



Editorial

Welcome to the first issue of the Gazette in 2008.

In this issue, Peter Kloeden writes in Maths Matters about the differences between the German and the Australian University systems, the attitude towards mathematics in both countries, and the changes that have been imposed upon the German system to conform with the Bologna Treaty. Having come through the old Diplom system myself, I (Birgit) thoroughly enjoyed reading this contribution, which brought a smile to my face on numerous occasions. We look forward to a locally organised 'Year of Mathematics' — the challenge is on!

We would like to congratulate Peter Pleasants from the University of Queensland for winning the \$50 Puzzle Corner book voucher! If you have been reading the Puzzle Corner solutions, you will have noticed that he is a regular contributor.

We are pleased to publish Sharleen Harper's T.M. Cherry Prize winning paper on modelling droplet transport from last year's ANZIAM conference, as well as a technical paper by John Miller 'Pantographs and Cyclicity', and Amie Albrecht and Kevin White's paper on 'Counting Paths on a Grid'.

Apart from the regular contributions, this issue features Cheryl Praeger's reflection on mathematics, a report on the J.H. Michell Medal winner Carlo Laing (congratulations!), and three book reviews.

We would like to invite submissions for the Classroom Notes and for Maths@Work. If your teaching practice is innovative, or has resulted in unexpected (positive) results, you are encouraged to share with others through this column. If one of your past students is working on exciting projects outside academia, we would like to hear about it.

You will have noticed the change in layout and functionality of the AustMS (and the Gazette) website. For example there is now a blog-style news module to which you can subscribe via RSS feeds to be notified of new items. We would like to ask for your patience while the Gazette site is updated, but at the same time to let us know if links to articles or whole issues of the Gazette are broken. Books available for review will be listed on the site shortly. But as usual if you would like to suggest a book for review, please contact us.

Enjoy this issue!

Birgit and Eileen