

## New Editor

This issue is the last I shall be editing, though not, I hope, the last to which I contribute. I regret giving up the position after only four Bulletins, but it has proved to be quite difficult to be an effective editor since my move to Wanganui last year. Most of the articles are from Wellington authors, and the printing has continued to be done there as well. In thanking all authors for their contributions, and the referees who freely gave of their time and knowledge whenever it was called upon, I must pay particular tribute to Susan Timmins who has borne a good deal of the editor's load in the last two bulletins, by carrying out most of the very necessary dialogue between printer and editor.

I made a conscious decision to keep the Bulletin in a format which earlier editors had established, even to maintaining familiar lettering and layout styles. A change in page size with my first issue (No 42) was made necessary by new metric sizes of bulk paper, but this drew no comment from members. A slightly more formal style was adopted for noting the addresses of contributors, to assist bibliographers, though I resisted suggestions by some authors to include keywords.

There is no clear line between the needs of most members for articles which are not too heavy or formal, and the desires of others for the Bulletin to contain (only?) papers in the style of scientific journals. Several very formal papers I rejected, with suggestions as to more suitable journals; others, with the author's consent, I attempted to "lighten". If there has been any trend which I regret, it has been that fewer and fewer short items were received for publication between Bulletins 42-44. This jubilee issue goes a long way to reversing that trend, with a flood of short items of an informal nature, by a large number of contributors. While I hope that the Bulletin continues to be a vehicle for publication of longer, "scientific" papers, especially those of particular interest to Wellington readers, I also commend the styles of the wide range of contributed items in this Bulletin to future contributors and to the next Editor.

I wish my successor well in the Editor's role, and invite all members to contribute items to what is, after all, OUR Bulletin.

Editor

### ERRATA: Wellington Botanical Society Bulletin 44 (1988).

p.11: caption for Table 1, last line to read "although all are plotted on Figure 4."

p.29: caption for Fig. 3 to read "Adult foliage and seed capsules from a plant growing in the Ripia Valley, Ahimanawa Range, in 1960. Photo: R R Julian, NZ Soil Bureau".

p.51: title of the 4th publication listed should read *The Vegetative Cover of New Zealand*.