

Australian Healthcare & Hospitals Association

2009-2010

President's Report

October 2009 – September 2010



Introduction

I am pleased, once again, to present the annual President's Report in this 63rd year of the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association (AHHA). Since 1947, the AHHA has been the independent national body representing the public healthcare sector.

The AHHA prides itself on supporting and representing our members in the breadth of sectors and services across the country. Our major strength is our capacity to bring members together in Communities of Interest and Policy Think Tanks to discuss the topical issues affecting us all.

Consequently, all our policies and statements are not only focused on achieving a better public healthcare sector but, more importantly, reflect the views of members who are responsible for managing health services and caring for patients. Based on these policies, the AHHA has a leading voice in influencing governmental reforms and programs.

The past 12 months have provided critical opportunities arising from the system-wide reform agenda and the Federal Election to advocate for the public healthcare sector.

In addition, we continue to deliver a valuable range of quality services and products to our members.

This report outlines the AHHA's achievements for the 12 months to September 2010.

Membership

Increasing numbers of public and not-for-profit healthcare organisations are showing their appreciation and support for the Association's activities and services by signing on for Institutional membership. These organisations represent all classifications in the Institutional membership range including state, regional, hospital and community. Our Associate membership group (organisations which provide services into the health industry) is also growing as we expand the range of benefits we provide to them. We also value our Personal and Student members.

AHHA Membership Network

A strong membership is fundamental to the success of any Association. To maintain and attract members, we do not intend to rest on our laurels. We must constantly ensure our policies and activities reflect our members' views, needs and experiences via a regular exchange of information and ideas between the AHHA and its members. To do this we have established an AHHA Membership Network. Individuals from AHHA member organisations represent the AHHA in the workplace and provide us with feedback and new information about service innovations and needs. They also have the opportunity to work alongside the National Council and health policy leaders.

Before the end of this year, this Network will be supported by a web-based communications platform to facilitate conversations with the AHHA National Office and between Network members.

We encourage all Institutional and Associate members to nominate at least one Network representative with the aim of establishing the Network as a key feature in the structure and function of the AHHA.

Rural and Remote Health Network

In 2009 the AHHA worked with the Australasian College of Health Service Management (ACHSM) to develop a baseline position paper on rural Multi-Purpose Services (MPS), pre-empting recommendations contained in the final report of the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission. The AHHA – ACHSM Community of Interest was led by Mr Lyndon Seys, CEO of Alpine Health in Victoria. Alpine Health is a member of the AHHA and Lyndon is now our representative on the National Rural Health Alliance (NRHA) Council. The AHHA has been a member and supporter of the NRHA for a number of years and Lyndon's appointment will boost our participation.

In this capacity, Lyndon is also the Chair of our newly-formed AHHA Rural and Remote Health Network. This Network will be responsible for collaborating and providing:

- advice to the AHHA Secretariat on key rural and remote health issues facing the public sector – particularly in light of national reform proposals;
- contributions via the AHHA web-based communications platform (in development), including input to policy positions developed for and by the NRHA; and
- key policy ideas for the AHHA to progress.

The RRHN forms the basis for critical advocacy and information campaigns undertaken by the AHHA on rural and remote health and in influencing our other policies.

Awards



Sidney Sax Medal

The AHHA awards the annual Sidney Sax Medal to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution in the field of health services policy, organisation, delivery and research. Last year I had great pleasure in announcing **Professor Stephen Leeder** as the recipient of the 2009 Sidney Sax Medal for his outstanding work, noting in particular his contribution to health knowledge, systems and innovative medical education.



Honorary Life Member 2010

I am delighted to announce that **Professor Kathy Eagar** has been awarded Honorary Life Membership in 2010 for her significant and long-term contribution to the Association and to the healthcare sector generally through her writings and research.

Policy, Research and Advocacy Program

The AHHA has a comprehensive policy, research and advocacy program which is evaluated and refreshed every year by our National Council. This program is one of the AHHA's greatest strengths. Importantly, our policies, research initiatives and advocacy campaigns reflect the knowledge and expertise of people working in health services through their participation in our *Communities of Interest* and *Policy Think Tanks*. The output of this program gives AHHA the capacity to make a positive impact on government reforms and programs, to react quickly to emerging issues and to inform public opinion.

