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This issue of *Corella* marks a transition for the journal. For the last four years *Corella* has been produced under the editorship of Durno Murray until he retired with the March, 1995 issue. During this last period as editor, Durno raised the journal from one which struggled to find enough material for the next issue to one with up to a year of material awaiting publication. He achieved this turnaround by actively soliciting material of general interest, by raising the journal to a standard where it has become attractive to "professional" ornithologists, and by encouraging "amateur" ornithologists to publish the results of their projects. Encouraging and assisting ABSA members to publish their work, whether the article be large or small, will continue to be an editorial priority.

Some other changes are occurring. From Volume 19 onwards, *Corella* will be produced in four parts with papers on seabirds and papers on landbirds no longer appearing in separate issues. This change is partly because of an increase in postage costs, and partly because of the perception that having separate seabird and landbird issues encourages the disciplines to stay apart. We hope that including both types of paper in the same issue will increase the likelihood of cross-fertilization between what have tended to be separate fields.

There have been some changes to the names of Australian birds with the publication of "Christidis, L. and Boles, W. E. (1994). 'The taxonomy and species of birds of Australia and its territories.' *RAOU Monograph 2*. (RAOU, Melbourne)". These changes have already been adopted by the ABBBS and RAOU: *Corella* will use the new nomenclature from Volume 20 onwards. Prospective authors are invited to contact the editor for a listing of common and scientific names on disk and hard copy for the cost of photocopying, a diskette and postage. A reminder also that the Mistnet Service is able to help banders with analysis of morphometric data by supplying copies of the computer programmes developed by Ken Rogers, which were described in *Corella* 19(1), March 1995.

Finally, the editorial panel looks forward to receiving the mix of papers which makes the journal of interest to a wide range of readers. ABSA members who feel daunted by task of scientific writing are invited to discuss their paper, and receive advice and assistance from the editor, at any stage in their project. There is still a wealth of valuable information tucked away in the banding records and notebooks of Australian ornithologists which needs to see the light of day.

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Honorary Editor