

### EDITORIAL NOTE

This issue of the Victoria University of Wellington Law Review is a special one for a number of reasons. First, by the publication of the papers presented at the plenary sessions of the 44th Annual Conference of the Australasian Universities Law Schools Association it celebrates in a form accessible to posterity an event which this Law School is privileged to host but once in each generation. The overall theme of the conference was "Towards a Pacific Jurisprudence?". That broad theme is well represented here by the papers reproduced from the plenary sessions. The theme also found expression in the work of the interest groups at their meetings during the conference. At all levels of Australian and New Zealand society the legal implications of the cultural and economic events of the present are of critical importance. The AULSA Conference had an important place in informing and guiding the significant legal debates of our time.

This volume is of substantial size and has required support beyond that which is provided by regular subscription income. That additional support was forthcoming from within the local legal profession and the Law Review gratefully acknowledges the ready support given for this issue by Kensington Swan.

This issue of the Law Review is also special because it includes the first of a number of special Supplements which will in the future be published from time to time as part of the Law Review. The role of the Supplement is to bring before a wide legal audience in a timely fashion seminal material which because of its length or its topicality is otherwise not going to find a ready place in a law journal. Almost invariably the publication of a Supplement will take the Law Review beyond the size economically possible on its subscription revenue and for that reason the pattern will be for the publication of Supplements to have special sponsorship. For this first Supplement the Law Review has had the support of the New Zealand Planning Council and, in the person of Deborah Willett, its cooperation and patience through the editorial exercise. It is a matter of pride that Richard Boast, a member of this Faculty and an authority on Maori resource issues, is the author of the first Supplement that we publish. The Supplement relates well to the material of the AULSA conference; it is also available in monograph form by direct purchase from the New Zealand Planning Council in Wellington.

We trust all who have been involved in any way with this publication will feel their efforts and participation to be justified. The Victoria University of Wellington Law Review Editorial Committee looks forward to further such collaborative endeavours.

# THE QUENTIN-BAXTER ANNUAL WRITING PRIZE

The trustees of the Quentin-Baxter Memorial Scholarship Fund are pleased to announce an annual writing prize for the best unpublished work on a topic of Constitutional or International Law relevant to New Zealand or the Pacific. Specific topics will be announced annually together with the value of the prize.

The prize winning essays will become the property of the trustees, and will be published in the Victoria University of Wellington Law Review and as part of a monograph series.

For 1990 the topic will be:

## *The Treaty of Waitangi as a Constitutional Standard in New Zealand.*

The value of the prize will be \$2,000.

Contributions should not exceed *20,000 words* and must be in the hands of the Secretary, The Quentin-Baxter Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Law Faculty, Victoria University, PO Box 600, Wellington, by *1 August 1990*.

Intending authors should contact the Secretary for a copy of the Faculty Style Guide and for information on the format for the presentation of the essay.