cotham which was dissolved in 1892.

Frederick Howard Swanwick then travelled to Rockhampton in 1892 at about the same time as his father's disbarment, where he took over the legal files of Robert Lyons who had died in April 1892.





In 1892, Frederick Howard Swanwick arrived in Rockhampton to take over the law files of Robert Lyons, a solicitor who had recently died. Robert Lyons was born on 24 January 1849 in Colac, Victoria to Michael and Elizabeth Lyons and was educated at Epping near Melbourne.

He came to Brisbane in 1865 where he entered into clerkship with Sir James Garrick, and was admitted as a solicitor to the Supreme Court of Queensland on 15 December 1871. Later he was appointed Commissioner for Affidavits for Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria.

He went to Gympie for some time where he practiced his profession, and when his solicitor brother, Mr JP Lyons of Maryborough died in 1873, he took over the business in that city until 1879. With the extension of the railway line from Rockhampton to the west, he left Maryborough for Rockhampton, where he practiced until his death.

Frederick Howard Swanwick arrived in Rockhampton ...

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Lyons married Margaret Elizabeth Brumm in 1873, and was in partnership in Rockhampton with his brother-in-law, Mr RA Brumm for about three years. In 1877 Lyons advertised that he had commenced practice in Rockhampton.

Mr Lyons was a member of the Gogango Divisional Board for several years, serving some as the chairman. As a staunch supporter of the National Party, he was returned unopposed for the Fitzroy

Electorate in 1888, and after resigning the following year, was succeed by Mr AJ Callan.

In his career as a criminal advocate, Mr Lyons was best remembered for trials relating to the shearers' strike. He was also engaged in squatting and mining pursuits in the area.

Mr Lyons was a leading member of the Maryborough Turf Club, and the Rockhampton Jockey Club. He died at "Stoneleigh", on the Athelstane Range, on 8 April, 1892, aged 43 years, leaving a widow and family. "Stoneleigh" which had been occupied by the Catholic Bishop of Rockhampton, Rev Cani, left the building to the Sisters of Mercy. This building later became the Range Convent.

Robert Lyons is buried in South Rockhampton Cemetery.



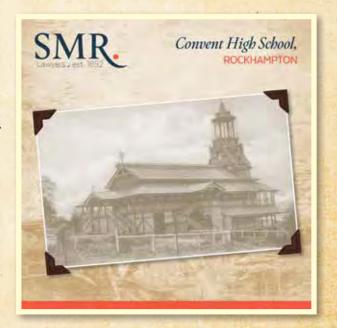


The residence known as "Stoneleigh" situated on the Athelstane Range was the former home of the Catholic Bishop for Rockhampton, Bishop Giovanni (John) Cani. Cani was ordained in 1859 in Italy, and went to Queensland with Bishop James Quinn, the first Catholic Bishop of Brisbane, and served as Parish Priest in Warwick and Brisbane, until he was appointed Bishop of Rockhampton in 1882.

It was during his time in Rockhampton that the construction of St Joseph's Cathedral was commenced in 1893, but it was not completed before his death. In 1897 he contracted dengue fever and although he recovered he suffered ill-health until his death at 62 years from heart failure on 3 March 1898.

He died at his home "Stoneleigh", which was left to the Sisters of Mercy, who had in 1895 moved their school to the building. New buildings and classrooms were added over the years to became the Range Convent High School.

It was in this house that Robert Lyons, solicitor, died in 1892. Frederick Howard Swanwick then arrived from Brisbane to take over his law files. His firm grew through the years and is now known as SMR (Swanwick Murray Roche) Lawyers, Rockhampton.







In 1892, Frederick Howard Swanwick started practice in Rockhampton in 1892 taking over the law files of solicitor Robert Lyons, deceased.

Interestingly, in the same year, he submitted an Application for Letters Patent along with Frank Norton titled - An improved cleaning compound or paste for cleaning metals, plate, plated articles, oilcloth, wood and other substances, to be called The Dido Cleaning Paste.

