

2009 Editorial

This issue of *The New Zealand Journal of Psychology* marks the end of my term as Editor. I would like to thank the New Zealand Psychological Society for the opportunity to serve in this role. During the years 2007, 2008, and 2009, I have been privileged to read and offer comment on the submissions representing a range of interests to Psychology in Aotearoa / New Zealand.

The *Journal* publishes articles with research data collected in Aotearoa / New Zealand, along with discussion of contemporary issues for the local cultural and social context. During my term, I have witnessed the *Journal's* responsiveness to these aims and their application in professional psychology practice. In this way, the *Journal* is one extension of the Society's service to the community.

The increase in submissions to the *Journal* aiming to explore cultural issues has been encouraging. The continued participation and partnership among tangata whenua (Maori) and other cultural groups is important. I am sure that the *Journal* will continue to support the principle of respect for the diversity of peoples through the invitation, review, and publication of local psychological research.

From the first issue of 2010, Dr. John Fitzgerald (from the Psychology Centre in Hamilton) will be the new Editor of *The New Zealand Journal of Psychology*. John has a wealth of experience from his work in psychological research and practice, and has been active in the Society's Institute for Clinical Psychology. For these reasons, I join with the Society's Executive in welcoming John to this important role.

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