

## KŌRERO TIMATANGA — EDITORIAL

Mātua ake, mōkori anō kia mihiā ngā tini wāhine toa e kōrero ana, e kōrerotia ana, i tēnei putanga o Te Aho Kawe Kaupapa Ture a Ngā Wāhine.

Otirā, ki a koutou te hunga kaituhi, tēnei māua e mihi atu nei. Nā koutou i huri ēnei kaupapa ki te rā.

He rau ringa rawa e oti ai tēnei mea te hautaka. Nei māua ka mihi ki ngā kanohi homiromiro katoa i āwhinatia te whakakotahitanga o te putanga nei. Mei kore ake koutou.

Ko te tūmanako ia, mā ēnei tuinga, ēnei matakahi iti, ā tōnā wā, ka pakaru te tōtara.

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We acknowledge the women and gender-diverse peoples whose experiences are referred to in the articles that follow. Our hope is that sharing your stories will bring about change – whether that be by making the legal profession a safer place, improving the way our justice system serves girls, women, and gender-diverse peoples, strengthening the understanding of and responses to family and sexual violence, or through building solidarity with women outside Aotearoa New Zealand experiencing marginalisation and oppression.

We thank all of our wonderful authors, who have each shone a light on these important issues. Their articles challenge our law generally as well as our legal profession to do better by women and gender-diverse communities.

We are grateful to Justice Tahana for her Foreword in this edition, which calls upon us all to create spaces that reflect who we are, and to challenge our profession and justice system to better reflect our values, struggles and experiences. We congratulate her Honour on her significant appointment to the High Court this year.

We acknowledge the Journal's peer reviewers, whose feedback is critical to ensuring the Journal maintains its high standards. The Journal is proud to have had a double-anonymous peer review process for each general edition since it was founded in 2017. This is the highest standard in academic publishing, and

it relies on the many academics and practitioners who assist the Journal every year with our peer review process. We are incredibly grateful for your expertise, your insight, and your dedication to publishing scholarship on gender justice issues.

A special thanks to our Deputy Editors, Cheyenne Conroy-Mosdell and Rosa Gavey, for their leadership of our Editorial Team, and to Indiana Shewen, the Journal's first ever Kaupapa Māori Deputy Editor. To our incredibly hard-working Associate and Technical Editors, we are so grateful for the many hours you have put into this edition. It has been a pleasure working with you all. We also acknowledge Mitch Marks, our very accommodating typesetter, and our publishing partner LexisNexis. In addition, we thank the Journal's trustees, leadership team, and Advisory Board for their support and ongoing commitment to raising awareness of gender justice issues in New Zealand.

The Journal, now in its sixth year, has continued to strengthen alliances both within and outside the law. This year, beyond the important work the Journal's Advocacy Team continues to do and the *Law and Gender: Beyond Patriarchy* Symposium presented together with Auckland University of Technology Law School Te Wānanga Aronui o Tāmaki Makau Rau earlier in the year, we collaborated with Te Hunga Rōia Māori on *Wāhine Māori i te Ture – Obligation and Opportunity*. On International Safe Abortion Day 2022, the Journal and New Zealand Family Planning presented *Whakawhiti Kōrero: A discussion on abortion and reproductive rights*, a panel in which Journal alumni authors spoke on conscientious objection to abortion, the Abortion Legislation Act 2020, the relationship between tikanga and abortion, and the overturning of *Roe v Wade*.

We are honoured to have worked with these organisations and the Journal's authors, peer reviewers and Editorial Team, many of whom have long been committed to improving the position of women and gender-diverse people in New Zealand. We are grateful for the opportunity to have played our own small part in that work in our roles this year.

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