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Welcome to the first issue of the new look *Spectrum*, your member magazine. In 2018, the Board reviewed the publishing contracts for both the *Journal of Medical Radiation Sciences* and *Spectrum* and made the decision that from the March 2019 issue, the Society would bring the publishing of *Spectrum* (previously published by Wiley) in-house. This change will assist in going some way to reducing the once-lengthy timelines for submission of articles for publication in *Spectrum*. Previously, the closing date for submissions was

approximately two months before the date of publication. This has now been reduced to approximately five weeks.

This issue of *Spectrum* features a range of articles including stories from patients about their cancer experience, a new clinical series by Michael Fuller, the first in a series from our pioneers, and reflections from students on their rural clinical placements. One article is particularly poignant, with Joanne Harrison, a radiation therapist clinical tutor, sharing with us her personal experience of undergoing treatment for breast cancer.

The inaugural meeting of the Lead Committees with the Board of Directors was recently held in Melbourne. For those of you who have not been following the process of our advisory group restructure, the Lead Committee members were selected from expressions of interest late in 2018. The February weekend meeting was centred around a workshop to discuss the roles and responsibilities of the Lead Committees and the processes and procedures necessary for the Society to be able to respond to the many issues affecting the Society, its members, the public and patients that arise throughout the year. The Board and Lead Committee members recognise that they will need to call on the knowledge and expertise of members to address these and will be calling for expressions of interest to standing reference groups soon. The Board is also aware that there may be specific

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questions that may not be able to be addressed by either the Lead Committees or the Reference Groups and therefore will form working parties as needed. This meeting provided a valuable opportunity for the Lead Committee members to work together to develop the way forward. It was wonderful to be in the room with so many energised people working together for the professions and the Society. Exciting times ahead!

The combined ASMIRT2019 and AACRT2019 conference will be held this month in Adelaide. With delegates from over 20 countries attending there is sure to be something for everyone. I look forward to meeting and interacting with delegates from here and overseas, and of course learning as much as I can about the work that medical radiation professionals do, and the research they conduct.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on Saturday 30 March at 12.30pm at the Adelaide Convention Centre, in Adelaide. Please visit our website and check your emails for further information.

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