Letter from the Vice Chancellor - Anne Edwards

Counterpoints Postgraduate Cross-Discipline Conference 2001

I am delighted to have been able to provide support for the inaugural Counterpoints Forum held in April 2001. I understand that the initiative to hold the Forum came from a small number of postgraduate students who acknowledged the need to meet, share and exchange ideas and research practices in a friendly environment. There was an enthusiastic response to the idea and the two day Forum was seen as one way to meet the need to bring postgraduate students together to consider and reflect on the research of peers. The sessions of the Forum provided a rich opportunity for participants to learn from each other and to 'celebrate diversity in research', to use the theme of the Forum.

The success of the Forum is evident in the papers compiled in this book. They represent a range of research interests that cross disciplines in the Humanities and Social Sciences. Another measure of success is the proposal to make the Forum an annual event and to extend it to include the Sciences in 2002.

I congratulate all those who took the initiative and worked together to organise and produce the Forum. I also congratulate those who presented papers and who are represented in this publication. I wish you all well for your future endeavours.

Professor Anne R Edwards
Vice-Chancellor
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