New book profiles accounting pioneers in education

One of Victoria’s accounting academics has recently published a co-authored book on accounting education and the profession in New Zealand.

Accounting Education and the Profession in New Zealand: Profiles of the Pioneering Academics and the Early University Accounting Departments 1900-1970, published by the NZ Institute of Chartered Accountants, records the activities of an extraordinary group of accountants who were the pioneers of the education for accountants in New Zealand.

The authors are Emeritus Professor Don Trow from the School of Accounting and Commercial Law, and Professor Stephen Zeff from Rice University Texas, a regular visitor to Victoria University in recent years.

“The book has been of much interest to the older members of the profession who remember the teachers from the 1950s and the appointment of the first professors in the early 1960s,” says Emeritus Professor Trow.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants is providing a free copy of the book to all current teachers of accounting at tertiary level in New Zealand. Copies are available from the School of Accounting and Commercial Law.

Photo: Guests at the book launch at the Heads of Department conference for accounting departments at the Institute of Chartered Accountants offices in late October. Left to right: Emeritus Professor Athol Mann, Professor Judy Brown, Emeritus Professor Roger Hopkins, Chairman of PricewaterhouseCoopers John Shewan, Chief Executive of the NZ Institute of Chartered Accountants Terry McLaughlin, Emeritus Professor Don Trow, Professor Liz Hickey, Vice-President of the International Federation of Accountants Warren Allen, Professor David Macdonald, Professor Kevin Simpkins, and Mr Michael Griffin, retired partner of Ernst & Young.