

Editors' Report 2018

Professor James Smith – Editor in Chief

Overview

This report presents an overview of key achievements associated with the *Health Promotion Journal of Australia (HPJA)* from January 1 to December 31 2018.

Impact Factor 2017

The 2017 Impact Factor (1.125) was released in June 2018. This figure represents the number of citations in 2017 in relation to content published in the journal in 2015 and 2016, divided by the total number of citable items published in a two year period. This represents an increase from the 2016 Impact Factor, maintaining HPJA's reputation as a highly reputable national and global leader in the publication of contemporary peer-reviewed health promotion scholarship.

New Editorial Team

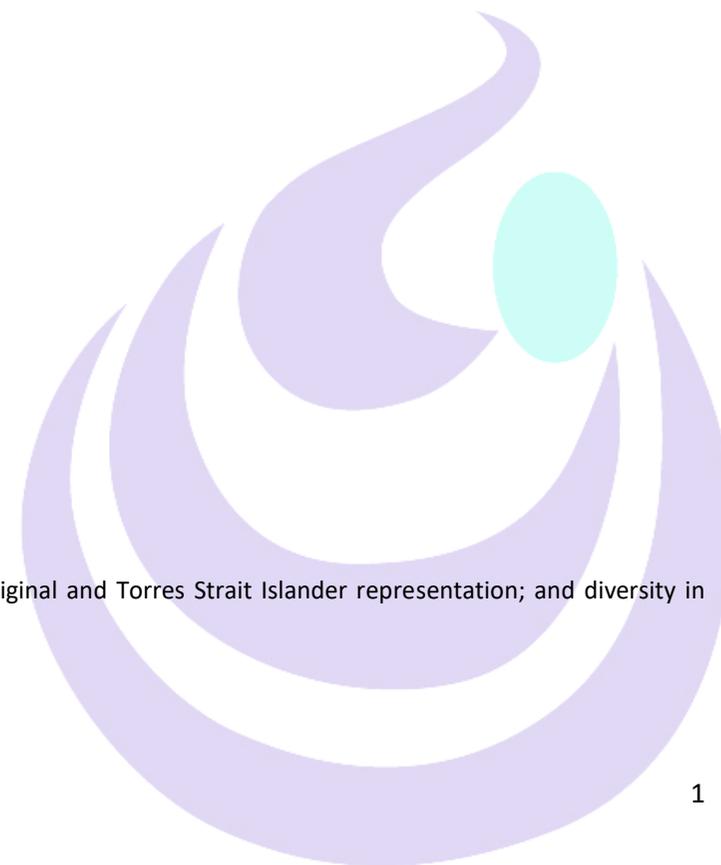
2018 marked the commencement of a new Editorial Team. This included the establishment of an Editorial Executive Team comprising:

- Professor Jenni Judd, Central Queensland University
- Ms Heather D'Antoine, Menzies School of Health Research
- Dr Kalinda Griffiths, University of New South Wales
- Professor Roxanne Bainbridge, Central Queensland University
- Professor James Smith, Menzies School of Health Research

It also included the establishment of 10 new Associate Editor positions, including:

- Dr Yvette Roe (QLD), University of Queensland
- Dr Helen Treverna (NSW), University of Sydney
- Associate Professor Margaret Cargo (ACT), University of Canberra
- Dr Rebecca Patrick (VIC), Deakin University
- Dr Matthew Fisher (SA), Flinders University
- Dr Jonathan Hallett (WA), Curtin University
- Dr Sarah Ireland (NT), Charles Darwin University
- Dr Rosie Nash (TAS), University of Tasmania
- Professor Louise Signal (NZ), University of Otago
- Dr Karen McPhail-Bell (Book Review Editor).

This is the largest Editorial Team in the history of the journal. Importantly, the Editorial Team has strong Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representation; and diversity in geography, gender and technical expertise.



