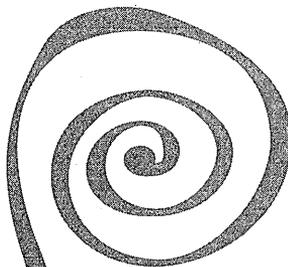
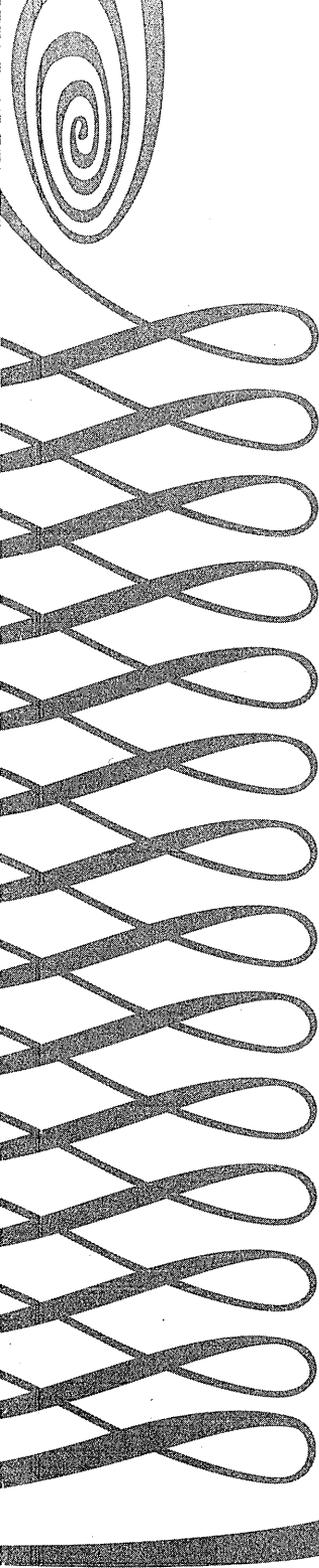


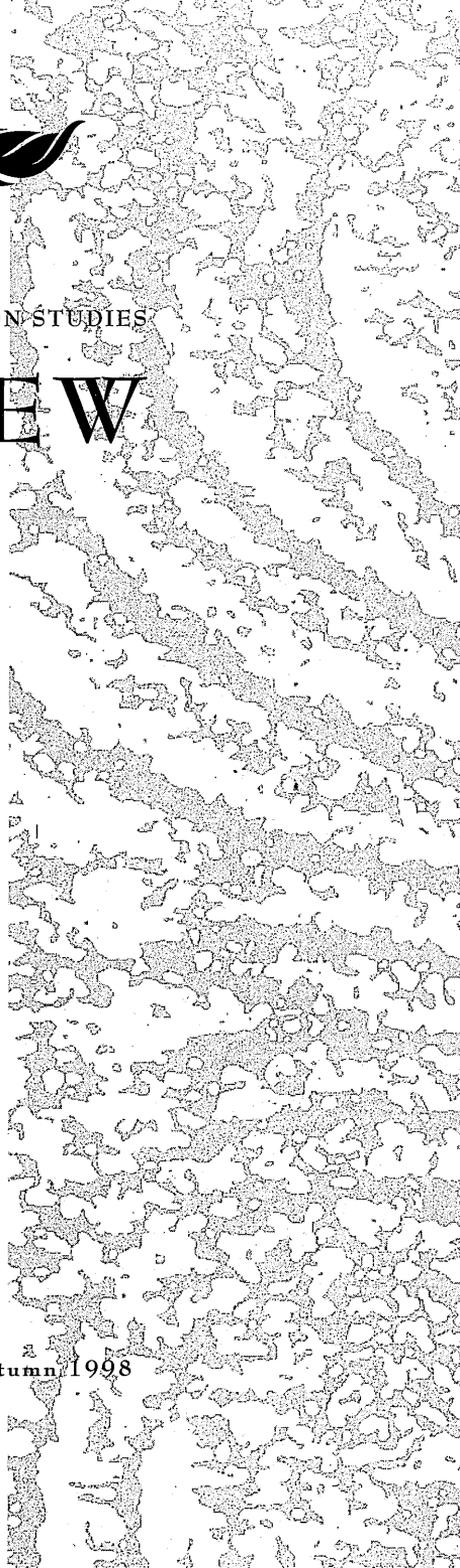


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## **Editorial**

Just as we were completing the preparation of this *Review*, the sad news came of the death of Penny Magee. Diagnosed with cancer only a few weeks before, her death took many people by surprise. We ourselves owe much to Penny as we took over from her in the publication of the Journal. We are most grateful for the help she gave us at that time, the resources she passed on to us, and her continuing encouragement. Penny has played a significant role in the development of the Australian Association for the Study of Religion. We are grateful that Marion Maddox was willing, at short notice, to gather the relevant information to pay tribute to her. Marion's tribute will be found on page 79. Greg Bailey also assisted in obtaining the photography from her children.

As the university begins another year, the AASR Conference organisers have been working hard in their preparations. The Conference, on 2nd to 5th July 1998, will be held in Melbourne. The theme will be 'Managing Religious Diversity'. (See page 83 for details.) With speakers, a panel discussion (which we hope will provide some practical illustrations of the theme), and papers, it promises to be a worthwhile and interesting event. We look forward to seeing many of the members of the Association there.

*'Tricia Blombery and Philip Hughes*  
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