

EDITORIAL

The 1987 editorial team is proud to present the twentieth edition of the Auckland University Law Review. As in the past, standards are high and the selected material wide-ranging, topical and interesting; common lawyers, commercial practitioners and law reformers alike should find something which appeals. Also pleasing, once again, was the quality and diversity of material submitted for selection. We offer our respect and thanks to those potential contributors whose work could not be included simply for reasons of limited space.

It is perhaps appropriate in this anniversary issue to reflect on the important role and unique nature of the Law Review. In addition to extensive New Zealand circulation the Auckland University Law Review has an impressive overseas subscription list; the Law Review thus "carries the flag" of the Law School in many places. The calibre of writing and quality of editorial work contribute substantially to our academic reputation abroad.

Certainly unique in New Zealand, the Auckland University Law Review is one of the few Law Reviews in the world to be entirely edited and written by undergraduate students. We feel this is a tradition to be proud of, and one which future editors should strive to maintain.

The prizewinning article this year is Rick Bigwood's consideration of the future development of an "embryonic" area of tort law in New Zealand: The Potential Civil Liability of Air Traffic Control Personnel. Reference to basic tort principles as a starting point and subsequent selection of illustrative American case law to indicate future trends in New Zealand make this a very readable and informative contribution.

Rick Shera has contributed a thoughtful and thorough analysis of the non-justiciable nature of the "relevant considerations" listed in Section 3 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1977 and examines the results of using traditional methods of adjudication on these issues.

Leslie Olsen provides an alternative perspective and assessment of the impact of *Pirelli* on the statute of limitations; the editors are pleased to note this example of continuity in the Law Review as Ms Olsen considers the approach to the same issue taken by Joseph Windmeyer in the 1985 edition.

John Williamson's article on FOB Contracts gives an interesting and useful guide to this area of international trade law based on the personal experience of the writer in setting up and running his own export company.

In our final article Pheroze Jagose makes an exciting critical exami-

nation of Section 9A, one of the more controversial sections of the Race Relations Act 1971.

For the first time in 1987 the legislation, case notes and book reviews have been detailed on the contents page in recognition of their importance, relevance and undoubted utility to both students and practitioners.

Our thanks go to all contributors for their hard work; deadlines this year were earlier than usual in order to fulfill the editors aim to produce a quality publication earlier in the year than has traditionally been the case. Thanks also to Dr Bill Hodge for his support and advice; Stephen Penk for many administrative details; our two non-editorial staff members, Diane Stephenson and Alison Sprott for their tireless and efficient management of finances and advertising; and finally to all faculty members for their recognition of the importance of our work.

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