

EDITORS' NOTE

2005 has been a year of great change for the *Auckland University Law Review* ("AULR"). The staff programme has been revised, with instituted office hours and a thorough training program for senior editors and sub-editors (now responsible for one article each). Kyle Nevin's note on *Lai v Chamberlains* is a worthy inaugural winner of the sub-editors' commentary competition, also instituted this year. Along with other publications from The University of Auckland Faculty of Law, AULR staff have benefited from sub-citing and proofreading the *New Zealand Law Review*. We are very pleased to welcome their publisher, the Legal Research Foundation, as an advertiser this year.

There have also been changes beyond the staff programme. The cover of the Review has been updated while the front cover index has been retained. A new website (www.aulr.auckland.ac.nz) carries abstracts of every past edition of the AULR, announcements, and information on various new initiatives. It has been gratifying to see several AULR alumni already communicating with us through the website. More recent editions of the AULR are now also available through the New Zealand Literary Information Institute (www.nzlii.org), while a comprehensive archive continues to be carried by Hein Online. More exciting plans are in the works for 2006, including new alumni initiatives in anticipation of the Review's 40th anniversary (2007).

The articles in the 2005 issue once again display the best undergraduate scholarship at The University of Auckland Faculty of Law. Jesse Wilson's prize-winning article on the role of conscience in the law of contract evaluates and adds to the growing field of literature in this commercially significant area. Articles by Julia Harker and Bridget Carnachan evaluate recent legal developments in parliamentary privilege and celebrity privacy in light of the reactions of those most affected. Ronelle Barnes' work on Passing On provides timely advice on recent legislative amendments. Eesvan Krishnan's article achieves a rare double, synthesising a vast field of academic writing and applying theory to practice in contract economics. Nicola Jones contributes to the burgeoning field of tax history, with a focus on developments in New Zealand in the 1960s. Katherine Sanders' contribution to our Ko Ngaa Take Ture Maori section is noteworthy both for the breadth and depth of its scholarship on Parihaka.

Online research indicates that of the AULR's total content, our Commentaries section is cited most often in court judgments. 2005 offers

another significant spread for judicial and lay readers alike. Contributions review books, consider the repeal of fiscal responsibility legislation, Caribbean death penalty appeals, the Tongan Constitution, and judicial pronouncements on the avoidance of GST. In a section that may be familiar to readers from the 1980s, we include an index of recent research available at The University of Auckland Davis Law Library.

Law reviews are significant undertakings and require the assistance of many people. Among many others, we owe special debts to Professor Rick Bigwood, Lisa Fong, Aaron Lloyd, Paul Myburgh, Andrew Robinson, Bruce Robinson, Mary-Rose Russell, Nick Sage, Elsabe Schoeman, Professor Mike Taggart, Rosemary Tobin, Jane Treadwell, Professor Peter Watts, and the office staff of The University of Auckland Faculty of Law. Contributors have been uniformly courteous about editing and production processes. Our designer, Paul Hutcheon, has done a wonderful job redesigning our cover and building the AULR website. Sophia Stone and Premier Print have made working with new printers a pleasure. Scott Optican and Michael Littlewood, of the Faculty of Law, have always been available to offer ideas, advice and dollops of common sense. Particular thanks go to the Right Honourable Ted Thomas for judging the case note competition, and to Mark Sly of Minter Ellison Rudd Watts for his assistance with the best article award. Our advertisers continue to make the publication of the AULR possible. We appreciate and acknowledge their support. Thanks are also due to Minter Ellison Rudd Watts and UBS for their support of the AULR prize for best article in 2005.

In concluding, we return to a theme of change. Professor Julie Maxton (Dean of Law) was an inaugural trustee of the Charitable Trust in 2001. As a Trustee and AULR Faculty Advisor, we could have asked for no individual more supportive of our initiatives and more helpful in implementing them. We wish Professor Maxton the very best as she leaves to become Registrar at the University of Oxford.

Editing the 2005 Auckland University Law Review has been a challenge and a privilege. We have been particularly honoured to work with a superb staff. They have routinely accepted taxing demands at short notice and without complaint. We owe our co-workers everything and are certain that, in their capable hands, the AULR will go from strength to strength in years to come.

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