

EDITORIAL — KŌRERO TĪMATANGA

What started out as an idea between two friends in mid-2016 has truly flourished. As young women finishing our studies, we turned our minds to how we would serve our profession and the wider community as young lawyers. Our mutual passion lay in contributing to the creation of a world where everyone is equal, first by tackling gender inequality. Our vision for how we would start to chip away at this life-long goal was for Aotearoa to join the ranks of so many other nations around the world: to have an academic journal dedicated to examining legal issues affecting women.

The New Zealand Women's Law Journal — Te Aho Kawe Kaupapa Ture a ngā Wāhine is now a network of women across all ages, stages and areas of the legal profession, as well as a platform to raise awareness about how the law affects women, both within the profession and more broadly. We hope that the Journal will also be a mechanism to encourage genuine conversations about gender issues in our communities.

We are incredibly proud and humbled by how fast the Journal has grown in the last 18 months. We have been overwhelmed by support and enthusiasm from women from all walks of life. We are especially grateful to all who have been involved, whether it was giving advice in those early days, being a member of one of our boards or staff, financially backing the Journal, spending late nights with us editing and typesetting, or being courageous enough to submit a piece of work for publication. Everyone we have spoken to throughout the journey has been kind, encouraging and passionate about the Journal's aims. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts and want you to know that the Journal would not be what it is without your involvement. It has been an honour to work alongside so many intelligent, hard-working and special women. We also thank our family, friends and colleagues who have supported us in realising our goals.

We are now proud to present this inaugural edition and look forward with excitement to our second issue in 2018. We hope the Journal will offer

new ideas, provoke new conversations and help widen the horizons of all those who read it.

He rangi tā Matawhāiti, he rangi tā Matawhānui.

The person with a narrow vision sees a narrow horizon, the person with a wide vision sees a wide horizon.

Ana Lenard and Allanah Colley

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