



Editorial

Welcome to the November issue of the *Gazette*!

Terry Tao's marathon lecture tour across Australia gave us an opportunity to interview him for Mathematical Minds. Terry tells us what made him choose mathematics, and if winning the Fields medal has changed his life. In Maths Matters, Hyam Rubinstein asks if richer mathematical training for teachers and stronger academic industry connections can help the mathematical sciences thrive in Australia. We have reports from last year's joint event of the annual meeting of the AustMS and the New Zealand Mathematical Colloquium, and from this year's European Women in Mathematics meeting in Serbia and the ANZIAM conference on the Sunshine Coast. Peter Johnston also files his annual report on the Honours and Higher Mathematics and Statistics Degree completions.

This issue sees the last Puzzle Corner from Norman Do. We'd like to thank Norman for his excellent contributions which started with Mathellaneous in 2004 and concluded with three years of puzzles. The column has been incredibly popular and has again inspired a technical paper, this time by Rick Mabry and Laura McCormick. Norman is handing over the reins to Ivan Guo, a past winner of the book voucher, and we can look forward to more puzzling glory and worthy prize-winners next year.

In another changeover we welcome Geoff Prince with his first column as director of AMSI, and thank Phil Broadbridge for his regular contribution to the AMSI News. This issue is also the last for Elizabeth Billington as Secretary of the AustMS. As well as working tirelessly for the Society, Liz has been an enormous support to us over the last three years, and on behalf of all the members of the AustMS we'd like to thank her and wish her all the best.

This is our last issue of the *Gazette*, and we'd like to take this chance to thank all our other regular contributors over the last three years: Peter Hall, Nalini Joshi, Tony Roberts and Bill Blyth. Thank you to all local correspondents who provided us with news from departments and schools. Working on the *Gazette* has been a great experience, and one that was made ever more educational, efficient, and most importantly enjoyable thanks to the hard work and professionalism of the production editor, Eileen Dallwitz, who kept us on target for every issue. Thank you Eileen!

And with farewells over, we would like to warmly welcome the new editors Amie Albrecht and Kevin White from the University of South Australia. They have already started lending a hand, and we wish them all the best working on the *Gazette*. Next year will see some changes for the *Gazette*. For example, soon the *Gazette* will no longer be publishing technical papers, and instead an editorial board will be formed to support the editors in commissioning review articles of interest to the AustMS community. So if you have any suggestions for topics or areas that should be covered, please let us know.

Happy reading from the *Gazette* team.