

# EDITORIAL

As with the last issue of the Journal, this issue concentrates upon reporting the conference held in Adelaide in August 1987, "*Criminal Justice — Towards the 21st Century*".

The paper presented by the Honourable Justice L. J. King, the Chief Justice of South Australia, created a great deal of interest at the conference. As you will find when you read the paper, the Chief Justice did not hesitate to make a number of practical suggestions, some of which engendered considerable debate in the media and elsewhere at the time when they were made. His suggestions warrant consideration now, just as they did then.

The Chief Justice was immediately followed at the conference by Mr Ian D. Temby QC, Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions. Mr Temby addressed "*The Role of the Legal Profession in Meeting Change*". It is, accordingly, appropriate that Mr Temby's paper should immediately follow Justice King's paper in this issue. Mr Temby is not one to avoid a challenge and readers will undoubtedly enjoy studying his paper.

Brigadier M. H. MacKenzie-Orr brought a new dimension to criminal justice conferences. In typically forthright manner, he addressed the topic of "*Terrorism in Australia*". Readers will scarcely be tempted to the conclusion that "*it can't happen here*" when they read his paper.

The final paper in this issue returns to one of the traditional aspects of the criminal justice system — that of policing. The author is Mr David A. Hunt QPM, Commissioner of Police in South Australia. His paper too contains much upon which to ponder.

It is to be hoped that, as you read these articles, you will be prompted to take pen in hand and let your editor know about your thoughts on the issues raised, whether for publication or otherwise. Whilst you have pen in hand, you might also be persuaded to complete the application form for membership, or renewal of membership, of the Australian Crime Prevention Council that appears at the end of this issue.

Last, but by no means least, this issue sees the first Presidential Column from our new National President, Mr John Van Groningen.

Mr Van Groningen is a senior officer in the Attorney-General's Department in Victoria. According to the researches of Mrs Marjory North, well-known NSW representative on the National Executive, he now shares a unique distinction with Mr Ray Whitrod, SA representative. In the 28 years of the Council's activities, they are the only two presidents that have not been judges. *Clearly, it was time for a change!*

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*The new Adelaide Remand Centre was one of the Institutions visited during the Conference.*