



Welcoming the new Editor-in-Chief

From 1 December 2015, Laureate Professor Nicholas Talley has assumed the role of Editor-in-Chief at the *Medical Journal of Australia*.

As one close reader of the *MJA*, I cannot imagine anyone in Australia better qualified than Professor Talley to head what I choose to believe is the leading medical journal in the southern hemisphere. Professor Talley's many affiliations will, I am sure, strengthen the Journal in arenas national and international. I congratulate him on his appointment and wish him, together with all Journal staff, the best of fortune for coming years.

It has been a great privilege to serve the Journal over recent months. I thank all staff at the Journal for advice and assistance. The Board of the Australasian Medical Publishing Company, chaired by Mr Richard Allely, and the President of the Australian Medical Association, Professor Brian Owler, have also provided unqualified support, so I thank them too. As a consulting editor, Professor Jeffrey Zajac has also contributed during the interval between Editors-in-Chief.

As a refereed journal, our warmest gratitude to our dedicated reviewers: they are listed on the following pages.

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Manuscripts received 2014–2015

Manuscripts	Accepted	Received	% accepted
Total	335	1164	28.8%
Research	56	444	12.6%
Cases	27	263	10.3%
Editorials	44	51	86.3%
Perspectives	71	157	45.2%
Letters	112	206	54.4%
Short reports	25	43	58.1%

Mean days to decision	Total	Research
To accept	37	137
To reject	22	23

Reviewers used 817

Impact factor 4.089

I am grateful for the experience of editing the *MJA*: there is plenty to learn.

My best wishes to all readers of the *MJA*. The future looks bright indeed.