In 1894, Swanwick married Isabel Vautier Clark on 17 March at St Paul's Anglican Church in Rockhampton. Isabel was the daughter of the late Thomas Clark, also a solicitor, of Rockhampton. The couple had one daughter, Doris Isabel Swanwick, who became a doctor. She practiced in Wowan until her marriage to Doctor John George Wagner of Ironsides, Toowong. Due to the bride's mother's recent death, the marriage was performed at the residence of the Rev. William Brown, the bride's great-uncle, at Albion in Brisbane.

From 1894/95, Swanwick practiced at "Argus Chambers", East Street, and in 1896 at "Harding Chambers", East Street. Swanwick also established a practice in the gold-mining town of Mount Morgan and in 1896 formed a partnership with Frank Bourner Kavanagh, and the practice spread further afield to Clermont and Mackay. This partnership continued until 1909 when Kavanagh took over the Mackay business and Swanwick remained in Rockhampton.





Ellen Vannin was the unusual name for the house owned by William Knox D'Arcy and his wife. This house still stands at 3 Kingel Street, Wandal. It appears that the name may have originally come from the Manx name for the Isle of Man in the United Kingdom – Ellan Vannin.

William Knox Darcy was a solicitor with Frederick Howard Swanwick's firm, Swanwick Murray (Vivian Charles Roche purchased the practice in 1948 adding his name to the business) for a time before he moved on to establish the company that eventually became British Petroleum (BP).



Knox D'Arcy, one of the directors of the Mount Morgan Gold Mining Company, was the owner of this house possibly built by his father, William Francis D'Arcy, who died at the house in 1870. Knox D'Arcy who married Elena Birkbeck in 1872, had 5 children, Frank, Elena, Lionel, Violet and Ethel. They lived at Ellen Vannin before moving to England in 1880s.

On moving to London, he purchased Stanmore Hall, a stately home in Middlesex. In Australia his two great loves were shooting and horse racing. In England he purchased a private stand at the Epsom racecourse. During this period there were only two private stands at Epsom, and the other was owned by King Edward VII. William also bought Bylaugh Hall, a country house situated in the village of Bylaugh in Norfolk where he would host shooting parties on his estate.



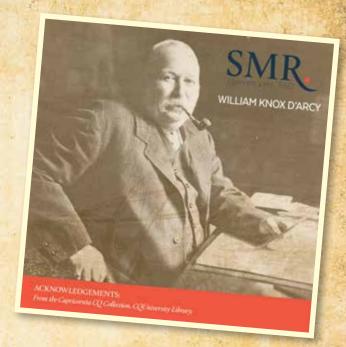


The gold boom at Mt Morgan in the late 1880's to the early 1930's saw extraordinary wealth pass through Mt Morgan and Rockhampton.
William Knox D'Arcy was a solicitor with Frederick Howard Swanwick's firm.

Born on 11 October 1849 in Devon, England, D'Arcy was the son of William Francis D'Arcy, solicitor, and his wife Elizabeth Baker, nee Bradford. He was educated at Westminster School in London, then in 1866 moved with his family to Rockhampton. He worked his articles with his father until March 1870 when WF D'Arcy died. He then entered into articles with Mr Bellas of Rockhampton, who died in December 1870, and his articles were transferred to Mr Henry Milford, also of Rockhampton. It wasn't until March 1872 that he was admitted absolutely as an attorney, solicitor and proctor of the Court. In June 1872 he was appointed Commissioner for Affidavits.

On 23 October 1872, D'Arcy was married at St Patrick's, Sydney, to Maria Colletta Elena, the only daughter of the Samuel Birkbeck, of Glenmore Homestead, Rockhampton. They had five children, Frank, Elena, Lionel, Violet and Ethel. The family lived in a house called Ellen Vannin, in Kingel Street, Wandal.