Outgoing Editorial Team

The current Editorial Team would like to acknowledge the strong leadership and commitment of the outgoing Editorial Team: Associate Professor Jonine Jancey (Editor in Chief), Professor Peter Howat (Associate Editor), Professor Colin Binns (Associate Editor), Dr Lisa Barnett (Associate Editor) and Professor James Smith (Associate Editor). Collectively, they left the journal in a solid position, which made the transition to a new publisher and Editorial Team a relatively smooth journey.

Editorial Advisory Board

An initial task for the incoming Editorial Team was to refresh the Editorial Board in line with the expanded journal scope. The new Editorial Advisory Board, comprises 29 nationally and internationally recognised researchers, practitioners and policy-makers with expertise in health promotion. The Editorial Team looks forward to working with them over the next four years to further strengthen the position of HPJA. Editorial Advisory Board members are:

- Dr Hannah Badland, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology University
- Professor Margaret Barry, National university of Ireland
- Professor Fran Baum, Flinders University
- Associate Professor Chelsea Bond, University of Queensland
- Dr Amohia Boulton, Whakauae Research Services
- Associate Professor Gemma Carey, University of New South Wales
- Professor Rob Donovan, Curtin University
- Professor Bronwyn Fredericks, University of Queensland
- Professor Sharon Friel, Australian National University
- Dr Patrick Harris, University of Sydney
- Associate Professor Jonine Jancey, Curtin University
- Professor Ron Labonte, University of Ottawa
- Associate Professor Christopher Lawrence, University of Technology Sydney
- Professor Vivian Lin, World Health Organization (Western Pacific Regional Office)
- Dr Michael Livingston, LaTrobe University
- Dr Ruth Montgomery-Anderson, Greenland University
- Dr Nikki Percival, University of Technology Sydney
- Professor Chris Rissel, University of Sydney
- Associate Professor Jan Ritchie, University of New South Wales
- Professor Steven Robertson, University Sheffield
- Ms Dagmar Schmitt, Northern Territory Government
- Associate Professor Ben Smith, University of Sydney
- Ms Carmel Williams, Government of South Australia
- Dr Si Win Tin, Secretariat of Pacific Communities
- Dr Jeanette Young, University of South Australia
- Associate Professor Anna Ziersch, Flinders University
- Dr Tessa Hillgrove, Fred Hollows Foundation
- Dr Annemarie Wright, VicHealth
- Professor Karen Lawson, University of Saskatchewan

The Editorial Team would like to thank the outgoing Editorial Advisory Board members, with a deep appreciation to those who have agreed to continue their tenure

Publisher

In 2018, Wiley commenced as the new publisher of HPJA. This meant the HPJA was transitioning the Editorial Team and the publisher at the same time. While there were a few minor logistical issues encountered, the transition was smooth and the journal continues to flourish. The HPJA Editorial Team would like to acknowledge and thank the Wiley team for its collaborative approach. In particular, we would like to thank Peter D'Onghia, Alison Bell, Christelle Ronquillo, Martha Rundell and Marjorie Ang for their hard work and responsive nature.

Journal Scope

An initial task of the new Editorial Team was to revise the scope of the journal. There was a strong sentiment among all Editorial Team members that a more explicit focus on the social and ecological determinants of health was required, with a heightened focus on promoting health equity. The revised journal scope now reflects:

The Health Promotion Journal of Australia is a peer-reviewed journal that publishes high-quality research and critical perspectives from researchers, decision-makers, and practitioners that contribute to improving knowledge and evidence for health promotion action across Australasia. We also welcome international contributions of relevance to the region. The journal welcomes submissions about educational, cultural, organisational, economic and/or environmental approaches that address health promotion issues, advance the health promotion profession; and which support positive system changes that benefit population health. Manuscripts that address social and ecological determinants of health and/or issues relating to the promotion of health equity are strongly encouraged. Preference is given to articles presenting significant, innovative, and/or useful findings from methodologically robust and cutting-edge qualitative and quantitative studies of health promoting policies, strategies, programs and evaluations.

