

## GENERAL EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION

I am pleased to present this Special Issue of the fourth edition of the *Waikato Law Review*. We initially decided that a Special Issue focusing on family violence would be a good opportunity to present the variety of research work being done in the Law School in this area. Not only did we have more submissions that we could publish in one general issue but also this work was original, extremely topical and deserved to be published. We have thus created an outlet for it.

Because of her expertise in this area, Ruth Busch was approached to be the Special Editor. Ruth seized the opportunity not only to publish the work being done but also to celebrate the passage and coming into force of the Domestic Violence Act 1995. There is a range of articles, both from New Zealand and overseas. All are not only of very good quality but are also on the cutting edge of research work on domestic violence.

I wish to thank both Ruth and the editorial committee for their work on this issue. The end result has been worth the effort.

I must note to our subscribers that this Special Issue will be in addition to the general issue that we publish annually but will be covered by your existing subscription. We intend to repeat this next year, also, with a special issue on the topic of globalisation, to be edited by Peter Jones. We hope that you are as pleased as we are with the *Waikato Law Review* and look forward to your continued support.

Catherine Iorns Magallanes,  
Editor, *Waikato Law Review*

*DEDICATION*

To Claudia Abby (18 months), Holly Alyse (3 years) and Tiffany Anne Bristol (7 years)



*This photograph was taken less than two months prior to their murders on 5 February 1994*