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EDITORIAL

For a variety of reasons this issue of AUSTRALIAN ARCHAEOLOGY is late. We apologise to members and authors for the delay. Following the discussion on the Newsletter at the Association meeting held in Canberra in May (the Minutes of this meeting are reported in this issue) we have decided to regularise publication. In future there will be two issues of the Newsletter annually, to appear in June and December. To ensure that editing, typing, compilation and printing can be covered by a minimum of a month, and allowing for postal time, the deadlines for submission of all material will now be the end of April and the end of October for the June and December issues respectively.

The May meeting discussed the sort of Newsletter that the Association should have, including such issues as whether the publication should remain as a newsletter or be upgraded to journal form. While a newsletter style was favoured it is important that professional standards be maintained. That is, we do not see the Newsletter as a vehicle for the publication of material that would not see the light of day elsewhere, where the ideas, style or grammar are substandard. Thus any material, particularly articles or notes and the like, should be sent in final form, with diagrams and complete (and accurate) bibliographies. The editors should not have to chase up Major Mitchell's publisher, the year the journals were published or check some quote when the one cited is clearly wrong or on some other page. Return of material for revision or correction holds up publication. Nuff said, but see the Notes for Contributors in this issue.

Because of the rising costs of printing and postage this issue uses a new format - B5. This involves reduction of text and diagrams before printing. Will authors note that from now on all diagrams and photographs should be no larger than A4 when sent. As reduction may reduce the value of a diagram, map or photograph, it is desirable that such figures be submitted at A4 size, that is, with maximum dimensions of 24 x 14cm.

A list of members' addresses is included in this issue. Would you please check your own and let Harry Lourandos (University of New England) know about any others that you know to be out of date. If your name is not on the list you may conclude that you have died or are unfinancial, or both. As pointed out in the Volume 9 editorial, which included a subscription form for 1979 (and by implication the need to remove arrears), money to continue the Association and this Newsletter is needed at the start of any calendar year. Please check with the Treasurer, Harry Lourandos, on your membership and financial status so that our lists can be brought up to date. The December issue will carry the 1981 subscription form.

Finally, a small but important competition is hereby announced. This has to do with the cover of the Newsletter which is bare apart from the title. Would members please suggest a suitable logo for the cover? One idea is to have a swirling circle of university staff clubs, on the assumption that these places are where most Australian archaeology is carried out! Another suggestion is to use the heads of the President, Treasurer and Secretary, but this could lead to copies of the Newsletter being defaced. Someone must have a good idea. The winner (and the prize) will be announced in (and on) the December issue.