

Preface

The current issue, Number 1 of Volume 13, marks the beginning of a new era for the *Sydney Law Review*.

In 1990, the Centenary of Sydney University Law School, the Faculty of Law resolved that, beginning in 1991, the *Sydney Law Review* would be published quarterly. Previously, the *Review* had been published yearly, and since 1974 under the direct control of students of the Faculty. The change in frequency of publication required a change to these arrangements. A Faculty Editorial Board has been established, assisted by a Board of Student Editors.

This issue marks not only a change in the frequency of publication of the *Sydney Law Review*, but a substantial change in aims. Quarterly publication offers benefits of regularity and continuity, as well as the ability to publish significant and topical articles promptly. Subsequent issues will give effect to this by carrying new and original divisions for the contents of the *Review*. For example, a special segment, "Before the High Court", will contain commissioned comments on issues arising in cases pending before the High Court of Australia. Special issues of the *Review* devoted to particular topics, issues and themes will also be published as the opportunity arises.

The functions of a university law review in Australia today are significant, not only as a representation of the research and scholarship practised at the university but also as a forum for debate of moral, philosophical, economic, environmental and social issues. The *Sydney Law Review* provides such a forum for scholars in Australia and overseas, who have views which can be expressed through the *Review*. This emphasises that the *Review* is not concerned with lawyers' views or views about law in any narrow sense.

There are several implications for the content of the *Review*. First, as always, the *Sydney Law Review* welcomes contributions from writers in other countries. Secondly, while traditional areas of law are still a concern of the *Review*, it will strive for greater diversity of content. The overall approach will seek to reflect both the wide range of readers and their interests and the broader perspectives of the law, its content and role today.

The *Review* is a refereed journal. There is a policy on sexist and discriminatory language, as explained on the inside back cover.

All the pre-publication work on the *Review* has been performed by the Faculty through its recently established Publications Unit. The *Sydney Law Review* is now published by the Law Book Company on behalf of the Faculty.

Partly to acknowledge the significance of the Faculty's Centenary, and partly to acknowledge the significance of the change to quarterly publication, the Law Book Company has given very generous financial assistance to the *Review*.

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