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1. Changes in Editors

Paul Jensen is relinquishing his position as Co-editor of *The Australian Economic Review* and Editor of the Data Survey section. He will be replaced in 2017 as Co-editor by Chris Ryan. Responsibility for the data surveys will be handed to John Haisken-DeNew. Efrem Castelnuovo will become the Policy Forum Editor.

2. Articles and Submissions

The *Review*'s established format of invited articles, contributed articles, a policy forum, a data survey and a section 'For the Student' were continued in 2016. Readership continues to grow, especially in Asia. Annual full-text downloads are around 75,000, with 42 per cent from overseas. The Thomson Reuter Impact factor has risen to 0.552. The review of the Australian economy, published annually in the March issue, continues to engender high downloads. The Policy Forum articles also enjoy high readership. They covered: the macroeconomic consequences of macroprudential policies; research and innovation; housing policy; and the economics of ageing.

A summary of the composition of the articles published in the *Review* over the past 3 years is given in Table 1. Table 2 provides information on the number of articles received and their disposition. Submissions to the Contributed Articles section increased by 10 per cent to 58 in 2016. The increase was not matched by acceptance rates, as more submissions were received from overseas authors and these were often too narrow in focus for the *Review*. While we welcome submissions from international authors, it is our intention that the *Review* remain a policy-oriented journal with particular relevance to Australia and the Asia-Pacific region.

For submissions over the 3 year period 2014–2016, the acceptance rate on papers for which a decision has been reached was 22 per cent. Submissions which are outside the aims of the Journal or clearly do not meet the required standard are rejected by the editors without going to referees: this applied to 31 per cent of submissions over the 3 years 2014–2016. As befits a policy-oriented journal, we aim to keep the time between acceptance of articles and final publication in an issue of the Journal to around 6 months. The current backlog of accepted articles awaiting publication represents two issues.

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3. Referees

At least two referees are used for submissions of contributed papers that proceed to the refereeing process. We also use referees for the other sections of the Journal. The integrity of the system of peer review is crucially dependent on the work of our referees. Editors of Australian journals continue to press for greater recognition of refereeing and editorial work by universities and the Australian Research Council in its Excellence in Research for Australia exercise. In another, unrelated initiative, the international website <www.publons.com> has been established in order to give recognition to the work of referees.

We thank our referees warmly for their contributions in providing a large number of constructive comments, both to the authors and the editors. The referees in 2016 were Darryl Biggar, Boyd Blackwell, Jeff Borland, Markus Brueckner, Adam Butt, Lixin Cai, Lisa Cameron, David Carroll, Terence Cheng, Mark Crosby, Fabrice Etile, Jim Forrest, Gigi Foster, Khusrav Gaibullov, Pablo Guillen, Hyeon-Sueng Huh, Joachim Inkermann, Nikhil Jha, Michael Keen, Shahrukh Khan, Parvinder Kler, Ian McDonald, Donald MacLaren, Bill Malcolm, Tim Moore, Di Nicol, Richard Pomfret, Peter Siminski, Kevin Staub, Christoph Stork, Chris Tombazos, Sam Tsiaplias, Joaquin Vespignani, Tania Voon, Roger Wilkins, Jenny Williams, Glenn Withers, Mark Wooden, Jongsay Yong, Peter Yule and Shiji Zhao.

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Ross Williams (Managing Editor)
Paul Jensen (Co-editor)
Ian McDonald (Co-editor)

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Table 1 Published Articles, 2014–2016

Type of article	2014	2015	2016
Invited Article	2	2	3
Contributed Article	14	15	14
Policy Forum	21	21	18
Data Survey	4	4	4
For the Student	4	4	4
Number of pages	580	452	524

Table 2 Outcomes of Submissions of Contributed Articles, 2014–2016

<i>Contributed papers</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2016</i>
Brought forward from the previous year	25	23	16
New submissions during the year	53	52	58
Total	78	75	74
Decisions made			
Published	14	14	14
Accepted: awaiting publication	6	7	7
Rejected/withdrawn	41	45	43
Awaiting revision	9	6	6
In process	8	3	4
Total	78	75	74

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