



Editorial

Sid and I welcome you to the last issue of the *Gazette* for 2014. Close to the end of another year of teaching, the *Gazette* will have its usual four-month gap between issues, with the next one due in March 2015. Interactions between mathematicians won't stop in the summer period, with a plethora of courses and conferences available, and listed in the news section.

In particular, the Annual Meeting in December will be a joint meeting with the New Zealand Mathematical Society, an event which happens every six years. This 8th Australia New Zealand Mathematics Convention will take place at the University of Melbourne. About 50 of our colleagues from across the Tasman are expected to participate. We welcome them and look forward to their contributions.

With this issue we see Peter Forrester step down as President of the Society. The next President's column will be from the incoming president Tim Marchant, who takes over the role at the annual meeting in December. We thank Peter for his contributions over the last two and a bit years.

Nalini Joshi reflects on the value of conferences large and small in her NCMS column. In particular, she reports on the possibility of Australia hosting the quadrennial International Conference on Mathematical Education in 2020.

Nalini has been contributing to the public profile of mathematics in other ways, with her appointment to the Commonwealth Science Council and her television appearance, on Q&A.

We report on several honours in this issue, most notably the award of the Royal Society's 2014 Royal Medal to Terry Tao. Calls for nominations for the Australian Mathematical Society's own medals are in the AustMS news column.

Geoff Prince reports on AMSI's continuing advocacy for mathematics in his column. Peter Johnston continues his service to the mathematical community with his annual collection of data about completions of Higher Degrees and Honours Degrees in Mathematics and Statistics from last year.

Gerry Joseph, John Giles and and Bob Anderssen have supplied a fitting tribute in their obituary of Reyn Keats, who passed away in April, after many years of contributions to mathematics in Australia.

Once again, we have our popular regular features, the Puzzle Corner and two book reviews.

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