



# Editorial

After three years and fifteen issues of the *Gazette* our term as editors has come to an end, and the new editorial team of Birgit Loch and Rachel Thomas, assisted by Eileen Dallwitz, will take over at the end of this year. We are sure the new editors will enjoy their job as much as we have and hope they can help to raise the *Gazette*'s standard and reputation further.

The *Gazette* (albeit much more interesting) is no *Woman's Weekly* or *Men's Health*, written by one group of people for consumption by another group. Rather the *Gazette* is *for* its users *by* its users, — or so it should be — and therefore only as relevant and interesting as we, members of the AustMS, make it. As resigning editors we appeal to all AustMS members to continue to support the *Gazette* by making interesting submissions — technical and otherwise — and by acting as referees, reviewers or local correspondents. Together with its technical journals the *Gazette* is the face of the Australian Mathematical Society and, more broadly, Australian mathematics. We all share a responsibility to make this face respectable and presentable.

No one has done more in this respect than Norman Do in his **Mathellaneous** column. This issue's contribution will be Norman's last and we wish to thank him for his tireless efforts in writing such wonderful columns. We also wish to thank May Truong, Administrative Officer of the AustMS, for her help in dealing with numerous behind-the-scene issues over the past three years. We are grateful to our regular columnists, local correspondents and book reviewers, as well as to John Bamberg, Ray Booth, Nathan Clisby, Neville de Mestre, Mike Eastwood, Peter Forrester, William Hart, Mike Hirschhorn, Le Anh Vinh, Vicky Mak, Brendan McKay, Lawrence Reeves, Ken Sharpe, John Stillwell, Rudolf Vyborny, Ray Watson, Norman Wildberger, Panlop Zeephongsekul and Sanming Zhou for their help and contributions in 2006.

Finally, we could not have done without our assistant editors Maaïke Wienk and Celestien Notschaele. Maaïke and Celestien not only took care of us, but handled most of the production and daily running of the *Gazette*.

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