

Editorial

I am becoming nostalgic already and we still have one more issue of *New Horizons in Education* to publish after this one. Although this is the last of our peer-reviewed volumes we have begun the 'tidying up' exercise, and it is in doing this that the significance of the journal has become increasingly apparent. For example, did you realize that the Australian National Library has a copy of every volume since the journal commenced in 1937? Each edition is fully indexed 'reflecting the prestige of the journal' according to the National Library person with whom I spoke. Furthermore, the Barr Smith Library at the University of Adelaide will, by the end of this year, have a full set with the addition of one or two past volumes which we can access.

This is the last volume which includes peer-reviewed articles whereas the final volume in November will include papers from previous editors of *New Horizons in Education* and presidents of *World Education Fellowship*. Of course, one of the biggest problems for an Editor is finding reviewers for articles, people who can comment on the work, and who can be relied upon to reply in a timely fashion. I have been extremely lucky with the reviewers who have helped me over the past few years and I would like to thank the following most sincerely:

- Dr Henk Eijkman
- Dr Anne Feeney
- Professor Philip Gammage
- Professor Denis Goodrum
- Dr Mary Hanarahan
- Dr Margaret Henry
- Professor Brian Hill
- David Massey
- Dr Coralie McCormack
- Professor Colin Power
- Dr Beth Rankin
- Dr Judith Rochecouste
- Dr Janet Smith
- Anne Stonehouse
- Christopher Strong
- Steve Thornton
- Dr Christine Trimmingham-Jack

The first of our peer-reviewed papers in this volume is by Nura Behjat and it addresses issues related to the impact of culture on learning for adult Indigenous students. The author analyses her own experiences as a non-indigenous teacher working in an Indigenous educational environment. Her particular focus is on mathematics education and the author draws some interesting conclusions from her experiences and observations.

The second of our peer-reviewed articles comes from Botswana. The author, Deborah Adeyemi, reports on research that she has undertaken related to an approach to the teaching and learning of composition writing. Adeyemi compares a cooperative approach with an individualized approach and reports that the cooperative approach appears to yield better results than the individual approach.

A particularly poignant paper has been prepared by Margaret Henry titled *Flowering, fading and facing the facts: World Education Fellowship in Queensland—1970 to 2005*. In this paper Henry traces the history and development of the Queensland section of World Education Fellowship (WEF) from the early 1960s. Much of the material that Henry draws on comes from the papers of her mother, Clarice McNamara, one of the founders of WEF in Australia. As Henry states:

Looking back over WEF's last 35 years in Queensland, I want to reflect on what made WEF in Queensland a great organisation, what has caused it to fall over at this time, and what—peering mistily into the future—might cause it to revive.

As usual we have reports from the national president of WEF, Professor Colin Power, and from WEF Sections. In his report, Professor Power encourages WEF members and Sections to find new and exciting ways of keeping in touch and sharing information that inform the values of WEF and its members with the cessation of the journal.

It is with particular pleasure that I have been able to publish a report from the Victorian Section of WEF under the leadership of Geoff Haw (President) and Athena Vongalis-Macrow (Secretary). Adding to my sense of nostalgia, Geoff reports on a meeting with Arthur Sandell, 'a stalwart supporter of WEF Victoria for many years, and who had written a detailed history of almost 60 years of WEF in Victoria.' I can recall attending a WEF Council meeting in Melbourne in the early 1980s where Arthur took a very active role. From that meeting 15 WEF Australian members (or it could have been more) signed up for the International Conference held in Seoul, Korea, my first WEF International Conference, and what a great way to start!

So, enough of nostalgia and looking back, our final volume can do that, this is a chance to look forward and to see what our authors have provided for us.

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