

FOREWORD

With this number Wallace Kirsop, our Founding Editor, hands over the responsibility for producing *Explorations* to a three-person Editorial Committee. This new plurality is a sign of the ISFAR committee's awareness of the enormous burden that over the past twelve years Wal has borne virtually alone in addition to his many other professional commitments. We are most grateful for all that he has done for *Explorations* and in particular for the high standards of editing and production which he has established and which we can but hope to emulate.

Wal has asked us to proceed with this and subsequent numbers while he retains responsibility for the two 1996 numbers (Nos 20 and 21) which will appear over the next few months. Preparation of the second number for 1997 (No 23) and of the first for this year (No 24) is well under way, so that by the end of 1999 we aim to have brought the issue of numbers up to date. Whether we do so will depend largely on the availability of copy, so that we shall always be interested in receiving contributed articles and suggestions for articles to do with French-Australian relations from members and others. Intending contributors should contact any one of us for advice on preferred conventions and methods of presentation.

The editors will be grateful for any comment on the content of this issue. For any short comment or minor correction you are welcome to ring (Pat: 9889 2414, Jacques: 9509 5895, Colin: 9857 9938), but we would prefer to have any more substantial suggestions in writing, either by mail (address inside front cover), or by fax (Jacques: 9509 7457), or by E-mail:

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