

Editorial

Dear Readers

This is my last message to you as Editor of Parabola. When I took the job as Editor in 2003 it was a time of change for Parabola, with its publication being taken over by the Australian Mathematics Trust (AMT). The AMT did a wonderful job over the past thirteen years in producing high-quality print copies. It is again a time of change, with Parabola now fully online, and no longer printed in hard copy. I recall having Parabola on the library shelves when I was a high school student in a country town in the 1970s. It was one of the things that got me interested in mathematics and it influenced choices I made along this path in later life. The online Parabola will continue the tradition of making the mathematics accessible to as wide an audience as possible. I look forward to readers from all parts of Australia, and indeed all around the world.

It is fitting at this time to hand over to a new Editor, and I welcome Thomas Britz in this role. Thomas has a great enthusiasm for mathematics education and for helping students with theirs. For this, Thomas was recently awarded the Vice Chancellors Award for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning.

I have enjoyed helping to get Parabola out to you for the past thirteen years and I thank all of the editorial staff and the AMT staff for their help in this. I thank Adelle Coster, Catherine Greenhill and Daniel Mansfield for helping to bring Parabola into the digital age. There has never been a more critical time for students to engage with mathematics and problem solving, and I wish the new online Parabola every success with this engagement.

Bruce Henry
Editor 2003–2015

Dear Readers

I am excited and honoured to be your new Editor of Parabola.

It will be a challenge to live up to the high standards of engagement and wisdom that Bruce Henry has upheld and raised as Editor the last thirteen years. During that period, Bruce has upgraded Parabola at least four times. As new Editor, Bruce oversaw the transition from in-house publication to high-quality publication by the Australian Mathematics Trust (AMT). A few years later, Bruce worked with Michael Deakin to incorporate into Parabola another mathematical magazine for high school students, Function. This strengthened the quality of Parabola, now the only peer-reviewed high school journal for mathematics in Australia. In 2009, Bruce worked with Adelle Coster to win Parabola a grant from the U-Committee of UNSW to commence the Parabola Online Project. A new and redesigned website was launched last year and now features the entire collection of Parabola publications, with more than 50 years of excellent articles, problems and solutions, and the UNSW School Mathematics Competition results. Readers from all around the world can now enjoy and contribute to its contents. Early this year, Bruce let Parabola be online-only. This frees Parabola from publishing costs and cements its longterm prospects.

I look forward to bringing Parabola further forward, trying my best to follow the Bruce' lead. I hope that you will help me in this, by enjoying and sharing Parabola contents, and by feeling more than welcome to contribute articles and problems to Parabola yourself!

Thomas Britz
Editor 2015–?