

Editor's Note

The *Australian Meteorological Magazine* will be available online with effect from this issue, initially on a trial basis. PDF versions of all papers published will be accessible via the AMM website (www.bom.gov.au/amm/). Initially, we will be making new papers available online as issues are published, but it is hoped that we will, eventually, also be able to make back issues available online. Access to the online version of the *Australian Meteorological Magazine* will be free.

Also in keeping with the electronic era, we are strongly encouraging electronic submission of papers. We have been taking electronic submissions for some time, and with this issue the 'Notes for Authors' have been updated to reflect this fact.

We hope that making the *Australian Meteorological Magazine* available online, as well as adding convenience for local subscribers, will make the journal more accessible to international readers. We are aware that the impact factor of papers published here has been a concern for some potential authors, and hope that making the material more accessible to the wider world will encourage the submission of a broader range of papers for publication. In particular, we encourage the submission of papers by authors outside Australia dealing with aspects of meteorology of the southern hemisphere.

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