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EDITORIAL

In this issue I have followed a suggestion made by the president of AAA, Dr Jones, and brought together a group of papers that refer specifically to the prehistoric occupation of Australia's offshore islands. Nearly all of these articles were written by special request for Australian Archaeology, and the authors are to be congratulated for having written them in record time. Many of the results presented by the authors are of a preliminary and speculative nature, but this is precisely the kind of material that is suitable for reproduction in Australian Archaeology, there being other outlets for more polished articles such as final reports. It is my aim as editor to make news and views available as quickly as possible.

Perhaps readers will be good enough to let me know their reaction to the idea of grouping articles around a theme for some issues. While for this issue, 'islands' is the theme, the next issue could have 'excavation method' as its theme, seeing that this is the theme of the Kioloa meeting later this year.

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