

Foreword

The community at Bruce Hall make an extraordinary contribution to the university through sharing the scholarship and ideas of students. The 2022 issue of Cross sections is a testament to the excellence of scholarship of residents of the Hall with a range of articles that make a nationally significant contribution to knowledge.

Bruce Hall opened in 1961, with the new state of the art residence opened after rebuilding in 2019. The community has led through many innovations over the decades including being the first undergraduate hall of residence at the university and the first in Australia to admit both men and women. The Hall's motto "Felix Qui Potuit Rerum Cognoscere Causas" means "Happy is he who is able to discover the reason for things" inspiring students to be part of a community that will bring lifelong benefits to them. Cross-sections most ably reflects the discoveries achieved by the students providing the opportunity to realise their commitment to share that knowledge to create new scholarship.

The first issue of Cross-sections was published in 2005. There are now five student journals published at the university by ANU Press, with Cross-sections leading through its excellence, regularity and wide readership.

It has built on a commitment to include diverse disciplines in a way that promotes academic excellence. Authors gain extraordinary benefits from learning first hand capabilities relating to scholarly writing and publishing. The relationship between undergraduate students, academic staff and alumni inspires connections that will contribute to future achievements for the students whose work is contained in the volumes.

Volume XIII contains extraordinary scholarship that places important voices into many debates. Readers are challenged to think in new

ways about the past, the present and the future. I have no doubt that the articles and art will stimulate much debate and be the cornerstone for new career steps for the authors.

Bruce Hall's reputation of academic excellent is demonstrated on every page of this excellent issue.

I congratulate the editor-in-Chief Manett Gill, Managing Editor Chloe Woodburn and all who have contributed to this volume. It a great pleasure to acknowledge the work of authors and the editorial team. I encourage all readers to reflect and engage with the content of this volume.

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