

Editorial

Looking for you, looking for us?

The Australian Orthoptic Journal is the only English-language peer-reviewed orthoptic journal to be published biannually. In the last two years, we have managed to gain good support from academics and research students particularly, and we would like to encourage more clinicians to also submit work for publication. The AOJ is indeed a scientific publication but also one that belongs to professional clinicians not professional scientists necessarily; so, bring on the case studies, which often clinicians comment are the 'best read', bring on the clinical perspectives and review papers, and where are those clinical audits? Clinical audits highlighting management outcomes are imperative to a profession like ours given that we have strong interest in maintaining quality in the delivery of patient services and care. This is a call to our clinically based community to consider publishing your good work in the AOJ – we look forward to hearing from you.

On another note, we know that over time appearances change and so too does function! The current look of the AOJ has received favourable review from our colleagues, but soon it will have an online presence added. We are currently

planning for an '09 launch of the new AOJ website, which will serve to take our work further afield and allow it to be more easily searchable. In the meantime you can visit the Association's website for the journal's table of contents. And whilst speaking of websites and searching... did you know that you can now search the contents of the AOJ at a University of Liverpool webpage? Similarly, you can search contents of the British & Irish Orthoptic Journal and various transaction papers from the congresses of the International Orthoptic Association, International Strabismological Association and European Strabismological Association. Go to <http://www.liv.ac.uk/orthoptics/research/search.htm>. Thanks to Dr Fiona Rowe (who is on our Editorial Board) and her collaborators; we can now search these publications for our reference.

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