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Editorial

In this issue you have the first of the new format *Australian Religion Studies REVIEW*. We would greatly appreciate your comments and suggestions for all aspects of the production - format, cover design, style, contents.

We have now moved into being a fully refereed journal. While we applaud this move as in the best interests of the members and the association, it does lay additional burdens on the co-editors. Particularly significant is the timing. No longer can we ring around members and friends to fill gaps if we are short of copy! We need to build up a backlog of articles of good quality. In order to do this we need sufficient time to receive the articles, seek out suitably qualified reviewers, forward copies to these selected reviewers, receive their comments and forward them to authors for revision. If we are to produce a credible academic journal we cannot take short cuts. **Please send manuscripts for consideration.** And don't forget your promising students and give them a chance too!

At the back of this issue there are detailed notes on presentation of manuscripts. Again this is an attempt to improve and upgrade the quality of our production and to achieve some uniformity in presentation. Although adjustments can be made in the editing phase, significant savings to the AASR can be achieved by conforming to the suggested format.

One particularly rich source of manuscripts is our annual conference. If you are considering presenting a paper and would like to see it published, bring sufficient copies and a disk version to the conference with you.

We would particularly like to thank the members who have contributed articles and acted as reviewers for this issue. The time frame has been short and your willingness to assist at often very short notice has been greatly appreciated.

Thank you also to those who have arranged with their publishers to send their latest books. We always need people for book reviewing and those of you interested in contributing in this way could let us know which particular areas you are most enthusiastic about.

Also there is still the opening for Guest Editor. If you have a particular field of interest and would like to assemble a series of papers in a feature section contact us to discuss details and procedures.

We look forward to seeing you at the Brisbane conference. A warm conference will be a welcome relief after the snows of Ballarat and Christchurch. Hopefully the members' Directory will be available at the conference.

Tricia Blombery and Philip Hughes
Co-editors