

INTRODUCTION

In the year 1964, the Faculty of Law at Monash University admitted its first students to the Law course. Twenty-five years later, in 1989, the Law Faculty celebrated its silver anniversary. A gala dinner was held at the Hyatt on Collins Hotel, Melbourne, where former staff and graduates and many friends of the Law Faculty gathered together in celebration.

This commemorative issue of the Monash University Law Review also marks the occasion. Planning to devote one of the issues of the Law Review to a special anniversary issue had commenced with the encouragement of the then Dean of Law, Professor R. Baxt. The initiative was continued with the support of the present Dean, Professor C.R. Williams.

As the student editors of the Law Review normally hold office for one year only, it was necessary for the Faculty advisers of the Review to assume a greater role in bringing the project to fruition. It was eventually decided that the anniversary issue of the Review would, unlike the normal issues, be a collaborative staff-student venture. Accordingly, we, in addition to our role as Faculty advisers, assumed the role of editors (staff). Previous editors of the Law Review, in particular Jonathan Clough and Jennifer Douglas, were involved at the planning and administrative stages of the special issue. The current student editors, Ms Kate Barrett and Mr David Kreltshheim, have worked hard with the staff editors to produce this issue.

The issue contains photographs to record the staff of the Faculty and the editorial committee of the Law Review twenty five-years after the founding of the Law School. A history of the early years of the Monash Law School has been written by Mr Peter Balmford of the Law Faculty. This is the first such history to be written and will provide a record of events of the early years of Law at Monash. The other articles deal with broad themes and issues of contemporary significance. They reflect the diverse research activities of the Faculty and those connected with it. The authors of the articles have either a present or past connection with the Faculty: the Hon. Sir Richard Eggleston, who was a Chancellor of Monash University, was a special lecturer at the Faculty; Professors Allan, Hogg and Smillie were formerly members of staff of the Faculty; Professor Goode, Dr Sealy and Mr Tapper have each had visiting appointments with the Faculty; Mr Weinberg, now Director of Public Prosecutions, was the Supreme Court prize winner and a graduate with Honours in Law from Monash University; Professor Campbell, Associate Professor Carney, Acting Professor Fox and Mr Freiberg are all present staff members; the Hon. E.G. Whitlam delivered the eighteenth Wilfred Fullagar Memorial Lecture at Monash University in 1989.

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