

EDITORIAL

Volume 3, issue 2 brings together a diverse range of articles in the field of law and information science. These manuscripts continue to maintain the high standard of the previous issues and represent issues of a national and international concern. The last six months has also seen our subscriptions and exchanges continue to rise.

Artificial Intelligence and the Law

In this issue we again continue the debate on artificial intelligence and the law with Bob Moles and Surendra Dayal responding to articles which appeared in the first issue of volume 3. We are confident that this paper will continue a constructive debate in this area. Graham Greenleaf, Andrew Mowbray and Alan Tyree have contributed an article on the computerisation of law and Vicky Harris, the litigation support co-ordinator at solicitors, Clayton Utz, also provides a practitioner's perspective in this area.

Data Protection and Privacy

Simon Davies from the School of Law at the University of New South Wales explores the origins and structure of Privacy International and the challenges facing the members of that organisation. We are confident that it will be of interest to many of our readers to learn of the development of this international organisation.

Educational Developments

As with previous issues we examine developments in the teaching of information technology and the law with the article by Thomas Allen and William Robinson, which focuses on the effects of computer-assisted learning in the field of legal education, and a brief comment by Robin Widdison detailing the activities of the Centre for Law and Computing at the University of Durham in England.

Intellectual Property

Dr. Thomas Hoeren from the University of Münster, Germany provides a thought - provoking article on the problems created by the reunification of Germany on the distribution of software.

Book/video reviews

In this issue we review G.H. Treitel's *The Law of Contract* (Sweet and Maxwell), *An Introduction to Intellectual Property Law* (The Federation Press) by Colin Golvan and *Electronic Contracting Law: EDI and Business Transactions* (Clark Boardman Co.) by L.J. Kuttan, Bernard D. Reams and Allen E. Strehler. Furthermore we have reviewed a video cassette produced by the Land Titles Office of New South Wales entitled *Parchment to Passwords - The Story of the Land Titles Office*.

New Board Members

A warm welcome is extended to two new members of the editorial board. Mr. Phil Collier from the Department of Computer Science at the University of Tasmania has already assisted with the production of this current issue and Professor Michael Norwood from the University of New Mexico will significantly lift our profile in North America.

Legal Databases

Karen Bubna-Litic from the Department of Legal Studies and Taxation, University of New South Wales, writes about one of the databases providing corporate information in Australia. The problems associated with this database are examined and areas of possible improvement outlined.

Themes for Future Issues of the Journal

Looking towards our first issue of 1993, the theme will be Computer Crime. We would encourage any ideas and suggestions for future issues to be forwarded to us.

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