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**Te Aho Kawe Kaupapa
Ture a ngā Wāhine**

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WELCOME

Tēnā tātou e te whānau - we hope this pānui finds you safe and well.

We are overwhelmed and excited by the submissions we have received for the 2021 Journal. We can already tell that the Journal is going to cover a range of kaupapa and ensure different voices are heard and celebrated. Ngā mihi nui a koutou to everyone who shared their submissions with us - we are so proud and inspired to see so many people engaging with gender justice perspectives and tackling difficult issues.

We want to take this opportunity to acknowledge those who have been assisting the Journal with its peer review process. We have been supported by a number of academics and practitioners who voluntarily give up their time to assist us with submissions review in order to uphold the integrity of our publication. The willingness of everyone we have contacted so far to support the kaupapa is truly wonderful and we cannot express how thankful we are to each of you who have helped us.

We are heading into the colder months the year which can often feel quite challenging. We encourage everyone to put measures in place to look after their hauora during this time; whether it be exercise, good food, catching up with friends or treating yourself to a weekend away, make sure you set time aside for yourself. The reality is we can only look after others if we ourselves are well.

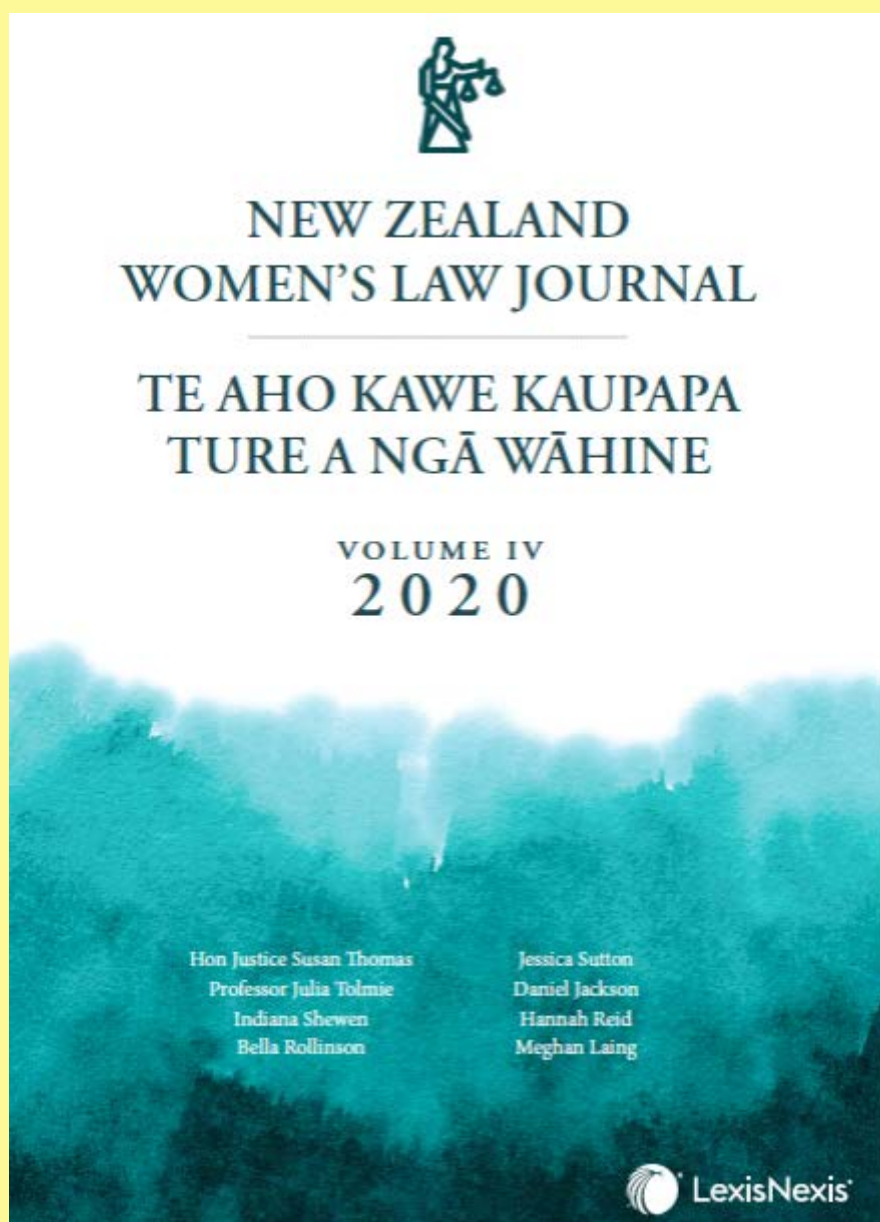
There has been plenty happening in the profession over the last few months since our last publication. We try to do our best to ensure we keep you updated on all the latest news on our Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn pages. To that end, if there is news or decisions (whether local or international) that you think fall within our kaupapa, please don't hesitate to send it through to one of our social media pages so we can share it with our followers