In 1882, D'Arcy was practicing as a solicitor when the Morgan brothers took up leases on Ironstone Mountain, which was later named Mount Morgan. D'Arcy had become one of Rockhampton's leading citizens and speculated in mining and land schemes. He became an investor in the Mount Morgan leases along with William Pattison, grazier, and Thomas Skarratt Hall, manager of the Queensland National Bank branch. A syndicate was formed to develop the mine. Later the Morgan brothers sold their shares, and the Mount Morgan Gold Mining Company was formed with D'Arcy as a director and major shareholder.



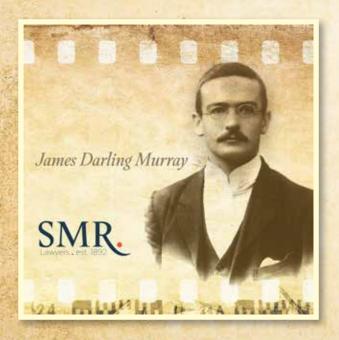
D'Arcy's friendship with TS Hall and William Pattison extended to the Rockhampton Rowing Club, where Hall was the President and D'Arcy the Captain of the club, while Pattison was a vice-president, and also to the Rockhampton Jockey Club. D'Arcy later returned to England with his family where they purchased Stanmore Hall, a large country mansion in Middlesex, along with other estates and houses. His first wife, Elena died in 1897, and he married Nina Boucicault, daughter of the proprietor of the Rockhampton Argus.

In 1900, D'Arcy made a mining venture into Persia, and by 1909 the Anglo-Persian Oil Company was formed, which was a forerunner to British Petroleum (BP). Knox D'Arcy was appointed to the board of the company.

The distinguished Australian historian, Professor Geoffrey Blainey AC, named D'Arcy as: "almost by definition, the most influential Australian who has ever lived. He is a giant figure on the world stage, let alone Queensland stage. His story is the most remarkable of all Australian business stories because of his involvement in two such profoundly successful ventures on opposite sides of the world but more importantly for his role in the discovery of oil in the Middle East and the impact this has had on business and political history to this day."

William Knox D'Arcy died in England aged 67 years on 1 May 1917 of broncho-pneumonia.







James Darling Murray was the son of Alexander Murray and his wife, Maggie Bella Darling, and was born in Edinburgh Scotland on 15 June 1875. He came to Australia with his family in 1878 but returned to Scotland to receive part of his education at Watson's College in Edinburgh. When he was fourteen years of age, he returned to Australia where he continued his studies at Brisbane Boys' Grammar School.

Murray served his articles in Brisbane with Mr Alfred Downs, and was admitted as a solicitor in 1898, after which he moved to Mount Morgan where he set up practice in 1899 and through a period of growth and consolidation of the original Mount Morgan mine, Murray had acted for mining companies and local government. He also represented individuals in family law and personal estate matters. At this time there was immense wealth passing through Mount Morgan and Rockhampton. He was very prominent in local life in Mount Morgan and served both as alderman and Mayor of the Town Council. He also served on the Technical College, School of Arts and Hospital Committees, and was a representative of Mt Morgan Council on the Rockhampton Harbour Board for three years.

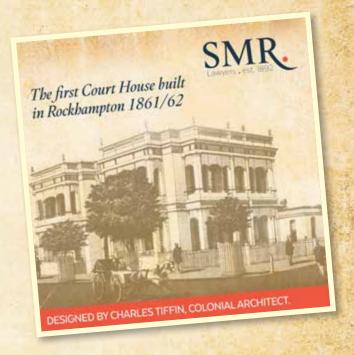
Murray married Diana Harriet Hirst in 1903 and they had four sons and two daughters, Alexander James, Colin Hirst, Arthur Druce, and Abi Shepherd, Diane Elsie and Grace Darling Murray.

In 1923 Murray and his family moved to Rockhampton where he had entered partnership in the law firm of Frederick Howard Swanwick. The business of Swanwick and Murray was located in the (old) AMP building.



The Rockhampton Courthouse complex comprises a number of buildings built over the years from 1886 to 1955 - the Supreme Court building (1886–87), Magistrate's Court building (former Police Court building 1934–1936), District Court building (former Queensland Government Savings Bank and Commonwealth Bank, 1915–16 and 1932–1933), Family Services building (former Labour Bureau 1934–36), and the Bolsover Street Government Office building (1950–55). They are located on a Government Reserve between Fitzroy, East and Bolsover Streets in Rockhampton city.

