

## Editors' Report

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### Overview

This report is for the 12 month period of **January 1 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2015**.

This report will focus on the management of the Health Promotion Journal of Australia (HPJA). It will discuss developments in the operations of the Journal.

### Editorial team

Over the course of 2015 the editorial team has been supported by the services of the Editorial Assistant Krysten Blackford.

A/Prof Stacy Carter (University of Sydney, New South Wales) departed from her Associate Editor position in December 2015. Stacy has now taken up a position on the Editorial Board. This is a great asset due to Stacy's ethics expertise. A formal letter thanking Stacy was sent from the Association.

A/Prof James Smith (Charles Darwin University, Northern Territory) commenced his appointment as an Associate Editor in April 2015 and Dr Lisa Barnett (Deakin University, Victoria) commenced as an Associate Editor in September 2015.

### Associate Editors

- Lisa Barnett, School of Health and Social Development, Deakin University, Australia
- Colin Binns, School of Public Health, Curtin University, Australia
- Peter Howat, School of Public Health, Curtin University, Australia
- James Smith, Office of the Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor Indigenous Leadership, Charles Darwin University, Australia

### Editorial Board

The Editorial Board, comprising 26 national and international researchers and practitioners, continues to provide a broad range of skills and expertise supports the Journal (see attached list). The Editorial Board positively influences the Journal's profile, providing greater access to expert advice in a range of areas and in turn is supportive of manuscript submissions. We would like to thank the Editorial Board members for their contribution.

In particular, I would like to extend by sincere thanks to Professor Chriss Rissel (University of Sydney) and A/Prof Ben Smith (Monash University) for their support in 2015 with conceptualising the 2016 special issue – *Evaluation of Health Promotion*.

With the help of the Editorial Assistant, the Editors have maintained regular contact with all Editorial Board members over the course of the year. The following emails have been distributed to the Editorial Board over 2015.

- Request for declaration of other board roles
- HPJA template slide for use in any presentations
- Call for suggestions for the topics for the 2016 special issue
- Call for publication submissions – 'Evaluation in Health Promotion Special Issue'
- Request for support with promotion of the Journal e.g. discussion with presenters at conferences, interacting via twitter, journal logo in email signature
- Christmas email- thanking them for their support



## Special Issues

Special issues are viewed as a way to attract authors, profile and differentiate the Journal, and provide service to the readership. The following themed issues have run or are scheduled to run.

- *Ethics in Health Promotion* special issue – December 2015. A/Prof Stacy Carter and Professor Annette Braunack-Mayer (University of Adelaide) were the guest editors. We extend our sincere thanks to both Stacy and Annette.
- *Evaluation in Health Promotion* special issue – planned for the December 2016. A/Professor Ben Smith, Professor Chris Rissel, Professor Adrian Bauman and Mr Trevor Shilton kindly agreed to be the guest editors for this issue.

## CSIRO Publisher

In late 2015 Chris Anderson resigned from CSIRO and Brietta Pike has now filled this role.

## Promotion and profiling of the Journal

The promotion and profiling of *HPJA* is ongoing as we aim to increase new submissions. The Editorial team have discussed promotional opportunities with CSIRO and have been active in promoting the Journal by:

- Working with the AHPA Board to promote the Journal via the AHPA website and national newsletter.
- Continuing to regularly tweet journal articles.
- Maintaining regular contact with Editorial Board members.
- Profiling the Journal through presentations on 'Writing for Publication.'
  - HPJA Professional Development (ongoing) in Western Australia, Perth 2015 – Jonine Jancey in collaboration with Justine Leavy and Gemma Crawford.
  - Charles Darwin University, Darwin March 2015- Jonine Jancey in collaboration with James Smith
  - Higher Degree by Research Students, Curtin University, Perth, April 2015 – Jonine Jancey
  - National webinar on abstract writing for AHPA Conference, December 2015 – Jonine Jancey
- Identification of potential submissions to the Journal at conferences and seminars – all editorial team.
- *Recent initiatives*
  - REET committee under the guidance of Justine Leavy now progressing virtual issues
  - All first authors to receive a letter about the Ray James Award and AHPA membership
  - Discussion regarding reviewers receiving some kind of incentive (e.g. free journal access for a period of time) are underway