Manuscript Categories

Another task of the incoming Editorial Team was to review the manuscript categories. This resulted in the inclusion of three new categories in 2018:

- Long research articles (4,500-6,000 words) to better accommodate high quality, theoretically rigorous and methodologically robust qualitative and mixed-methods papers;
- Reviews (2,500-4,000 words), including scoping reviews, systematic reviews, narrative reviews, critical reviews, realist reviews and meta-analyses; and
- New types of book reviews (up to 2,000 words) – expanded to include ordinary reviews, vintage book reviews, and book review essays.

The Editorial Team envisages this will generate new and informative content for the HPJA readership.

Journal Reviewers

The new Editorial Team has also worked solidly to expand the reviewer database throughout 2018, with early indications demonstrating a doubling in reviewer numbers. We thank all reviewers who willingly volunteer their time to maintain the high quality of the HPJA. We also thank the AHPA Board for supporting a reviewer networking and acknowledgement event during the National Health Promotion Symposium in Canberra.

Shift in Publishing Schedule

Throughout 2018, the Editorial Team has been working with the REET Committee, to shift the publishing schedule from April, August and December in 2018 to January, April and August in 2019 and beyond. This meant there was considerable effort in preparing the December 2018 issue in quick succession with the January 2019 issue. This process was implemented successfully as planned. This shift in publishing schedule increases the potential for articles to be read, and subsequently cited, in any given year. In turn, this influences the Impact Factor of HPJA.

Strategic Directions

Throughout the first eight months of 2018, the Editorial Team meet on a bimonthly basis to develop a strategic plan for the HPJA. This was reviewed collaboratively with the Wiley publishing team and the REET Committee at a face-to-face meeting during the National Health Promotion Symposium in Canberra. This provides a clear road-map for the direction of the journal for the next four years. Ongoing conversations about thematic, special and virtual issues of HPJA will continue throughout 2019. The Editor-in-Chief was supported by AHPA to attend the Wiley Editor's Meeting in Melbourne in November 2018. This provided an important opportunity to network with other journal editors and to stay abreast of recent peer-reviewed publishing trends, challenges and opportunities.

Capacity Building

A key strategy of the journal is to continue building the capacity of the health promotion community to write and review for publication. The Editorial Team ran a workshop at the National Health Promotion Symposium in Canberra in August 2018.

Supplementary Issue

In July 2018, a supplementary issue of HPJA was released (*Volume 29 Issue S1*), comprising commentaries by invited national and international policymakers, researchers and practitioners on the topic “How would you spend \$100 million a year on preventive health?” This special supplement was guest edited by Associate Professor Jonine Jancey with financial support from The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre and the Foundation for Alcohol Research and Education. The issue can be accessed here: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/hpja.176>.

Thematic Issue

The August issue was published as a thematic issue. The focus was Injury in Health Promotion and was guest edited by Associate Professor Richard Franklin (James Cook University) and Dr David Sleet (U.S. Centre for Disease Control) with the support of Associate Professor Jonine Jancey as outgoing Editor-in-Chief.

Virtual Issue

In mid-2018, a virtual issue on Social Determinants of Health was released, see: [https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/toc/10.1111/\(ISSN\)2201-1617.social-determinants-of-health](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/toc/10.1111/(ISSN)2201-1617.social-determinants-of-health). The next virtual issue on Prevention and Policy for Health Promotion is being planned to coincide with the upcoming federal election.

Additional Acknowledgements

The Editorial Team would like to thank the Chair of the REET Committee, Dr Justine Leavy for her outstanding contribution towards the ongoing success of HPJA. We would also like to thank Dr Krysten Blackford for her significant contributions to the HPJA as the Digital Strategy Coordinator. This has helped increase the profile of the journal through social media. We also thank the AHPA Board for continuing to support the strategic directions of the HPJA.