The AHHA's policies always propose practical, evidence-based solutions. In some cases these are small contained projects designed to have maximum influence, while others address the nation-wide issues such as the need for greater funding, improved safety and quality systems or better integration of services.

The AHHA uses the media to maximise the reach of our policies and views and our profile is significant. Most of the national health reporters recognise our expertise in representing our constituency and appreciate our readiness to respond to requests for information. Our media releases are available on the AHHA website.

Summary of key policies, research and advocacy campaigns

Ongoing Policy	Aim
Governance and reforms	The Governance policy monograph (2009) influenced the outcomes of the NHHRC process and continues to form the basis of AHHA's response to the NHHN reforms.
Community and Primary Health	The Community and Primary Health Care policy paper (2008) formed the basis of AHHA's submission to the Primary Health Care Taskforce and continues to influence our response to the NHHN reforms. The AHHA is particularly focused on ensuring that community care is well funded and fully integrated with hospital services.
Managing Acute Care Demand	The Managing Demand for Acute Care policy paper (2009) continues to be influential in forming the basis of AHHA's response to the NHHN reforms. The AHHA aims to ensure implementation of the innovations considered in the paper as well as raising awareness of the efficiency of public hospitals in meeting demand, given limited resources.
Multi-Purpose Services (MPS)	The MPS issues paper (2009), developed in conjunction with Australasian College of Health Service Management, featured a series of Case Stories identified as best practice MPS models. Each case is of value in identifying critical success factors for an evaluation framework.

Ongoing Policy	Aim
Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT)	The AHHA continues to work with clinicians to re-establish MBS items for HBOT treatment of non-healing wounds (non-diabetic and radiation treatment related). Currently our application is being heard by the Medical Services Advisory Committee (MSAC).
E-health	The AHHA continues to promote funding and implementation of e-health solutions, using our Information Management Policy Paper (2008) as a basis. The Association strongly believes that specific funding for e-health workforce and training is essential.
Translating policy into practice	
Disparities in Hospital Treatment for Indigenous Patients with Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS) Partner - Heart Foundation	The AHHA developed a monograph in 2009, in conjunction with the Heart Foundation, which is the subject of ongoing development and advocacy in the context of the 'Close the Gap' campaign. The AHHA aims to develop and test best practice national guidelines to improve hospital care for Indigenous patients (ACS and beyond).
Campaigns	
Oral/Dental Health Supported by the Public Health Association of Australia and the National Rural Health Alliance	The AHHA has maintained an ongoing high profile campaign for three years, promoting a public dental care system as a high priority. To alter the Dental Board's registration standards in relation to therapists and hygienists
Research	
Culture Change in Health Partners - UNSW Australian School of Business & Queensland Health	To seek Australian Research Council funding (as an industry partner) to research factors which impact on employee satisfaction and health outcomes.
New Policy	
Employment of refugees and migrants in health services Partner - Australian Multicultural Education Service	The AHHA is developing policy in 2010 aimed at developing socially responsible policy for employing refugees in the health sector and raising awareness of the issue.
End of Life (EOL) Partner - Palliative Care Australia (PCA)	The AHHA is working with PCA to develop policy which aims to raise awareness among all health sectors and the community of EOL and to improve health sector approaches to caring for people at the end of their lives.

2010 Federal Election

Health is a critical issue for the community at any time but is particularly so during an election campaign. Disappointingly there was insufficient focus on the state of public health care from the major parties. During the campaign, the AHHA put out a comprehensive Election Statement comparing the health programs of the major parties (available on our website).

As you know, the Federal Election held on 21 August 2010 had a very uncertain result and has delivered a political context that is unheralded in modern Australia. At the time of writing, exactly how this plays out for health is yet to be elucidated.

National Health and Hospital Network Reforms

The AHHA was sharply focused on the national reform agenda during the last 12 months. This process started in 2008 with the establishment of the National Health and Hospitals Reform Commission. In June 2009, the Commission made its final recommendations which shaped a comprehensive set of reforms, announced by then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd in March 2010. Subsequently, in April the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) reached agreement to reform Australia's health system (with the exception of WA). They established the National Health and Hospitals Network (NHHN) as the vehicle for that reform.

