

## **Fabrications Report**

The Editors of Fabrications, Andrew Leach and Paul Walker, met in Melbourne in January and in Cincinnati in April to discuss plans for the volume 18 nos 1 & 2 issues of the journal and to consider longer term plans. While Leach and Walker are now jointly handling the refereeing of papers, management of the process has been complicated by Walker's appointment to the role of head of architecture and urban design at the University of Melbourne. The editors are attempting to address the workload implications.

After some production delays, Fabrications vol 17, no 2 (special issue, Style) appeared in February. It contains 5 articles and 9 book reviews. UQP printed 300 copies, as per previous issues, and costs to SAHANZ (approx \$4000 per issue, less institutional subscriptions processed by UQP directly) remain static.

The Editors received seven papers for the open issue, Fabrications 18, no. 1 (nominally June 2008). One was judged unsuitable for refereeing; two were rejected by the editors on the basis of referee reports; one is currently being amended by the author according to recommendations made by referees; two have been amended on that basis; and one has been sent to a third referee after the second failed to submit a report in good time. We note that the number of papers submitted by the membership of SAHANZ is quite limited given the size of the organization, and we ask members to give more consideration to submitting work for review. Seven book reviews will be included in this issue, some of which were originally intended for the previous issue.

Fabrications 18, no. 2 (December 2008) will be a special issue comprising papers presented at the SAH meeting in Cincinnati in April 2008. It comprises 5 papers: by Leonie Matthews, Paul Memmott and James Davidson, Robin Skinner, Julie Willis and Philip Goad, and Paul Walker. After the session, authors had an opportunity to revise their papers for publication, followed by refereeing. Paul Walker's involvement in the session, and thus in the special issue, required a variation to the journal's Editorial Policy, which was approved by SAHANZ's Editorial Board in February 2008:

Amendments to the Fabrications Editorial Policy.

4.0 Exclusions The Journal will, as a practice, neither referee nor publish papers authored or co-authored by either of Fabrications' Editors. Editors may apply to the Editorial Board for permission to submit papers to the journal. If approved, the review of the paper will be managed by the second Editor and confidentiality of all identities maintained. Editors will not commission reviews of their books for which they have been sole author, co-author, editor, or co-editor. Fabrications may review edited collections in which an Editor's writing appears as one of a number of essays.

These exclusions apply for the duration of the Editor's service.

These changes allow for a special issue of Fabrications to be drawn in full from the SAH session. They also allow Editors to contribute book reviews to the journal, which on occasion struggles to secure available reviewers.

Because preparations for the Fabrications special issue drawn from the SAH session are at present more advanced than those for the year's open issue (due to delays in refereeing as well as a high rejection rate), the editors have decided to change the order of publication and proceed with the SAH issue, now as Fabrications vol 18 no 1, as soon as possible. We do not anticipate any problem in publishing the second issue of the year by December.

Fabrications in 2009: the editors have had some initial discussions over a themed issue concerning the 19th century for 2009, but plans for this are neither advanced nor

confirmed. The Editors will meet to discuss these plans in Melbourne ahead of the SAHANZ conference.

Andrew Leach & Paul Walker, Editors June 2008