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The memoirs of
KIM E. BEAZLEY

FATHER of the HOUSE

with an introduction by
Kim Beazley Jnr

About the Book

Get the inside story of one of Australia's longest serving and most influential Ministers in Federal Parliament.

Kim E Beazley threw off the shackles of a poor childhood to become a teacher, a Union Leader and the Member for Fremantle in the Federal Parliament between 1945 and 1977.

During his time in Parliament he led the reform of Australian education and played a central role in the 1963 Yirrkala Bark Petition against bauxite mining on Yolngu land— a major step forward in the struggle for Indigenous land rights.

In his own words, Beazley gives us a behind-the-scenes look at the corridors of power displaying the quiet determination and drive that led to his rise to Minister for Education under Whitlam. Beazley died in October 2007 and his son, Kim Beazley Junior, provides the books introduction with special insight into the man as father and Parliamentarian.

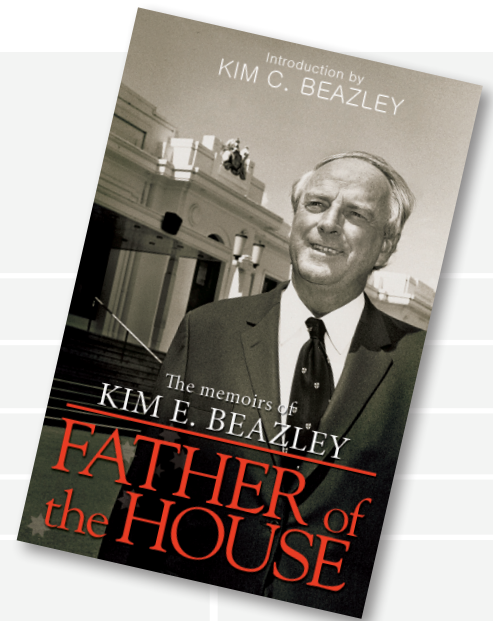
About the Authors

Kim Edward Beazley AO was born in 1917 and died in 2007. He was the Minister for Education in the government of Gough Whitlam and a Labor member of the Australian House of Representatives for 32 years from 1945 to 1977.

Kim Beazley Junior has had a distinguished career as a politician and an academic. He was Leader of the Australian Labor Party from 1996 to 2001 then from 2005 to 2006. He was a Minister in the government of Bob Hawke from 1983 to 1991 and was Deputy Prime Minister to Paul Keating between 1991 and 1996. He will take up the position of Chancellor-designate at the Australian National University in January 2009.

Key Points

- Strong appeal for people interested in politics, Labor history and personalities of Whitlam era.
- Inside story key historical moments in Aboriginal land rights struggle.
- As an education reformer his views and experiences extremely relevant to contemporary education debates.
- Kim Beazley Jnr, the author's son and recent Federal Leader of the Opposition, available for interview.



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