

EDITORIAL

This past year has been a year of transformation and change for the Auckland University Law Review. Picking up from where last year's Editors-in-Chief left off, we have formed the new Auckland University Law Review Charitable Trust, the trustees of which include Julie Maxton, Dean of Law, Paul Myburgh and ourselves. We have also upgraded our computer system and software packages, thanks to the University Computer Consortium, Bruce Robinson of the Law Faculty and the determined efforts of our Advertising Manager, Siobhan Buckley. A major achievement is the Review's new accounting and administrative systems which have provided us with up-to-date subscription and accounts information. For this achievement, we thank Kathryn Paton, our Business Manager, who has also initiated research into possible on-line ventures for the future.

It cannot go unacknowledged, however, that without the commitment of our editorial team, the changes and improvements we have made to the Review would not have been possible. Their efforts have enabled us to concentrate on improving our business efficacy and implementing the changes necessary to make the Review viable for the foreseeable future.

We have observed with some alarm, however, that student enthusiasm and interest in the Review has waned, both in terms of the number of submissions and the number of applications for positions we received this year. This may or may not be due to increased academic or work commitments, low profile or visibility of the Review, or mere disinterest. But, whatever the reason(s), we hope that future Editors-in-Chief are able to find ways to meet this challenge, by increasing the profile of the Review among the student body and by enhancing its reputation among faculty. As the only law journal in New Zealand published entirely by and for students, it is vital that its uniqueness continue and prosper.

While our experience as Editors-in-Chief has at times been challenging, it has always been rewarding. It is an edition of which we are both very proud. We would like to thank all of the editorial and business staff, the contributors, the trustees and donors for their time, skill and 'can do' attitudes.

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