Finally we just want to acknowledge everyone who was involved in the 2020 Edition of the Journal which is set to be published in the next couple of days. It was a tough year for the Journal with COVID-19 as it was for many individuals and organisations, but the Journal felt that it was important to celebrate the authors and editorial team for 2020 and ensure it was still published as a separate Edition. We are still on track to be publishing the 2021 Edition at the end of the year, but can't wait to see the 2020 Edition in print soon

Ngā manaakitanga
Ella and Alice

COMING SOON!

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WARNING: mentions sexual assault

James Gardner-Hopkins was found guilty of six charges of misconduct in June 2021 by the New Zealand Lawyers and Conveyancers Disciplinary Tribunal for his actions while he was a partner at Russell McVeagh during two social events.

To the survivors: you are heard and you are believed. We thank you for your courage and bravery in calling out the behaviour and seeing the process through to the end. It was a burden you shouldn't have had placed on you at the beginning of your careers but has been instrumental and a catalyst for change.

In the words of the disciplinary tribunal: "They had the moral compass to know what had happened was wrong and the courage to speak out. In doing so, in no small part they have initiated long overdue and necessary steps to ensure this conduct is not repeated on others"

Links to seek help:

Wellington HELP 24/7 Support Line 04 801 6655

Wellington Rape Crisis - 04 801 8973

support @wellingtonrapecrisis.org.nz

A copy of the judgment can be found - <https://www.justice.govt.nz/assets/Documents/Decisions/2021-NZLCDT-21-National-Standards-Committee-1-v-Gardner-Hopkins.pdf>

WHATS IN THE NEWS?

DAWN RAIDS APOLOGY

The Dawn Raids were a crackdown in New Zealand from the mid-1970s to the early 1980s on allegedly illegal overstayers from the Pacific Islands.

In July 2021 Prime Minister Jacinda Arden apologised on behalf of the Government to the Pacific Community for the discriminatory raids targeting Pacific Islanders in the mid 1970s

Ardern said in her apology for the Dawn Raids that the immigration laws were enforced in a discriminatory manner - targeting only homes with Pacific families in them rather than other ethnicities.

She expressed the Government's "sorrow, remorse and regret" over the Dawn Raids from which she said members of the Pacific communities continue to "suffer and carry the scars"

During the apology the Samoan process of ifoga was carried out. Where Ardern allowed herself to be covered with an ietoga/ fine mat as a sign of contrition and humility, working towards fa'aleleiga/ reconciliation

IN THE COURTS

Wearing Taonga in Court

In May 2021 the Right Honourable Dame Helen Winkelmann, Chief Justice of New Zealand Te Tumu Whakawā o Aotearoa issued interim guidance permitting Taonga to be worn in all court proceedings in all courts instead of a necktie



Use of Honorifics

Female counsel, indeed all counsel, will no longer be required to use an honorific when introducing themselves in court.

While male counsel have traditionally introduced themselves by surname only, female practitioners have in the past been instructed effectively to make known their marital status.

There is still to be a practice note or guidance issued on how this can be best be practiced in court.