When Queensland separated from New South Wales in 1859, the base of the Supreme Court in Queensland was established in Brisbane. Circuit town sittings were established at Ipswich, Drayton and Maryborough. Rockhampton was added to the list of circuit towns in 1863. As early as 1859, a committee was formed called "Settlers, Merchants, Freeholders and Residents in the Town and Neighborhood of Rockhampton" who produced a petition for the provision of a Court House. A site had been reserved on Quay Street, however a more suitable site of an area bounded by East, Fitzroy and Bolsover Street was deemed more suitable by the community and the decision was made to place the first courthouse here.



Soon after, the sums of £600 (\$1200) for a Court House and £500 (\$1000) for a Watch House in Rockhampton were placed on the estimates, and the Colonial Architect, Charles Tiffin, was to submit plans and specifications. Built in 1861-62, this first Rockhampton courthouse was of brick on an L-shaped plan, with a stone driveway and adjacent stables, and cost £1,130 to construct. This building was used as the courthouse until 1885-86, when another more imposing courthouse was built. The boom following the discovery of gold at Mount Morgan led to several imposing buildings being constructed at this time including the Customs House, Post Office and the Supreme Court Building (which was completed in 1887). The Tiffin courthouse was then used as the Police Magistrates court and as an office building up to about 1969 and in 1978 it was demolished.





rederick Howard Swanwick was the first partner of the local law firm Swanwick Murray Roche Lawyers (SMR Lawyers) whose name is perpetuated in the firm's title. After a long and successful career establishing his law firm in Rockhampton and surrounds, his death on 28 January 1925 still came as a shock to many.

The Evening News, Rockhampton, reported his death on the same day:

"With a genuine shock of sorrow, a great number of our readers will learn of the sudden death of Mr Frederick Howard Swanwick, solicitor, which occurred at Hillcrest Hospital shortly after ten o'clock this morning as a result of a stroke of paralysis.

Mr Swanwick was in his office all day yesterday, in the brightest of spirits, after spending the weekend and holiday at Parkhurst with his nephew and niece, Mr Frank Brown and Miss Florence Brown: and in fact, was to have appeared in the Police Court this morning at ten o'clock and in the Supreme Court, in Chambers, at 10.30 am. At six o'clock this morning he was discovered in bed in a bad way; Dr Paul Voss was immediately summoned, and he was removed to Hillcrest Hospital ... where he passed away without regaining consciousness.

Frederick Howard Swanwick PASSES AWAY

LATE MR. SWANWICK

BENCH, LEGAL, & POLICE TRIBUTE

ROCKHAMPTON, January 20.
Refore proceeding with the logainess in Folice Court yesterday morning it. T. W. Farnell, P.M. made sympaster reference to the death of Mr. H. Swannaick, a well known Rockington solicitor, Mr. Swannaick, to id, wag a man when they could ill ford to heer. He has been could be for the loss. for the last the hard layed in occlumnation for many years and had as wide circle of friends. A man altured gentlement, the hard disposition, he was one of tured gentlemen, to behalf of the circle he desired to express sympathy the deceased's relatives. On behalf of the Police Department enter Bergeaut Fowler expressed milar sentiments, and Mr. P. T. Ressumes on behalf of the legal profession.

The late Mr Swanwick was the senior member of the firm of Messrs Swanwick and Murray, having entered a partnership with Mr James Darling Murray in May last, and he was held in the very highest regard not only by the members of the legal profession but by all who knew him. A visit in his office is needed to fully appreciate the genuine grief felt at his death by a loyal staff.

Mr Swanwick had a wide experience and extensive practice and had a considerable amount of Court Work until four years ago when, owing to an illness which was believed to be serious and acting on medical advice, he gave up Court work, refrained from public life and devoted himself to the office. It was in 1920 that he first had a stroke of paralysis; it was a similar stroke that caused his death this morning.

