

# Editorial

## Succession planning for AJA

You will have recently seen several positions advertised within the *Australasian Journal on Ageing* (AJA) editorial team. Last year, we advertised for a new associate editor and were fortunate to recruit Associate Professor Stephen Neville from AUT University in Auckland. Stephen's recent research and publications include loneliness in older people living in the community, retirement, attitudes of care staff towards sexual minority groups, the life experiences of gay men over the age of 65 years and why new graduate nurses choose not to work in residential care, mental health and primary health-care settings. He is the current president of the New Zealand Association of Gerontology. So we aptly now have two associate editors from New Zealand.

We also recently advertised for a deputy editor-in-chief (EIC), which is a new position within the journal editorial team. Members of the The Australian and New Zealand Society for Geriatric Medicine, Aged Care Services Australia, Australian Council on the Ageing and the Australian Association of Gerontology are cordially invited to apply. To be successful, applicants need to demonstrate an existing interest in AJA as an author and reviewer, and that they have the time to perform this important role. This position will work closely with the EIC and will play a significant role in academic leadership on ageing issues in Australasia. Further details,

including a position statement, can be obtained by contacting Nicola Thurston on 08 8232 0422 or emailing [nthurston@cota.org.au](mailto:nthurston@cota.org.au).

Another important AJA position has also been advertised recently: EIC. Again, members of the The Australian and New Zealand Society for Geriatric Medicine, Aged Care Services Australia, Australian Council on the Ageing and the Australian Association of Gerontology are cordially invited to apply for this position. The EIC will work closely with the deputy EIC and the editorial team (six general associate editors, three specialist associate editors (Book Reviews and Reflection) and an international advisory editorial board) to ensure that AJA meets high standards of English presentation and internationally accepted scholarly and ethical standards. The EIC is responsible to the Management Committee of AJA for the editorial content of each issue and leads the editorial team. The position is administratively assisted by an editorial assistant who is an employee of Wiley publishers. For further information, please feel free to contact the current EIC, or for a detailed position statement, including selection criteria, contact Nicola Thurston at the details given above.

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