

PREFACE

This volume of the James Cook University Law Review commemorates the 30th Anniversary of the establishment of JCU's Faculty of Law and the introduction of the LLB degree.

The Law Review was not immediately part of the Faculty's wider activities but, under the guidance of the then Dean, Professor Ken Sutton, the first volume was published in 1994. It was edited by Fiona Selnes with the assistance of an editorial committee consisting of Joanne Bellis, Peter Moses, Julie Roach and Kerrie Thompson.

In the intervening period the journal has undergone a number of changes both in emphasis and coverage. A major innovation, introduced in 2000, was the practice of publishing each year's *Mayo Lecture* — an annual event organised and run by the James Cook University Law Students' Society in conjunction with the Law School and delivered by a distinguished member of the judiciary, the State or Federal parliament, the legal profession or the community more broadly. The lecture series honours Mrs Marylyn Mayo, the university's foundation law staff member.

The early lectures were published simply as additional individual 'articles' but in 2004 a separate section was created at the front of each volume to be devoted solely to that year's lecture. For a number of reasons the 2019 Mayo Lecture does not appear in this volume but its place has been ably filled by the 2019 JCU Law Students' Society Social Justice Lecture. That is especially appropriate as it was delivered by Bill Mitchell — one of JCU's early (1992) law graduates. Bill is the Principal Solicitor of Townsville Community Law and is recognised as a leading Australian human rights lawyer. He received the Australian Human Rights Commission's prestigious 'Law Award' in 2008 and in 2019 he was made the Queensland Law Society's Community Legal Centre Member of the Year and had his outstanding individual service to the legal profession recognised with the Law Council of Australia's President's Award.

This volume also continues 2018's successful inclusion of peer-reviewed papers from the University's Annual Criminology Mini-Conference by again including selected peer-reviewed papers from the 2019 Conference. The Editorial Board regards this ongoing involvement as a significant contribution to legal commentary and we look forward to continuing our relationship with the organisers into the future.

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