

Editors' Report

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Overview

This report is for the 12 month period of **January 1 to December 31st 2016**. 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

The Editorial team has remained stable over the last 12 months. The team have been supported by the services of the Editorial Assistant Dr Krysten Blackford and Dr Brietta Pike (publisher) and Claire Gibson (Editorial Assistant).

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 Pro Vice-Chancellor Indigenous Leadership, Charles Darwin University, Australia

Editorial Board

The Editorial Board, comprising 24 national and international researchers and practitioners, continues to provide a broad range of skills and expertise (see attached member list page 3). I would like to thank the Editorial Board members for their contribution to the journal. We welcome Heather D'Antoine to the Editorial Board. Heather is based at Charles Darwin University. She has over 25 years of experience in health services as a registered nurse and midwife and as a health service manager in both Aboriginal health services and general health services across Western Australia. Unfortunately, due to other commitments Professor Larry Green and Cheryl Hutchins have resigned from their position on the Editorial Board. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to both Cheryl and Larry for their support of the journal.

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 2016.

- Call for suggestions for the topics for the 2016 special issue
- Call for publication submissions
- Request for support with promotion of the Journal e.g. discussion with presenters at conferences, interacting via twitter, journal logo in email signature
- The usual Christmas email- thanking them for their support

Special Issues

Special issues are 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.

- *Evaluation in Health Promotion* special issue – published 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.
- *Injury in Health Promotion special issue* – the publication date was planned for December 2017. However due to the change of publisher, release of the special issue may be delayed until April 2018. Associate Professor Richard Franklin (James Cooke University) and Dr David Sleet (U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) are our guest editors.
- *Supplement issue* – scheduled for publication in November 2017 in collaboration with Australian Prevention Partnership Centres. Costs for this supplement will be covered by APHA and FARE under the Health promotion Journal of Australia banner. This supplement will be a compilation of 10-12 commentaries on the topic of 'How would you invest in preventative health if you had an extra \$100m a year on preventive health?' Publication is planned for late November.

Promotion and profiling of the Journal

The promotion and profiling of *HPJA* is ongoing as we aim to increase new submissions:

- Working with the AHPA Board to profile the journal via the AHPA website and national newsletter.
- Regularly tweeting of journal articles.
- Maintaining regular contact with Editorial Board members.
- Profiling the Journal through presentations on 'Writing for Publication.'
 - Australian Health Promotion Conference in Western Australia, Perth 2016 – seminar. Jonine Jancey in collaboration with Brietta Pike, CSIRO
 - Higher Degree by Research Students, Curtin University, Perth, April 2016 – Jonine Jancey
- Identification of posters and presentations suitable for publication in the journal at conferences and seminars – all editorial team.

Submission of manuscripts to the Journal

New submissions continue to increase (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. This year's acceptance rate is 38.3% (57 papers). This achieves the target of 50 papers annually.

Table 1: Summary of new submissions 2012- 2015

Year of submission	New submissions	Acceptance
2013	112	39 (39.0%)
2014	117	47 (43.9%)
2015	141	57 (47.5%)
2016	145	57 (38.3%)

Country of submission

Submissions came from corresponding authors in 12 countries in 2016. The vast majority of submissions come from corresponding authors in Australia, with the remaining submissions spread across several geographical origins. Authors were predominantly based in Australia (92%).

Decision times

The decision time between the date when the manuscript is submitted and the date on which the Editor makes the first decision (Accept, Minor Revision, Major Revision, Reject, Reject & Resubmit) has decreased this year (currently 44 days).

Publishing timeframe

There was a significant improvement in the 2016 production turnaround time (53 days). The journal was above its annual page budget of 240 pages. There is enough content to increase the page budget in 2018.

Accessing the journal

Members' access through the Association's website still represents a small proportion of overall usage, representing about 3% of traffic to the journal's website. The number of downloads of journal content by members is also somewhat low. We find that most visitors come from Google, by searching for either the journal's homepage or a specific manuscript. The '(direct)' source includes any direct access to the website: i.e. by typing in the URL, by using a bookmark, or by clicking on a link in the early alert emails. See table 2.

Table 2: Sources for accessing the journal

	2014	2015	2016
1	Google (43.5%)	Google (32.7%)	Google (31.0%)
2	(direct) (18.6%)	(direct) (19.14%)	(direct) (23.1%)
3	HealthPromotion.org.au (10.9%)	HealthPromotion.org.au (6.6%)	Google Scholar AU (6.8%)
4	Flinders Univ (2.9%)	Ex libris (4.64%)	Google Scholar (4.5%)
5	Bing (1.3%)	Google Scholar AU (4.3%)	healthpromotion.org.au (3.1%)
6	Univ Melb (1.0%)	Google Scholar (3.2%)	University of South Australia (2.3%)
7	ncbi.nlm.nih.gov (1.0%)	Bing (1.75%)	Google Scholar UK (1.7%)
8	Curtin Univ (0.8%)	ProQuest (1.6%)	Bing (1.6%)
9	PHCRIS.org.au (0.7%)	UNSW (1.42%)	Ex libris (1.5%)
10	Ewha Womens Univ (0.5%)	Univ Melb (1.3%)	Google Scholar CA (1.1%)

Editorial Advisory Board

- Annie Anderson, Division of Population Health Sciences, University of Dundee, UK
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