

History Australia **Report for Annual General Meeting, July 2014**

History Australia has fully transitioned to the new Canberra-based editorial team over the past 12 months. In addition to the three editors, that team now includes Dr Karen Downing as Assistant Editor for one day per week, financed by the Research School of Social Sciences at ANU. The Book Review Editor is Dr Zora Simic (UNSW) and the Exhibition Review Editor, Dr Sarah Pinto, who has recently moved to Deakin University.

The editors, together with the President of the AHA, signed a new publishing contract with Monash University Publishing to take us through 2014, with the option of extending the arrangement further.

The team has now seen three issues through to print, two general issues and a special issue on the theme of 'Home' guest-edited by Ruth Balint and Julie Kalman. The fourth issue is in proofing stage and is due for release in August 2014, and we have commenced copy-editing for the December 2014 issue.

The journal has continued to receive healthy submissions under the new editorial team, and the rejection rate has consequently risen. Over the 2013 calendar year we received 71 articles. For unsolicited articles, the acceptance rate was 32%.¹

In addition to the special issue, the journal has also published a feature section, curated by Tessa Morris-Suzuki, devoted to the history of the International Committee of the Red Cross in the Asia-Pacific region, and a symposium on the topic of 'Nationalism and Transnationalism in Australian History' curated by Sharon Crozier-de Rosa and David Lowe.

We have a number of exciting features lined up for future issues. These include:

- 1) A collection of short pieces on the place of Anzac in the national memory of a range of countries, including Australia, New Zealand, India and the UK, scheduled for April 2015.
- 2) A small collection of articles on displaced people in Australia, to be curated by Sheila Fitzpatrick, which is due to appear in August 2015,
- 3) A selection of articles coming out of the recent conference in honour of Ann Curthoys, due to appear in December 2015.

¹ These statistics have been calculated treating 'revisions required' as acceptance and 'revise and resubmit' as rejection. This follows the practice of the previous editorial team.

- 4) A special issue devoted to Australasian perspectives on British history, guest-edited by Leigh Boucher and Kate Fullagar, scheduled for April 2016. This was approved by the editorial board.
- 5) We have commissioned Shigeru Akita (Osaka University) to write a piece on his important work promoting global history in Asia to appear in 2015.

The AHA/CAL scheme has been renewed, and this year we have eleven recipients of mentoring at the AHA conference in Brisbane – ten of whom are on full bursaries.

Tomoko Akami, Frank Bongiorno and Alex Cook, Editors, *History Australia*, July 2014