



# Editorial

Welcome to the July issue of the *Gazette*.

In the Classroom Notes, Jerry Koliha and two of his third-year students, Sam Chow and Gus Schrader, describe how they approached a challenging problem in a special practice class in Linear Analysis. It is very encouraging to receive a contribution from undergraduate students, and we hope that both Sam and Gus and all their peers will send us many more articles in the future.

Also in this issue, Jon Borwein talks about exploratory experimentation in Maths Matters, a topic close to his heart. We also continue our new series Mathematical Minds with an interview with Rob McIntosh from Telstra's Chief Technology Office. And Nalini Joshi, Hyam Rubenstein and Philip Broadbridge all ponder the issues of funding for Australian mathematics.

Congratulations to Ivan Guo for winning the latest Puzzle Corner book voucher. And on behalf of all our readers, congratulations to Dr Norman Do for completing his PhD while contributing the regular Puzzle Corner.

Happy reading from the *Gazette* team.

## **Vacancy: Editors for the *Gazette***

The present Editors of the *Gazette*, Birgit Loch and Rachel Thomas, are, sadly, stepping down from their position on 31 December 2009. So the Society is looking for new Editors for the *Gazette*. An overlap in the position of a few months, from about October 2009, is envisaged, to enable a smooth transition to the new editors.

Anyone interested in the position of Editor is invited to send (via e-mail) a brief resumé and covering letter to both the President and the Secretary, at [President@austms.org.au](mailto:President@austms.org.au) and [Secretary@austms.org.au](mailto:Secretary@austms.org.au).

The current Production Editor, Eileen Dallwitz, is expected to continue, so there is no need for the incoming Editors to know any  $\text{\TeX}$  although such knowledge would still be an advantage. There will be some financial assistance provided towards teaching relief and/or AustMS conference registration and expenses.

For further information about what the position entails, please contact the present Editors at [gazette@austms.org.au](mailto:gazette@austms.org.au).

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