

Foreword

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In Christchurch, the home of *Landscape Review*, the significance of heritage was heightened as a result of the earthquakes of 2010 and 2011. Before the quakes, like any familiar dimension of the landscape, heritage had been simply a taken-for-granted aspect of the city fabric. But in the face of economic challenges, issues of safety, and a literal shake-up of our understanding of place, heritage has become a vigorously debated topic in the city.

This special issue on New Directions in Landscape Heritage is a timely exploration of our connections with historic elements of the landscape, not just for Christchurch, but in all places where the landscape is changing. Whether through the rapid change of an earthquake or fire, or the slow change of sea-level rise or pollution, traces of the past are vulnerable to erasure.

These papers all come from one conference, the 12th Australasian Urban History/Planning History Conference, 2014. It was due to the vision of two speakers at the conference, Andrew Saniga and Andrew MacKenzie, that the papers included here came together as a volume. Through this idea of gathering heritage articles together, the issue contributes a useful body of thinking to the ongoing discourse on the topic. I'm very grateful to Andrew and Andrew for their initiative in proposing the special issue and their subsequent helpful contributions to the process of peer reviewing and putting the issue together.

Proposals for special issues, including selections of papers from conferences, are always welcome. Please contact the editor, Jacky Bowring (jacky.bowring@lincoln.ac.nz), if you would like to propose a special issue of *Landscape Review*.

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