

Word From The Editors

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Kia ora e te whānau!

Welcome to another year of Obiter – brought to you by the Law Schools' own Phineas and Ferb. Yeap, we are the poor souls who came into Uni in January during our 104 days of summer vacation to produce this exceptional piece of journalism that you're currently holding (and with any luck, won't be leaving on a table in the library for us to find later).

This isn't just any year though. Not only does 2023 mark both the University of Canterbury and Faculty of Law's 150th year, as well as LAWSOC's 100th year. 2023 marks Obiter's 50th Anniversary. Having first started as a weekly newspaper back in 1972, Obiter has evolved into the quarterly magazine that it is today.

Our kaupapa is to celebrate the past, connect the present, and create the future. We will be sitting down with and showcasing some of the very best to have ever done it. From Law School Legends interviews with former LAWSOC Presidents, to reviews of old Law Revues with former Producers, to grading our predecessors on how good (or bad) their editions were, the list goes on.

To justify our exec position (and perks) we will also be making YouTube videos later this year, so keep your eyes peeled for those! And in the meantime, if you aren't too busy, which let's be honest you're probably not because it's still February, then head over to our YouTube Channel, and check out the awesome content from a couple years back to see what Obiter is all about.

Here at Obiter we pride ourselves on our ability to turn a phrase. We could sit here and tell you to simply 'dive in' and 'strap yourself in'. But that just wouldn't be our style. There's more to it than that – life is a journey, and if you fall in love with life, you will be in love for the rest of it. So we'll leave you with this instead – do what you love during your time at Law School, and we promise it'll be worth it.

E mihi ana,

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