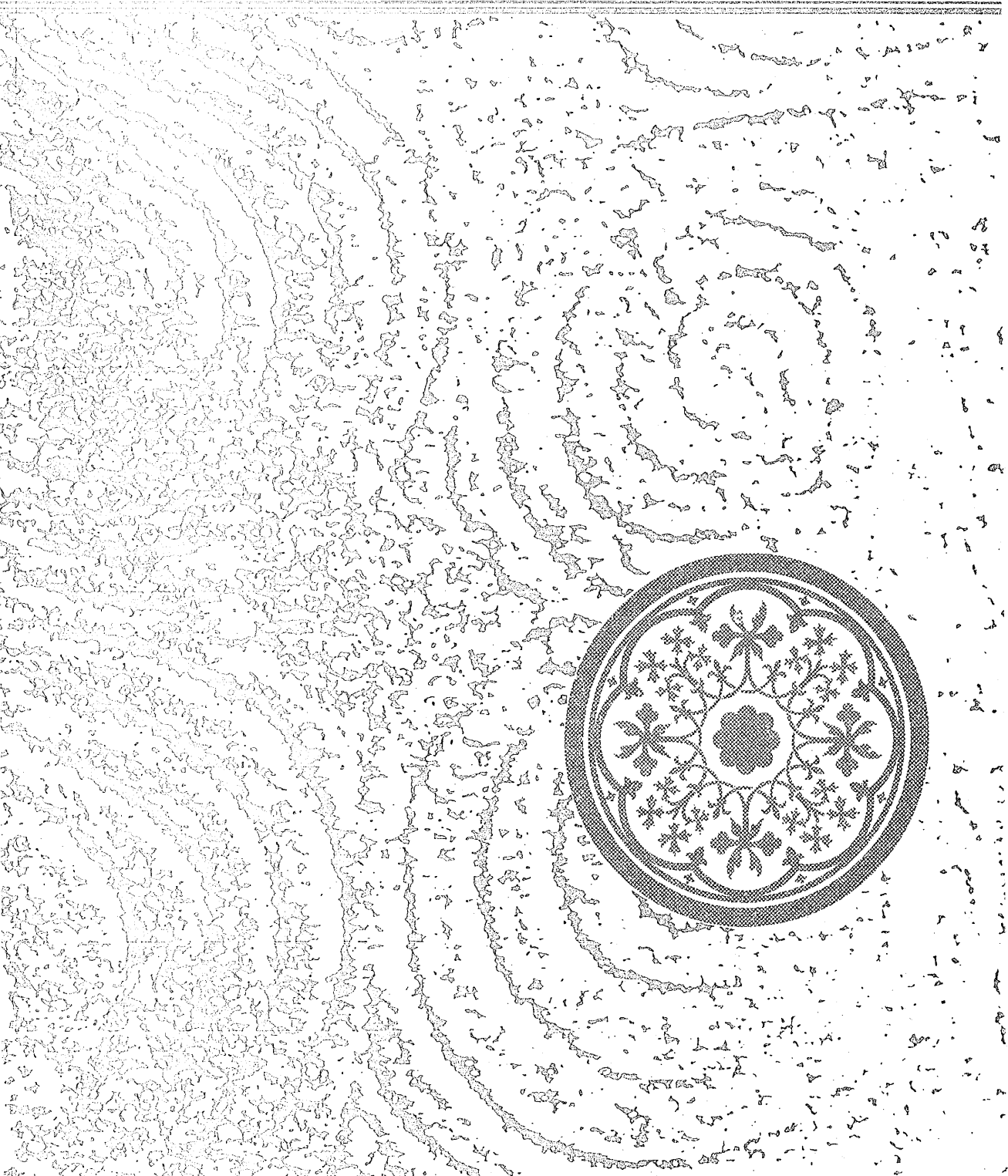


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Editorial

We apologise for the late posting of the last *Review*. The publishers were absolutely inundated with other work and the printers were changing to new equipment, and an emergency team had to be called in to assist with the distribution. We try hard but have not yet achieved omnipotence! This one is even later. Philip Hughes had planned to do the desktop publishing while working in Thailand prior to his long-service leave. Unfortunately, the material did not reach him in time, leading to a two month delay. This problem will not happen again for ten years.

Correction: We also apologise to John Henningham for failing to detect an error in his article in Volume 8, No.2, Spring 1995. In Table 7 on page 72 the tables to the two columns had been reversed. The first column should be headed "Do practise a religion" while the second one should be "Don't practise a religion".

As you will have noted from the inside cover, Paul Rule has taken over from Alan Black as Editor in Chief of AASR publications. We wish to thank Alan for his non-interventionist guidance in the past and wish him well in his new position as Foundation Chair of Sociology and Anthropology at The Edith Cowan University. We look forward to working with Paul.

Thanks again to those who have volunteered material for consideration, offered to review books and provided us with conference details. The new *Review* format is explained in detail by the Executive. I hope you will take the opportunity of having your work published in the refereed journal. Please send your work as soon as it is available, as inevitably the refereeing process will mean time delays and we hope to be an issue ahead.

Tricia Blombery and Philip Hughes
Co-editors

From the Executive

All members, and potential contributors, should be aware of significant changes accepted by the 1996 Annual General Meeting with respect to the AASR publication the *Australian Religion Studies Review*. This current issue is the Co-editors' first attempt to implement these proposals.

The recommendations of the Executive and actions taken or planned are outlined below.

Recommendation 1

* that steps be taken by the committee so that the journal meets the requirements of it being a fully refereed journal.

Action: All articles in this issue have been reviewed by at least one academic in the relevant field and suggested amendments have been made by the authors. All articles submitted for publication will be sent to reviewers and those not considered presently up to publication standard will be returned with constructive criticism.

Recommendation 2

* that procedures are followed with regard to ISSN numbers and statutory deposits.

Action: As the Secretariat for AASR is based in NSW, statutory deposits of each issue are placed with the NSW Parliamentary Library, the NSW State Library, the Fisher Library University of Sydney and the Australian National Library.

Recommendation 3

* that the journal continue to be published twice yearly in Spring and Autumn under the name *Australian Religion Studies Review*.

Recommendation 4

* that all AASR news be deleted from the journal and become content for a Year Book-cum-Directory of members to be published for members each year in early June.

Action: Members will receive each year with their membership renewal notice additional forms to return to the Secretary. One form will be the familiar Publications form which will request members to give details of all publications for the calendar year. The second will be an amended version of the Directory form and will ask for current contact details, institutional position and affiliation (if relevant) plus details of promotions and honours in the past year, current research interests and other matters relevant to members of AASR. These will form the basis of an A4 publication issued annually to members which will replace the current directory, the updates, and several news sections of the current *ARS Review* such as the minutes, financial report and

departmental news. This publication will be available to members at the annual conference and posted to those not attending.

Recommendation 5

* that the editorial committee of the journal be reviewed and it be ensured that members are willing to comply with a one-month turn-around time for vetting submitted articles.

Action: A new publications committee was elected at the AGM. Members of the committee are:

Paul Rule - La Trobe U Editor in Chief

Tricia Blombery and Philip Hughes - Co-editors *ARS Review*

Enid Adam - Edith Cowan U

Eddie Crangle - Edith Cowan U

Vic Hayes

Trevor Jordan - QUT

Penny Magee

These members will form the basis of the reviewing team but scholars outside the committee will be approached to review articles relevant to their particular research interests.

It is hoped with these changes that members will still have the relevant contact and information on events, personalities and happenings provided by the current style of *Review* as well as a fully refereed academic journal.

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