Mr Swanwick is survived by an only daughter, Dr Doris Isabel Wagner, his widowed mother, who is well over 80 years of age, and a brother and sister at present living in Brisbane. The funeral will leave his late residence "Caneebie" Oswald Street at 4.30 pm this afternoon for the Rockhampton cemetery."

REF: From the "Evening News", Rockhampton, Wed 28 Jan, 1925, p4.

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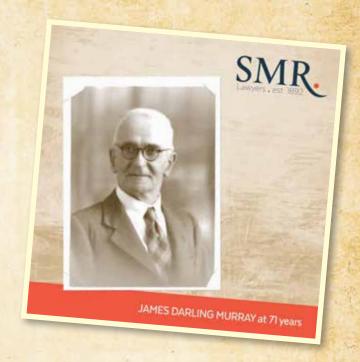


James Darling Murray was the second partner of the local law firm Swanwick Murray Roche Lawyers (SMR Lawyers) whose name is perpetuated in the firm's title.

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He first resided as a single man at the Hotel Metropole which was situated on the corner of Dee Street and Royal Lane. In 1903, after his marriage to Diana Harriet Hirst, the couple resided in D'Arcy Street. Later the family moved to Dee Street, their family now totalling eight with the birth of their six children between 1904 and 1920.



Murray took a great deal of interest in the community in which he lived and served as both Mayor and Alderman of the Mount Morgan Town Council from 1917 to about 1921. He was Mayor of the town from February 1919 for a short time.

Mr Murray was a keen bowler and was a member of Athelstane Bowling Club for many years. The Bowls Club was formed in 1915 and is located in the grounds of the Rockhampton Botanic Gardens.

Murray was also a member of the Masonic Lodge in Mount Morgan and Mount Chalmers and held a Grand Lodge rank of DGSW.

In 1923 James Darling Murray entered partnership in the law firm of Frederick Howard Swanwick. The business of Swanwick and Murray was then located in the (old) AMP building in East Street.

Frederick Howard Swanwick, the founding father of the firm that was to become Swanwick Murray Roche Lawyers, was in failing health and in January 1925 he died. James Darling Murray continued practicing under the firm name of Swanwick and Murray at the same address in East Street until his death in office at 9.20 am on 20 May 1948.





Left to Right: Edna Roche, Clive Boland, unknown woman, Beryl Donkin (Qld Law Society), Vivian Roche, Mrs Boland, unknown man. Photograph taken at a function at the Roche home when the Qld Law Society visited Rockhampton in 1967.

Vivian Charles Roche was the third key partner in the Rockhampton law firm of Swanwick Murray Roche Lawyers.

Born on 23 February 1914 to Charles James Roche and Ida Mathilda Pauline (Reithmuller) in Brisbane, Vivian was their only child. Charles was in the telegraphic section of the Post Office, and the family moved around Queensland to various centres including Dalby, Georgetown, Hawkwood and Milmerran. He became a postmaster at Georgetown and retired at Milmerran in 1938.

Vivian Roche completed his primary schooling in Milmerran and attended Nudgee College for his secondary education.

Vivian Roche became an articled clerk to well-known solicitor Michael Neil O'Sullivan in Queen Street, Brisbane. (O'Sullivan went on to become a Federal Senator for Queensland from 1947 to 1962.)

At some time prior to 1941, Roche contracted peritonitis as his appendix had burst. In January 1941, Roche married Edna May Parkes. Later that year, at the age of 27 years, he commenced service at the AAPC Water Street Army Depot in Brisbane and served there for his entire service period due to the ongoing effects of his previous illness. He was discharged early in 1946.

Later, in April 1946, his Articles of Clerkship having been delayed because of his war service, Roche applied to be admitted as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Queensland. He then purchased the practice of Swanwick and Murray in Rockhampton in 1948, adding his name to that of the business. To protect the legacy of the name in Central Queensland, the future practitioners agreed to keep the name of the original three driving partners of the firm – Swanwick Murray Roche.

