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The Editorial team comprises Stephen Haslett, Mervyn Silvapulle, Jeff Wood and Ken Russell.

During 2008/2009 ANZJS made progress towards adopting the Manuscript Central system to handle papers submitted to the journal. This would significantly improve the way papers are handled. Most international journals use similar software for managing papers. We expect that by next year, papers will be submitted to ANZJS by uploading pdf versions online.

We are pleased to inform that the Impact Factor of *Australian & New Zealand Journal of Statistics* rose significantly from 0.373 to 0.650 (ISI Journal Citation Reports, 2008). The Immediacy Index also increased significantly from 0.138 to 0.259, which indicates that (on average) a good portion of the articles are cited in the same year they are published. We are well aware that measures such as Impact Factors alone are inadequate to assess the quality of a journal. They are subject to fluctuation and can depend on whether key papers are included in the time window. Nevertheless, we are pleased to note that these figures are favourable to ANZJS.

The number of consortia libraries with paid access to the Journal increased by 7%, and the Table of Content alert registrants increased by 15%. The number of down loads has also increased significantly. These point to a pleasing set of improvements.

The journal has a large number of papers already accepted for publication. Therefore, the volume for 2009 has already been finalized.

The Society would like to thank all those involved in the smooth production of ANZJS and encourage all members to submit original papers in any of the following four categories: Applications, Theory and Methods, Reviews, and Historical and General Interest.

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