

# Reflections

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Being editor of a prestigious, national educational journal had never been an aspiration for me but Ruth Rogers' persistence and persuasion eventually triumphed over my reluctance and I confess that the challenge of producing Journals 94 to 99 beginning in May 1996 became stimulating and enjoyable.

At the start, there were two urgent needs—contributions and an understanding of electronic gadgetry. The first was initially met through collegial connections but, as themes were identified and submissions increased, there was ample copy to publish journals. The second need was satisfied through sitting with printers whose formatting mechanisms and skills amazed me.

I developed editorial policies:

- To have regular and predictable publication dates.
- To identify themes for each edition.
- To attempt a balance of interest for a range of educators—academics, practitioners and administrators.
- To encourage critical responses to contributions.
- To promote educational activity through reviews and notices.

Dr Margaret Henry and Professor Sybil McCulloch were wonderful and most valued associates and friends. I also enjoyed the dialogue with eminent educators – continuing learning and pleasure for me.

Do I regret that this is the final edition of *New Horizons in Education*? I understand that membership and financial circumstances compel the decision but I regret that the demise of a platform or provision for educational discourse must further reduce the influence which educators should have on education. Intellect, skill and culture are too important to be dominated by political imperatives and opportunists.

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