Law Society Meeting 1967

Edna, Vivian's wife, joined him in the business and worked alongside him for many years. Many people thought that she was a solicitor too, as she performed many legal services for the firm along with running it efficiently. Their only son, Peter, recalls her working late into the evenings preparing for the next day's work. Vivian was known as a man of humanity and compassion who tirelessly served his church and the community of Central Queensland.

Their son, Peter also went on to become a lawyer, working overseas in London, Bergen and Tehran. He returned to Gladstone to work at VAJ Byrne and co, and later formed his own law firm, Peter Roche and Associates.

Vivian Charles Roche died on 11 November 1972.



A new Era

Michael Hart and John Shaw

Swanwick Murray Roche Lawyers comprised three original partners – Frederick Herbert Swanwick, James Darling Murray and Vivian Charles Roche – for whom the company took their names to form SMR Lawyers.



After completing his Articles with the firm Wilson Ryan Grose in Townsville, Michael Hart was admitted as a solicitor in 1969, and then spent the following two years in National Service. He was returning to Townsville when he saw an advertisement for the sale of SMR Lawyers in Rockhampton. He went ahead and purchased the business in 1972 from the family of Vivian Charles Roche, who died on 11 November 1972.

A year after purchasing SMR Lawyers, Hart contacted John Shaw, a friend and newly qualified solicitor with the firm Connolly Suthers Walker in Townsville and offered him a position with a view to becoming a partner in six months. Shaw accepted the offer of Michael Hart to join him in Rockhampton and he, along with his wife, Deirdre, departed Townsville.

Shaw began his primary schooling in a Catholic school in Winton and at the age of ten years moved to a boarding school, Mt Carmel College in Charters Towers. After graduation from secondary school, he headed to Townville to commence his Articles with Land and Roebuck.

In January 1973 Shaw joined Hart at SMR Lawyers and, true to his word, six months later Hart offered him an equal partnership for the sum of \$2500. At the time the business was located at 6 Denham Street. The following year Hart and Shaw built a

double story building at 6 East Street. They occupied the top floor and rented the ground floor to a pharmacist.

The firm prospered and the building was then extended to the rear which doubled its size.

The board room at 6 East Street gained a reputation for its very inclusive Christmas and

EOFY parties. This building was sold and the firm moved to its current location.

Initially Shaw practised in general areas of law, including a short career in Family Law, but subsequently his work primarily involved Personal Injury claims. He was appointed panel member for Suncorp Insurance and Work Cover in respect to Personal Injury Claims in the Central Queensland area. He was also retained by Anglo Coal and Lakes Creek Meatworks, as well as the Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton, including all Catholic schools in the region.

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A new Era continued

Hart specialised in areas of commercial law, estate planning and taxation. However his interest in Taxation Law led to the development of effective tax strategies designed to minimize the effects of taxation and stamp duty. His work with canegrowers in the Proserpine region led to the opening of a branch office there, which was managed by Owen Perkins, who subsequently acquired the practice.

In 1978 the pair were joined in partnership by Denise Flanagan, who has the distinction of becoming the first female partner of a law firm in Rockhampton. She specialized in Family Law for SMR Lawyers.

In February 1981, the firms of SMR Lawyers and Maxwell Geldard, (an accounting firm with whom they worked on taxation law), jointly purchased the Rockhampton Restaurant 98 on the Fitzroy River, and built a 26-room motel at the rear, and thus changed the name to Motel 98. Soon afterwards, Shaw acquired sole ownership of Motel 98 in exchange for his share in Flexihire, an equipment hire business, which had been formed as a tax minimization tool.

Shaw was Chairman of the Capricornian Credit Union (21 years), and CentraCare Advisory Board, as well as president of the CQ Law Association (1988), and Senior Counsellor with the Qld Law Society. He retired from the firm in 2012 after being granted the honour of Life Member of the CQ District Law Association.



