

# Onwards and upwards

**T**his is our last editorial for *Actuary Australia*. It has been an enjoyable two years and for me personally (CR-H) an opportunity to step up and outside my comfort zone. The Editorial Committee, regular contributors, proof readers and in particular Katrina McFadyen and Simon Palmer (our designer) make our job as Editors much simpler. We also greatly appreciate the support of our regular and occasional advertisers!

We have just had our annual Editorial Committee Christmas Lunch and at least three committee members are embarking on changes and adventures early next year – so expect to see some postcards!

As this is the last edition of the year it is an opportunity to reflect on what has been happening. We are in a period of flux with accounting standards, capital standards, FOFA and the global markets all in flux. Standing still is not an option and is equally true for our profession.

It has been a year where we the Actuaries Institute have embraced ALL of our members and a new name. I am excited

by the broad selection of actuaries who are embracing the Institute back! Reading Martin Mulcare's article in this edition, I'd almost like to do the Professionalism Course again. It sounds like it has reached a whole new level and I feel I am in a better place to listen to it now (rather than treating it as a celebration of finishing a very painful slog).

I want to add a special thank you to Martin Mulcare for his wonderful 'More than Maths' articles. Martin will not be continuing with these articles in 2012, but I am sure we will hear more from him throughout the year through his role on the Leadership Committee.

Lastly, James and I wish you a Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year. And good luck to any of you waiting on exam results!!! ▲

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