

Editorial Preface

The latest Bulletin (no 19) includes a tribute to the late Reet Howell outlining her many contributions to sports history. Reet, who became Reviews Editor of the journal earlier this year, had died by the time the last issue was distributed. Reet's sudden and tragic death was a great loss to ASSH and to sports history in Australia. On behalf of all ASSH members I would like to convey my condolences to Max Howell.

I would like to welcome John Nauright, who has taken up a position at the University of Queensland, as the new Reviews Editor.

It is pleasing that this issue includes articles both on Papua New Guinea and New Zealand. It is appropriate for this journal to explore the relationship of Australian sport to our near neighbours in the larger Oceania region. It is another constructive aspect of our expanding links with the sports historians of New Zealand.

Emulating the *International Journal of the History of Sport* I have introduced a 'Notes, Commentaries, Essays' sections for shorter articles, for broader literature and thematic reviews. This will add to flexibility of the journal.

Following the example of other sports history journals an Editorial Review Board has been introduced. The purpose of this initiative is to acknowledge the contribution of those who have assisted the journal in the past by refereeing articles. A second objective is to make more formal a long-standing informal practice that journal articles are refereed. It will now be the practice to state, in each issue, that *Sporting Traditions* is a fully refereed journal. Membership of the Editorial Review Board will change from time to time: the list represents a working list of those who are involved currently as referees.

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