

Editorial

You will notice in this edition of *Archives and Manuscripts* a number of articles that have been a long time coming, or coming not a moment too soon (or both). These include: Livia Iacovino's analysis of the proposed HealthConnect project; Eric Ketelaar's article based on his speech at the ASA's 30th anniversary regarding the human right of access to archives; and an article based on Chris Hurley's 2004 address at the ASA's annual Conference in Canberra. In the abstract to 'Archivists and Accountability', you will read a snippet about the history of Chris Hurley's road to publication of this piece. I would like to thank Glenda Acland for her assistance during the pre-publication phase, particularly in editing and referee liaison. I assure all readers of this article that it is a compelling read, as one can ponder: is the archivist accountable or made accountable for unacceptable actions?

Mary Neazor's article on Name Identified Census Records is side-by-side with Livia Iacovino's. Both authors deal with privacy issues immediate to the community at large. What will a Smart Card mean for Australia? What are the pitfalls of permanent retention of census records? Such questions are inextricably linked to the perceived common good in our society, and the resultant tightrope act on which recordkeeping and archival professions base their project models and decisions. Yet there are some projects that remain undisputedly of benefit to the Australian community, including one archival project of note, the 'Trust and Technology' project. Outlined by Faulkhead, McKemmish and Ross, their article adds further depth to an article published in the May 2006 issue of *Archives and Manuscripts*: Lynette Russell's article 'Indigenous Records and Archives: Mutual Obligations and Building Trust'.

Other articles and reviews are worthy of mention here, but readers may have noticed the width of *A&M* growing lately, so I will therefore be brief and let the authors do the talking. However, I must draw your attention to the plight of archives at Timor-Leste and encourage you to be versed in Del Cuddihy's explanation of events and challenges, published here in the International News Notes section.

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