

Rising Stars Foreword

Welcome to this Rising Stars of Chemistry Special Issue for the *Australian Journal of Chemistry*. In a first of its kind, we are delighted to present a collection of papers that showcase the high-quality work of internationally recognised Australian and New Zealand researchers in the early stages of their independent careers. This issue is intended to showcase the diversity and strength of research being carried out by tomorrow's leaders in all fields of the Chemical Sciences. In consultation with the Editorial Board of the journal, we nominated individual researchers recognised by their peers as 'Rising Stars', with the potential to influence their respective research fields, not just in Australia but internationally.

This issue of the *Australian Journal of Chemistry* has resulted in 15 high-quality research articles and reviews that reflect a wide breadth of research within the chemistry community. The work presented here highlights recent advances in theory, experiment and methodology to solve compelling problems in their respective fields.

We hope you enjoy this Rising Stars Special Issue and it is our profound pleasure to introduce our next generation of home-grown leaders in the Chemical Sciences.

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