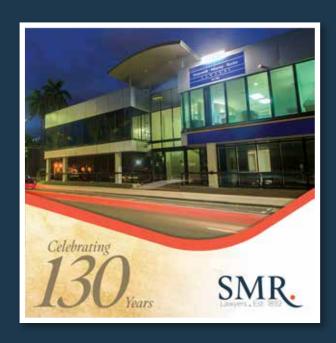


1973-2009: During the years of John Shaw's partnership many well-respected lawyers and partners passed through the firm including Denise Flanagan, Greg Cahill, Charles Ware, Scott Beaumont and Ross Johnson.

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Greg Cahill was admitted as a solicitor in 1979, after completing articles of clerkship with Hawthorn, Cuppaidge and Badgery in Brisbane. He worked for them for a year, then commenced employment around 1980/1981 with Swanwick Murray Roche Lawyers in Rockhampton. He became a principal in the firm SMR Lawyers in 1982. He was a member of the Sisters of Mercy Health Services Board, and was Central Queensland Coordinator of the Taxation Institute of Australia. He practised primarily in Commercial Law for the company.

From 1987 to 2018, Scott Beaumont was working in the area of commercial property and business law advising on some of the biggest property developments of the day in Central Queensland including Red Hill Homemaker Centre, Edge Apartments, Empire Apartments, Salt Apartments and Echelon Apartments. He became a partner in the firm in 1990.



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Terry Tummon completed his primary schooling in Rockhampton before his family

relocated to Brisbane in 1992. He completed his high school studies and half of his law degree in Brisbane. He then moved back to Rockhampton to commence his Articles of Clerkship while completing a law degree externally. Terry was admitted as a solicitor in 2003 and worked at Rees R and Sydney Jones from 2001 to 2012. He became an Associate with that firm.

He then joined SMR Lawyers in 2012 practising in family law, personal injury claims, commercial and estate litigation. He became a partner of the firm in 2013.

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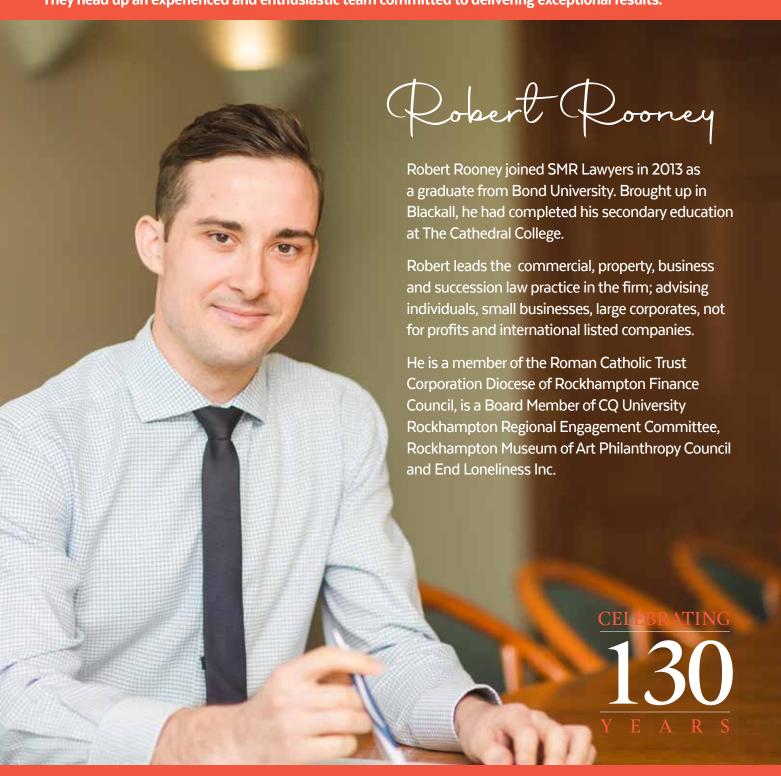
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Throughout the 130 years since its establishment in 1892, SMR Lawyers has constantly evolved to stay at the forefront of legal practice, while remaining loyal to their long-standing clients and protective of their legacy for service to clients and community.

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