

The end of one era, and the start of another

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Price Pritchett was once quoted as saying 'change always comes bearing gifts'. This quotation is apt for the *Australian Health Review* for 2010. The 'gifts' for the AHR are fourfold. Firstly, the *Australian and New Zealand Health Policy Journal* (the journal of the Australian Institute of Health Policy Studies) has merged with the AHR. The merger further strengthens the AHR as the pre-eminent Australian journal devoted to health management, systems and policy research. The second gift is a new Editorial Board that will play a major role in the ongoing direction and success of the journal.

The third gift is the addition of Dr Simon Barraclough as the Associate Editor – Health Policy. Simon is a gifted academic and editor in his own right. I am positive that Simon's inclusion (along with Dr Deborah Yarmo-Roberts, Associate Editor – Models of Care) will add to the Journal's internal rigour, and his wealth of experience will contribute to taking the quality of the papers in the AHR to a new level.

The fourth gift is a new publisher. In 2010, the AHR has commenced a relationship with **CSIRO PUBLISHING**. **CSIRO PUBLISHING** already has a number of high-quality scientific journals in its 'stable' and I am confident our association with this publisher will further enhance the quality, readability and wider acknowledgement of the AHR as a worthy scientific peer-reviewed health journal. Although I am personally excited about these gifts, the real winners are the readership of the

Journal and the broader health system. Both of these groups will see an increase in the quality of the papers that will help inform the health system and policy debates.

In thinking of the gifts for 2010, I also acknowledge and thank the outgoing Editor of the AHR, Professor Sandra Leggat. Sandra has been a fantastic colleague and source of information as I have taken over the role of Editor-in-Chief. I can also say the Journal has continued to grow in terms of quality during her term. Good luck in your future endeavours Sandra. Finally, I would also like to thank the staff at the Australasian Medical Publishing Company (AMPCo) for publishing the AHR up until the end of 2009. I wanted to particularly thank Christine Binskin and Kerrie Harding for their professionalism, positive attitude and support. You have also contributed to the ongoing success of AHR.

This issue covers a wide range of excellent papers covering contemporary challenges such as health service utilisation, models of care, governance, workforce and information management.

Welcome to the new era of the *Australian Health Review*, enjoy the gifts and I am looking forward to working behind the scenes to continue to grow and improve the AHR.

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