The AHHA applauded the NHHN reforms put forward by the Government believing that they have the potential to deliver important funding and structural changes for public hospitals and primary/community healthcare services. Despite our support for the reforms, however, there are a number of complicating factors. We have identified a number of deficiencies and gaps which we will be working to alleviate, and hope that the momentum of health reform is not lost in the endeavour to shape a functioning Government. In the medium term, the manner in which any reforms are implemented will be critical in harnessing provider and community support.

To this end, the Association developed a detailed response to the NHHN reforms and is involved in key discussions with all governments backed up by advice from our members.

Events

Congress



The AHHA's Congress 'brand' has gained in profile and support each year. Our strategic partner, the Australian Institute of Health Policy Studies, works with us to develop the program and promote the event widely to our audience of clinicians, policy shapers, managers and academics.

Our 2009 Congress in Hobart was very successful as was the 2010 Congress held at the Adelaide Hilton (22-24 September). The theme was HEALTHCON 2010: Multiple Dimensions in Healthcare. The program was futuristic and action-packed and featured a stellar list of national and international speakers as well as two workshops that were focussed on researching and implementing the National Health and Hospital Network reforms.

Policy Think Tanks and Roundtables



The AHHA Policy Think Tanks complement our policy development program and are designed to provide input to policy and advocacy campaigns. Each of these events provides a format for policy updates from key speakers and the opportunity for participants to break into smaller working groups to determine key priorities and advocacy strategies. During the last 12 months, our Policy Think Tanks provided the opportunity to discuss:

- Combined Policies (21 August 2009) with guest presenters on three AHHA policies: Indigenous coronary care (with the Heart Foundation); managing acute care demand; and culture change in health services;
- End-of-life care (19 February 2010) run jointly with Palliative Care Australia and expert guest presenters Professors Jane Ingham and Ken Hillman;
- Activity Based Funding (7 May 2010) with experts Dr John Deeble, Professor Kathy Eagar and Dr Paul Tridgell. This Roundtable discussed implications of the requirement, under the NHHN reforms, for states and territories to implement activity based funding (over time) for all health services. The AHHA aims to develop a checklist for governments designing Activity Based Funding to ensure that it will improve and not harm the Australian health and hospital system;
- Oral and Dental Health Care (3-4 June 2010) which featured a range of invited and selected speakers through a call for abstracts. This event was dedicated to linking on-the-ground practice and innovations in oral health with the national policy agenda. The AHHA's particular focus was on building a consensus position to take forward to all political parties in the Federal Election as well as in the context of broader health system reforms; and
- Community and Primary Health Care (1 September 2010) which came at a time when the question of reform in this sector was uncertain due to the election result. Key speakers from

the Divisions of General Practice, and community and non-government health providers were able to discuss the future of primary and community health in spite of the uncertainty surrounding health reforms.

State and Territory branch meetings



AHHA Branch meetings are designed to strengthen the AHHA's local structures by bringing members together in individual jurisdictions. They also provide the opportunity for our members and stakeholders to hear from interesting guest presenters.

We held a handful of branch seminars at the end of 2009 following the last Annual General Meeting. Mick Reid, Director General of Queensland Health, delivered an insightful presentation on 19 November on the response to health reform proposals from the perspective of the Queensland system.

Mark Cormack spoke about reform at our ACT branch meeting on 11 December, not long before moving on from ACT Health to take up the position of Chief Executive Officer of the newly formed Health Workforce Australia.

To get 2010 off to a start, Dr Tony Sherbon, Chief Executive of SA Health, spoke at our Adelaide branch seminar held at the Art Gallery of South Australia on 22 January. Tony was able to provide some additional insight to how the health reform negotiations were tracking between the Commonwealth and the states/territories.

For our second round of branch seminars in 2010, Dr Chris Baggoley, Chief Executive of the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, toured a number of cities for the AHHA. He discussed the role of the Commission in developing national healthcare standards and clinical guidelines in Sydney (16 August), Melbourne (2 September), Perth (6 September) and Adelaide (10 September).

Our second ACT branch meeting for the reporting period (14 September) was addressed by the new CEO of ACT Health, Dr Peggy Brown. Tasmanian members had the opportunity to meet during their

annual Combined Health Colleges Conference (21-22 July 2010). Further meetings in Queensland and the Northern Territory are scheduled to be held before the end of 2010.

The AHHA, in partnership with the Australasian College of Health Service Management (NSW) and law firm DLA Phillips Fox, also convened a Health Law Seminar on 31 March on the topic of Regulating Health Professionals.

