

FOREWORD

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A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR AND PRESIDENT

It is my absolute delight to introduce the 10th volume of the *Victoria University Law and Justice Journal* ('VULJ'). This flagship publication has connected its readers to law for 10 years, broadening both minds and horizons. That is a decade of student engagement and collaboration, with 76 published items – including articles, interviews and orations – and 101 authors. Next year, the College of Law & Justice will celebrate an important milestone: its 21st birthday.

Both anniversaries are a testament to the College's broad impact. From extending topical legal issues into the public domain to offering enviable placement programs, it provides access to dynamic legal experiences that transform teaching and learning.

As we at Victoria University ('VU') embark on the first year of our *Strategic Plan 2022–2028*, we are refining our strengths.¹ A beacon to this reinvention is the VU City Tower, due to be opened early in the new year. It embodies all we are revolutionising, and all to which we aspire. The College of Law & Justice is proudly located at the heart of our new and improved City Campus. We are so pleased that is the case.

We have always thought the Records Office at 295 Queen Street was one of the best locations for a law school in Victoria, due to its proximity to Melbourne's business and legal precincts. Now, it is even better. Access to state-of-the-art facilities and ethically-aligned professional learning will provide unparalleled opportunities for students, staff and our industry partners. Our graduates leave VU well-equipped with the skills to succeed in a highly competitive sector and the chance to influence the legal world at a time of incredible change.

Congratulations to everyone involved in this project. This journal is internationally admired and is an exemplar. Every contributor is part of a fabulous decade of reform, uplift and achievement.

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1 Victoria University, *Strategic Plan 2022–2028: Start Well, Finish Brilliantly* (August 2021) <<https://www.vu.edu.au/sites/default/files/2022-2028-vu-strategic-plan.pdf>>.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF LAW & JUSTICE

I am delighted to join the Vice-Chancellor in introducing this volume of *VULJ*, which marks its 10th year of publication.² Following nearly 20 months' of COVID-19-related restrictions, this issue represents a reinvigorated approach to legal research with a focus on societal reforms in justice and the maintenance of the rule of law in Australia. These objectives are consistent with VU's purpose to embolden its people to design their future with a deep commitment to protecting country. In line with VU's vision, to be a global leader in dual-sector learning and research by 2028, once again, this issue highlights how legal research contributes to excellence in law reform, legal professional practice and in legal academia.

This issue comprises an interview with His Honour Judge John Cain by the student editors of *VULJ*, and a book review on *Governance and Law: Contemporary Views*, by Professor Neil Andrews. Also included are a number of relevant and timely articles from those in the legal profession and from academia, covering a broad range of topics: 'Australia's Access to The Queen's Correspondence' by Dr Steven Stern; 'A Tale of Two Forms of Protest' by Michael Stanton, Julia Kretzenbacher and Martin Radzaj; 'Use Now, Regulate Later?' by Jacob Rizk; 'Strategic and Human Rights Litigation' by Dr Peter Cashman; and 'Analysis of the Cultural Homeward Trend in International Sales Law' by Professor Bruno Zeller.

As in previous years, *VULJ* is pleased to be publishing the transcript of the annual Michael Kirby Justice Oration ('Kirby Oration'). Established in 2010, the Kirby Oration has provided a platform for leaders within our community to share their experiences, deep understanding, knowledge and reflections on issues of justice. This year's Orator, Emeritus Professor Rosalind Croucher AM, delivered an address titled 'Bringing Rights Home: Mapping an Agenda on Promoting, Protecting and Fulfilling Human Rights in Australia'.

The interview, book review, articles and coverage of the Kirby Oration were carefully selected in order to put forward a well-balanced issue. *VULJ* continues to be an interesting and innovative journal, one which is committed to exploring a variety of legal issues from a diverse range of sources, so as to remain inspiring and engaging with its readers. *VULJ* is a highly esteemed student-run journal, and I look forward to the next volume in 2022.

2 Established in 2011 as *DICTUM – Victoria Law School Journal* (ISSN: 1838-6849 and 1838-6857), the journal was renamed as *Victoria University Law and Justice Journal* in 2013.