## Submission of manuscripts to the Journal

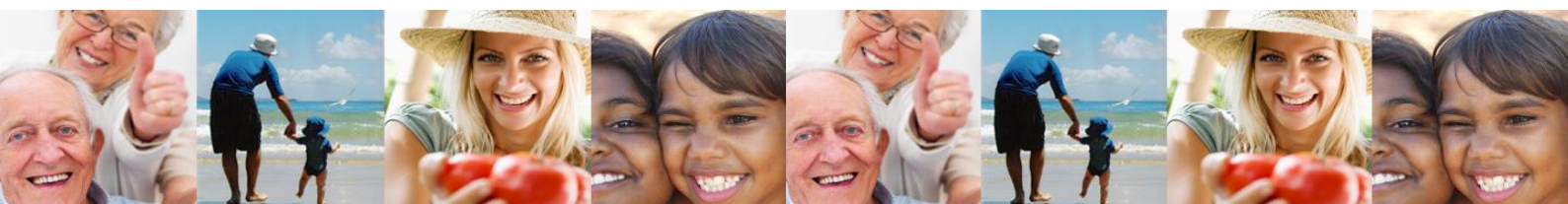
New submissions to the journal increased by 20% in 2015 (see Table 1). As stated previously, the required quality of accepted manuscripts can be lowered by accepting 'lesser papers', but the preferred approach would be to increase the number of submissions of higher quality submissions, so that quality can be maintained and even increased. Currently the acceptance rate is about 47.5% (57 papers) resulting in approximately half of those manuscripts that are submitted, being accepted. This achieves the target of 50 papers annually.

**Table 1: Summary of new submissions 2012- 2015**

Year of submission	New submissions	Acceptance
2012	105	44 (39.6%)
2013	112	39 (39.0%)
<b>2014</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>47 (43.9%)</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>57 (47.5%)</b>

## Latest Impact Factor

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>0.592</b>	<b>0.800</b>	<b>1.089</b>	<b>0.945</b>	<b>1.231</b>



## Editorial Advisory Board

- Annie Anderson, Division of Population Health Sciences, University of Dundee, UK
- Margaret Barry, School of Health Sciences, National University of Ireland, Ireland
- Stacy Carter, University of Sydney, Australia
- Jun Chih, School of Public Health, Curtin University, Australia
- Jo Clarkson, Western Australia Health Promotion Foundation, Australia
- Donna Cross, Telethon Kids Institute, Australia
- Robert Donovan, Centre for Behavioural Research in Cancer Control, Curtin University, Australia
- Lawrence Green, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, and Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of California, San Francisco, CA, USA
- Andrew Hills, Centre for Nutrition and Exercise, Mater Hospital, Australia
- Cheryl Hutchins, Cervical Screening, Commonwealth Department of Health
- Jenni Judd, Faculty of Medicine, Health and Molecular Sciences, James Cook University, Australia
- Ronald Labonte, Institute of Population Health, University of Ottawa, Canada
- Albert Lee, School of Public Health, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, China
- Jo Mitchell, Centre for Epidemiology and Evidence, New South Wales Ministry of Health, Australia
- Kim Raine, School of Public Health, University of Alberta, Canada
- Chris Rissel, School of Public Health, University of Sydney, Australia
- Jan Ritchie, School of Public Health and Community Medicine, University of New South Wales, Australia
- Dagmar Schmitt, Northern Territory Department of Health, Australia
- Louise Signal, Department of Public Health, University of Otago, New Zealand
- David Sleet, Unintentional Injury Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, USA
- Ben Smith, School of Public Health, Monash University, Australia
- Mark Stevenson, Monash Injury Research Institute and School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Monash University, Australia
- Tarun Weeramanthri, Western Australian Department of Health, Australia
- Carmel Williams, South Australia Department of Health, Australia
- Marilyn Wise, Centre for Primary Health Care and Equity, University of New South Wales, Australia
- Janette Young, Health Sciences, University of South Australia