Publications

The AHHA is a source of relevant, timely and high quality information about health services, both national and global. We provide our members with a comprehensive range of information and support, including the following print and online publications.

Australian Health Review (AHR)



The AHHA is proud of our prestigious peer-reviewed journal, which continues to gain in national and international recognition. The last 12 months have been very positive, although challenging, for the *AHR*. Over the December 2009 - January 2010 period, the AHHA formed a merger with the *Australian and New Zealand Health Policy* e-journal. This merger triggered the creation of an expanded, highly professional Editorial Board, as well as a restructured Editorial Team, headed by Editor-in-Chief, Professor Andrew Wilson. Andrew is supported by three Associate Editors – Professor Simon Barraclough (Policy), Dr Gary Day (Workforce Models) and Dr Deborah Yarmo-Roberts (Models of Care).

At the same time, the AHHA managed a change of publishers to CSIRO Publishing, a move which positions the *AHR* well in the academic publishing world.

The agreement with the Case Management Society of Australia (CMSA), in which CMSA has a special Models of Care section in the Journal and all members receive a copy of *AHR*, remains mutually beneficial for both organisations.

The *AHR* is published quarterly in print and online, accompanied by a selection of Open Access articles that are posted at the same time as the journal is published.

The Health Advocate (THA)



Published five times a year, in partnership with Globe Publishing, *THA* was launched at the 2009 Congress. Since then, its reputation and popularity have grown enormously. The AHHA aims to make *THA* the only magazine worth reading if you work in the Australian healthcare industry.

E-Healthcare Brief and Daily Network Update

Our weekly and daily news/events summaries continue to be read widely throughout the industry. From 20 August the AHHA ceased distribution

of the Daily Network Update email in favour of sending two editions of the popular E-Healthcare Brief per week. The AHHA continues to post all the breaking news, latest events and job vacancies on the website.

Consultations and Submissions

The AHHA contributes to national health policy development through participating in consultative activities and writing submissions for reviews and inquiries. During the previous 12 months, we have prepared submissions and/or participated in:

- Inquiry into Dental Services for Older South Australians (August 2009);
- National Safety and Quality Healthcare Standards, developed by the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (January 2010);
- Commonwealth Government Pre-Budget Submission 2010-11 (January 2010);
- Department of Health and Ageing - Regulations for the Healthcare Identifier Bill in response to the Request for Public Comment on the Exposure Draft Regulations, in conjunction with the Health Informatics Society of Australia as the lead party (May 2010); and
- Productivity Commission - Study into Public and Private Hospitals (June-December 2010).

Strategic Partners and Alliances

Another feature of AHHA's working style is the establishment of strategic partnerships. In addition to our ongoing partnership with the Australian Institute of Health Policy Studies, the AHHA maintains strong networking links, both formally and informally, with a wide range of industry stakeholders and organisations.

Over the last 12 months our alliances in relation to policy development and events have included the Australasian College of Health Service Management, the Victorian Healthcare Association, the Women's and Children's Hospitals Australasia (co-located with AHHA in Canberra), the Health Informatics Society of Australia and the Heart Foundation.

By employing the mutual and complementary strengths of these organisations, our policies are enhanced. The great benefit of sharing the advocacy platform with partners is that, by representing a larger constituency, we can have a greater impact on governments.

In addition, AHHA belongs to other industry organisations and participates in many industry events. A list of these activities and representatives is at Appendix 1. The Association appreciates the time commitment and expertise of our representatives.

Speeches

Another activity which provides a platform for AHHA to emphasise its policies is at Conference presentations. Most recently, Prue Power has given the following presentations:

- Tasmanian Combined Colleges Conference on The National Health Reforms (21 July 2010).

- The Committee for Economic Development of Australia) on The National Health Reforms – impact for NSW (12 August 2010).

Sponsorship

General and Congress sponsorship is a welcome source of revenue plus in-kind support for the AHHA. The Association appreciates the support of our loyal sponsors, HESTA and Philips and thanks them for their valuable contributions. We also thank CSC for its generous contribution to the 2010 Congress. AHHA thanks Tress Cox Lawyers, DLA Phillips Fox and PricewaterhouseCoopers for their in-kind sponsorship, providing venues and resources for our events.

