

## Cambridge University Press to publish Australian Mathematical Society Journals

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The Society has recently signed an agreement with Cambridge University Press (CUP) to publish *The ANZIAM Journal*, the *Bulletin of the Australian Mathematical Society* and the *Journal of the Australian Mathematical Society* for the next five years (2008–2012, inclusive). The Society will continue to manage the editorial side of these Journals — handling submissions and deciding what to publish — while CUP will manage the production (typing, handling proofs, and printing) and distribution. The Society will continue to deal with all aspects of the *Gazette of the Australian Mathematical Society* and the electronic supplement to *The ANZIAM Journal*.

The ground work for this change was carried out by an *ad hoc* committee comprised of Michael Cowling (chair), Peter Hall, Algy Howe, Alf van der Poorten, and Tony Roberts. On the basis of the information provided to it, Council then voted for the move.

We anticipate that this will lead to a gradual increase in circulation of our journals, and hence an improvement in our reputation (and impact factors, and all the other numbers that excite research administrators). With this in mind, we would like to encourage Australian mathematicians to submit more papers to our journals, as on the whole our best submissions come from this country (of course, these will still be subject to the usual refereeing processes). We are also hoping that, as we should be able to profit from the economies of scale that larger publishers than us can obtain, the Society's finances will improve.

As part of the changes, we will move late this year to an electronic manuscript handling system (Tony Roberts has already set up Open Journal System (abbreviated to OJS) for the electronic supplement of *The ANZIAM Journal* and the *Gazette*, and *The ANZIAM Journal* is also experimenting with it), and the Canberra office of the Society will handle any paper submissions and be the first point of contact for CUP in Australia for management matters. The offices in Adelaide, Brisbane and Melbourne that currently produce *The ANZIAM Journal*, the *Bulletin* and the *Journal* will almost disappear (it is possible that one of them will remain to help with the publication of the *Gazette*).

Members who subscribe to one or more of *The ANZIAM Journal*, the *Bulletin*, or the *Journal* will also notice that CUP will distribute the three journals; these will probably arrive from overseas. The major change that authors will notice is the electronic submission. Things will change rather more for the editorial teams (editors and associate editors); the details here are still being worked on, and should be finalised by the Society's Annual Meeting in late September.

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