

# Australian and New Zealand Journal of Statistics Editors' Report to the 2024 AGM

## Editorial Team

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## 1. Overview

Four issues published in 2024 as usual. Journal impact factor for 2023 is 0.8, a fall from 1.1 in 2022.

## 2. In-Person Editors Meeting

The Handling Editors (Martin Hazelton, Sam Muller, Hanlin Shang, Rachel Wang, Barbara Holland, Tilman Davies, Hien Nguyen,), met at the University of Otago, Dunedin, on 23 February. Wiley staff Jasna Ganibegovic (journal manager), Lilly O'Scanaill (marketing) and Lindsey Matthews (in-house review) joined by zoom. Significant outcomes included:

- Refresh of Associate Editor list
- Planning underway for a Special Issue on R in 2025, celebrating the 25 year anniversary of its official release.

## 3. Summary of 2023

- 269 submissions
- 24 articles published in 4 issues, 6 of which are open access
- Top 4 countries for readership (downloads) are 1. US 2. China 3. Australia 4. UK. NZ does not appear in top 10.
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## 4. Obituaries

At the behest of the SSA History Standing Committee, the Journal will start to publish obituaries for regional statisticians. This matches current practice in Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A.

## 5. Succession Planning

Martin Hazelton plans to stand down as Editor-in-Chief early in 2025. Prof Sam Muller (Macquarie University) will likely take on that role.

## 6. Read Discussion Paper

The paper 'The incremental progression from fixed to random factors in the analysis of variance: a new synthesis' by Marti J. Anderson, Ray N. Gorley and Antonio Terlizzi, will be read at the 2024 NZSA conference. Alan Welsh and David Fletcher have agreed to act as invited discussants.

## 7. Financial Matters

The journal is moving to an online-only model. This will have financial implications for SSA and NZSA. The journal's management committee is due to meet so to discuss these. It is noted that traditionally the editorial team has had a budget of A\$10,000 per year to cover costs of the Editors' Meeting, etc.

## **8. Thanks**

I record here my thanks to all the handling editors, technical editors, associate editors and reviewers for their work for the journal during 2024, and indeed during my entire tenure as Editor-in-Chief.

Martin Hazelton  
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