National Secretariat

AHHA's National Secretariat, located in Canberra, cares very much about improving the public healthcare system. This small team represents members' interests at the highest levels. I wish to acknowledge their work and thank them for their commitment to our organisation.



It is with great sadness that I must note the passing of the AHHA's friend, mentor and financial adviser, David Sly. David passed away unexpectedly on 22 July 2010 in Canberra. Our thoughts will remain with his family.

His commitment to the AHHA and his quiet support and wisdom will be sorely missed by us all.

AHHA National Council and Representatives

I also wish to thank all members who have been involved in our policy development agenda and who have represented AHHA on various committees and inquiries. We are grateful to them for sharing their expertise with us and assisting AHHA to provide such high quality input.

I especially thank our National Councillors for their dedication to our Association and for being available to support the organisation throughout the year. In particular, I wish to thank our Board members who have given dedicated support to the Association over the past 12 months. They have been Immediate Past-President, Dr Stephen Christley; Vice-Presidents, Dr Paul Scown and Dr Patrick Bolton; and Treasurer, Mr Felix Pintado.

To those Board members and Councillors who are not returning, I know that I speak for all of us in thanking you for your commitment to the AHHA. I trust that you will continue to maintain an involvement in the life and activities of this important Association.



AHHA Honour Board

The AHHA Honour Board is attached [Appendix 2], listing all the people who have committed themselves to the AHHA over our 63 years including Life Members, Sidney Sax Medallists, Presidents, National/Executive Directors and *AHR* Editors.

Conclusion

I thank you all for helping us to continue our valuable work over the past year.

Dr David Panter, President

Strategic Partners and Alliances 2010

Organisation	Committee	AHHA representative
Australian Health Care Reform Alliance	Executive and member	Ms Prue Power
National Primary and Community Health Network	Executive and member	Ms Prue Power
National Rural Health Alliance	Member	Mr Lyndon Seys
Health Informatics Society of Australia	National Health Informatics Education Committee	Dr Patrick Bolton
Australian Cancer Network		Annette Schmiede
National Aged Care Alliance		Jill Hutchison
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare	Australian Hospital Statistics Advisory Committee Meeting	Dr Paul Tridgell
Australian Multicultural Education Services		Graeme Houghton
Heart Foundation	Acute Coronary Syndrome Implementation Working Group	Dr Patrick Bolton
Heart Foundation	Steering Committee for the Collaborative Model of Clinical Guidelines Development	Dr David Mountain
Palliative Care Australia	Quality Care at the End-of-Life Alliance	Dr Jane Tolman
Royal Australian College of Surgeons	Australian Day Surgery Committee	Dr Bill Coote
Department of Health and Ageing Casemix Conference Steering Committee	Member	Ms Prue Power
Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre Management Advisory Group	Member	Mr Graem Kelly
Green Health Alliance	Member	Mr Mark Sullivan

Organisation	Event	AHHA representative
Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council consultation	2010 Workforce Environmental Scan	Felix Pintado
Heart Foundation	Consultation Survey CVD Clinical Guidelines	Dr Patrick Bolton
Multiple Sclerosis Australia	Aids & Equipment National Reform Agenda	Annette Schmiede
Hospital Management Asia	2010 Awards judging panels	Felix Pintado Michael Pervan Sandy Thomson

AHHA History & AHHA Honour Board

AHHA History

Inaugural meetings of the Australian Hospital Association were held in Melbourne on 18 November 1946 (Royal Melbourne Hospital) and in Sydney on 17 February 1947, when the first Annual General Meeting was held (Stawell Hall, Macquarie St). The driving force was Dr H H Schlink, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney. The AHA joined the International Hospital Federation when it was founded in 1949. A National Secretariat was established in Sydney in 1974. In 1976 the AHA was incorporated under the Australian Capital Territory Companies Ordinance. In 1982, National Council resolved to move the National Secretariat to Canberra. The AHA joined the Asian Hospital Federation in 2000. The organisation changed its name to Australian Healthcare Association on 9 December 1996 and then to the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association in 2006.

