

Editorial

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the *Journal of Southern Hemisphere Earth Systems Science* (JSHESS). The journal is replacing the *Australian Meteorological Journal* (AMOJ) as the focal point of the Australian meteorological and climatological communities.

Changes to the journal extend beyond the name. The scope of JSHESS is expanded to cover the many facets of earth systems science, including the fields of meteorology, climate, oceanography, hydrology and the land surface. The journal will also take an expanded geographical focus, with contributions expected from New Zealand, South America and South Africa, amongst other southern hemisphere locations.

In addition to changes in name and an exciting expansion of content, JSHESS marks several significant changes in the editorial board and processes. I will be taking over from Blair Trewin as Editor and will be supported by a team of Associate Editors. I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank Blair Trewin on behalf of the community for his tireless dedication to producing high-quality issues of AMOJ. His work as Editor has been very much appreciated by the community.

It is our intention that further improvements to JSHESS submissions and production are likely to follow over the next year, which will be communicated with future issues. I look forward to continuing the communication of high-quality science that began as the *Australian Meteorological and Oceanographic Journal*.

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