



Editorial

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Australian Infection Control has achieved another milestone, with all the articles in this issue peer-reviewed prior to publication. Members of the journal's editorial board will undertake the review process, thereby ensuring the high quality of the content of future editions. It gives me great pleasure to announce and welcome these members, who are as follows.

- **Infection control practitioners:**
 - Elaine Graham, ACT
 - Megan Breust, NSW
 - Frances Birrell, Qld
 - Chen Anderson, WA.
- **Clinical microbiologists:**
 - Dr Joan Faoagali, Qld
 - Associate Professor John Pearman, WA
 - Dr John Ferguson, NSW.
- **Infectious diseases physicians:**
 - Dr Michael Whitby, Qld
 - Dr Denis Spelman, Vic.
- **Epidemiologists:**
 - Mary Beers, ACT

- Dr Mary-Louise McLaws, NSW
- Dr Aileen Plant, WA.

- **Virologist:** Dr Geoffrey Higgins, SA.

As mentioned in the previous issue, the primary role of these board members will be that of reviewing articles submitted to the editor for publication. The review process consists of initial assessment of the article by the editor, for appropriateness of topic and format and satisfactory quality. Following this, a minimum of two appropriately qualified reviewers from the editorial board will be selected to review the article. Reviewers will be provided with basic guidelines for reviewing the articles for *Australian Infection Control* and informed of the anticipated standards and objectives of the journal. To reduce the possibility of bias, a double-blinded review process will be used, with neither author nor reviewer known to each other. Prospective authors should be encouraged by the existence of this review process, since it will detect ambiguities or mistakes before the reader does, thereby ensuring a superior standard for the final manuscript. When submitting material for publication, authors are once again reminded to refer to the guidelines for authors published in this journal.

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Applications close 31 December 1998.