AHHA Honour Board

Honorary Life Membership

1982	Sir Alastair Stephen in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Association and healthcare in Australia
1982	Dr Sidney Sax in recognition to the Australian healthcare system through his administration, writings and research
1983	Sir John Frew in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Association and healthcare in Australia
1984	Dame Patricia McKinnon in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Association and paediatric healthcare in Australia
1985	Mr Joseph Griffith OBE in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Association and the modern hospital development in Australia
1986	Mr Royce Kronborg in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Association and healthcare in Australia
1991	Mr Keith Bagley in recognition of significant, long-term contribution to the Association and outstanding Presidency
1991	Mrs Susan Rankine AO in recognition of significant, long-term contribution to the Association and outstanding Presidency
2009	Dr John Deeble AO in recognition of significant, long-term contribution to the Association and healthcare in Australia
2010	Professor Kathy Eagar in recognition of significant, long-term contribution to the Association and healthcare in Australia

Sidney Sax Medallists

1986	Professor James Lawson
1987	Dr Donald Child
1988	Dr Ian Brand
1990	Dr Bernie Amos
1991	Professor John Blandford
1992	Dr Diana Horvath
1993	Mr Allan Hughes
1994	Professor John Deeble
1995	Dr Rex Joyner
1996	Dr John Yu
1997	Dr Owen Curteis
1998	<i>Not awarded</i>
1999	Mr Ron Tindale
2000	Dr David Watson
2001	Dr Jon Mulligan
2002	Dr Jack Sparrow
2003	Professor Stephen Duckett
2004	Professor Helen Lapsley
2005	Professor Brendon Kearney
2006	Professor Bruce Barraclough
2007	Dr David Filby
2008	Professor William (Bill) Runciman
2009	Professor Stephen Leeder

Presidents

1946-1958	Sir Herbert H Schlink
1958-1961	Mr John B Plant [Sir Herbert Schlink became Patron)
1961-1969	Sir Hamilton M Sleigh
1969-1971	Sir Alastair E Stephen
1971-1973	Dr C Douglas Donald
1973-1974	Sir Lincoln (Bob) C Hynes
1974-1976	Mr Royce H. Kronborg
1976-1978	Mr Douglas C Davidson
1978-1980	Mr Selby K Steele
1980-1982	Dr Donald S Child
1982-1984	Mr John M. Gibbs
1984-1986	Dr B. R. Catchlove
1987-1988	Mr Keith Bagley
1988-1990	Professor John Blandford
1990-1992	Mr Jon Tribe
1992-1993	Professor Mark Liveris
1993-1995	Dr Diana Horvath
1995-1997	Mr Ron Tindale
1997-1999	Mr John Smith
1999-2001	Mr Allan Hughes
2001-2005	A/Professor Deborah Green
2005-2007	Dr Stephen Christley
2007-	Dr David Panter

Honorary Secretaries and National/Executive Directors

1946	Sir Norman Paul (Sydney) & J Beacham Kiddle (Melbourne) (Honorary Secretaries)
1947	Dr H O Selle (Sydney) and Col R E Fanning (Melbourne) (Honorary Secretaries)
1956	Dr Sam Hatfield (Honorary Federal Secretary)
1958-1967	Dr Edgar Thompson (Honorary Federal Secretary)
1967-1974	Mr Royce H. Kronborg (Honorary Federal Secretary – Exec Vice-President)
1974-1980	Mr Trevor Elligett (first paid National Director)
1980-1987	Dr Errol Pickering (National Director)
1987-1989	Dr John Morris (National Director)
1989-1990	Mr Peter Read (National Director)
1990-1997	Mr Peter Baulderstone (National Director)
1997-1998	Professor Don Hindle (National Director)
1998-2002	Mr Mark Cormack (National Director)
2002-	Ms Prue Power (Executive Director)

Australian Health Review Editors

Year	Editor in Chief	Associate Editors
1974-1980	Mr Allan Hughes	
1980-1981	Dr Maureen Gleeson	
1982-1983	Dr Fedora Trinker	
1983-1984	Dr Johannes Stoelwinder	
1985-1987	Mr Jonathan Tribe	
1987-1993	Mr Chris Richards	
1993-1994	Ms Ros O'Sullivan	
1994-1998	Dr Roy Green	
1998-2003	Professor Don Hindle	
2003-2005	Professor Judith Dwyer	
	Dr Sandra Leggat	
2005-2009	Dr Sandra Leggat	
2009-2010	Dr Gary Day	
2010-	Professor Andrew Wilson	Dr Gary Day
		Professor Simon Barraclough
		Dr Deborah Roberts