

FOREWORD

I am delighted to welcome readers to the 2010 issue of the *Journal of the Australasian Law Teachers Association* (JALTA).

JALTA is a double-blind refereed journal that publishes scholarly works on all aspects of law. JALTA was established by the Australasian Law Teachers Association (ALTA) in 2008 and represents an important initiative which supports the research endeavours of its members, in addition to ALTA's highly regarded *Legal Education Review* (LER) and the Centre for Legal Education's *Legal Education Digest* (LED), which are also included in ALTA membership. The journal also reflects appropriately the prestige, maturity and development of ALTA as an organisation which now represents well over 1000 members.

Following the publication of our inaugural 'bumper' issue in 2008, the response to the 2009 and 2010 issues of JALTA has been very strong. For the 2009 issue, we received 34 submissions for consideration with 23 of those ultimately being published and, for the 2010 issue, we received 24 submissions of which 13 are published in this issue. All submissions undergo a rigorous double-blind peer review before being published.

In closing, and most importantly, I need to extend my sincere thanks to a number of people whose collective efforts have made this journal possible. First, in addition to all members of the ALTA Executive, I would like to thank my Editorial Board colleagues for their counsel and support. Second, I must thank ALTA Interest Group Convenors and all referees who assisted us with the double-blind refereeing process. I would also like to offer my thanks to Kaushalya Mataaraatchi for her exceptional work in proofreading, Maureen Platt for her efforts in typesetting, and to CCH Australia Ltd for their generous sponsorship and continued support of the journal. Lastly, I need to record a special thanks to Katherine Poludniewski who was ALTA's Administrative Coordinator and ALTA Secretariat. Katherine was responsible for bringing the inaugural 2008 and subsequent 2009 issues of JALTA to fruition. She worked tirelessly on all aspects of JALTA and was supremely organised and efficient. I can safely say that, without Katherine's contributions, previous issues of JALTA would simply not have been produced in such a timely and professional manner. Nathalie Poludniewski has joined the team as Katherine's successor and the transition between 'Kat' and 'Nat' has been seamless. I would like to record my sincere appreciation for all Nat's efforts in bringing this issue to completion. Well done, Nat!

I commend this issue of JALTA to all readers. ALTA looks forward to continuing its contribution to the legal profession through this journal.

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