

This Issue



he T word. Transformation. That great good we're all pursuing at the moment in multiple work places all over the country. There's a great urgency here: behave like a dinosaur and you'll soon find the political landscape has mutated so much you've become an obsolete species.

But how is the great rush to be different and diverse affecting those on the receiving end? Review asked this question of journalists across the country, in TV, print and radio. The results appear in our four-page spread in this issue. It's by no means an exhaustive survey, but we hope it puts the uncertainty and anxiety on the record and stimulates discussion.

To add to the debate academic Lynette Steenveld looks at why transformation raises its head in the media as a race issue. She asks some seminal questions. Among them: what are we trying to leave behind when we transform and where do we want to go? Questions that haven't really been asked much with all that hot air being wafted about.

Change permeates this Review:

- Changes in approach: Nazeem Howa talks about being guided by a new set of journalism values; David MacGregor talks about being a mediator and not a conflict-chaser. Instead of those degrading headlines that imply women ask for it, we discuss a new language for reporting rape and domestic violence.

- While we welcome one change in the law (goodbye to the Cautionary Rule) we lobby for a change in another one – Section 205.

- We look at situations that need change: journalists jailed in African dictatorships for doing their jobs; drug cartels in Mexico targeting editors, the all-white (just about) ad-planning industry.

Finally we bring you lots of things that are fresh: new commercial radio stations; the new TV station; new books; new technology.

Enjoy the ride! (It's not always pleasant, but it's always interesting).



Anthea Garman

“ It is a newspaper’s duty to
print the news, and raise hell.”

Wilbur Stoney - Publisher



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