

EDITORIAL

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The year 2015 marks 40 years since the founding of the *University of New South Wales Law Journal* ('*Journal*'). This is a significant milestone in the *Journal's* history and we are delighted to be celebrating this achievement with our first publication of the year, Issue 38(1).

Since the launch of the inaugural volume in 1975, the *Journal* has been the flagship publication of the University of New South Wales ('UNSW') Law School. It bears the distinction of being entirely managed and produced by a voluntary student Editorial Board. Members are selected from high-achieving students in the Law School through a rigorous application process, reflecting the exceptional editorial standards of the *Journal*. The success of the *Journal* is a credit to the pioneering spirits and dedication of generations of Editorial Board members who have shaped the *Journal's* growth year upon year.

Over the years, the *Journal* has witnessed a steady growth in the size of its Editorial Board. The Editorial Board has expanded from seven student members in 1975 to 30 student members in 2014. Much of this expansion is attributable to the increased volume of high-quality submissions the *Journal* has received from contributors, who include local and international academics, judges and legal professionals.

Originally, the *Journal* produced two General Issues per year consisting of articles on diverse areas of law. In 1981, a Thematic Issue was introduced to replace one of the General Issues to allow the *Journal* to participate in topical discussions on contemporary legal issues, and to remain at the forefront of legal debate. The year 1995 saw the introduction of the *Forum*, appended to the General Issue. It was conceived of as a newsletter to inform subscribers of upcoming Issues, to update published Issues, and to provide an arena for comment and debate on current legal affairs. Over the years, the *Forum* gradually developed into an extended publication of its own, with significant academic rigour, much like the Thematic.

Past Thematic and *Forum* components focused on a range of areas such as media law,¹ climate change law,² family violence,³ corporate regulation,⁴ genetics and the law,⁵ and constitutional law.⁶

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In 2013, the *Journal* streamlined its publication structure into three annual Issues, each consisting of a General and a Thematic component. In 2015, we are pleased to announce that the *Journal* will continue its tradition of growth and innovation by introducing a fourth Issue into the publication structure.

The *Journal* has long been supported by a diverse and influential readership. As one of Australia's leading peer-reviewed legal journals, the *Journal* is distributed both internationally and domestically to government departments, non-government organisations, law firms, over 250 universities, and Justices of the High Court of Australia, Federal Court of Australia and Supreme Court of New South Wales.

The *Journal's* achievements are also testament to the generosity of our Premier Sponsors: Allens, Herbert Smith Freehills, and King & Wood Mallesons. We are very grateful for the long-term support of these global law firms.

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- 1 See Thematic, 'The Media and the Law' (1986) 9 *University of New South Wales Law Journal* 1; Forum, 'Internet Content Control: Perspectives on the *Broadcasting Services Amendment (Online Service) Act 1999* (Cth)' (2000) 23 *University of New South Wales Law Journal* 191; Forum, 'Broadcasting and Media Laws' (2007) 30 *University of New South Wales Law Journal* 204.
 - 2 See Forum, 'Climate Change Law in Australia' (2008) 31 *University of New South Wales Law Journal* 831.
 - 3 See Forum, 'Family Violence in Indigenous Communities: Breaking the Silence?' (2002) 25 *University of New South Wales Law Journal* 205; Forum, 'Family Violence' (2010) 33 *University of New South Wales Law Journal* 808.
 - 4 See Thematic, 'White Collar and Corporate Crime' (1990) 13 *University of New South Wales Law Journal*; Thematic, 'Corporate Regulation and the New Corporations Law' (1992) 15 *University of New South Wales Law Journal*.
 - 5 See Forum, 'Genetics and the Law' (2003) 26 *University of New South Wales Law Journal* 741.
 - 6 See European Law Symposium, 'European Constitutionalism: Lessons for Australia' (1998) 21 *University of New South Wales Law Journal* 135; Thematic, 'The Centenary of the *Australian Constitution*' (2001) 24 *University of New South Wales Law Journal* 603.

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