

EDITORS' NOTE

It is with great pleasure that we present the 40th anniversary edition of the Auckland University Law Review. Over forty years the Review has seen its alumni excel in New Zealand legal and intellectual culture. Alumni of the Review are now leaders in the academic field, politics, the judiciary, and in practice.

It is a testament to the hard work of the hundreds of students, past and present, who have contributed to the Review over its life that it now enjoys a readership across the common law world and has established itself as a significant New Zealand legal publication. This year we have developed an alumni database to bring together this wealth of knowledge and experience. The 40th anniversary is being celebrated with a function for past staff and contributors.

The Review began in 1967 with an editorial team of two. Today the editors-in-chief require considerably more assistance: the team has grown to include seven senior editors and eight sub-editors. Our 2007 staff members have each contributed a great deal to this edition and we extend our thanks to them for their effort and dedication throughout the year.

This year's Review contains a number of articles of great academic, practical and public significance. In the inaugural edition the editors, now Justice Priestley and Alan Galbraith QC, noted their contributors' "heightened awareness of the social function of law"; we have tried to reflect this tradition by including an article on preventive detention and another on the law surrounding drug-induced rape and consent. Of particular interest to the legal profession will be the article on the practical and ethical implications of incorporated law firms under the Lawyers and Conveyancers Act 2006. The commentary includes an analysis of the Supreme Court's judgment in *Hansen v R*, and a detailed and comprehensive discussion of the new Evidence Act 2006. The Ko Ngaa Take Ture Maori section features "An Exploration and Critique of the Sovereignty Assumed by the United Kingdom over New Zealand". This has been a long-standing contentious issue and the article adds significantly to the debate in this area.

We could not have produced this Review without the assistance of the academic staff in recommending articles for publication and providing advice to students writing commentaries. In particular, we wish to thank our Faculty Advisors, Prof. Paul Rishworth and Dr Michael Littlewood, for their support and suggestions. Thanks are also due to Prof. Mike Taggart for his help in staff training, and Sean Kinsler's invaluable guidance. We would also like to thank our Alumni Advisory Board, the Rt. Hon. E. W. Thomas, John Lloyd, Bruce Robinson, and the Faculty office staff. We are grateful to our Business Manager, Alexander Ho, for his meticulous assistance with subscriptions and finances and for lending an air of sanity to the office.