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Foreword

Volume 9, Number 1 of the *Extension Farming Systems Journal* contains Research and Industry Forum papers submitted to the Australasia-Pacific Extension Network's 6th International Conference, 'Transformative Change: Chosen or Unchosen', held at the Lincoln University, Christchurch, New Zealand on 26-28 August 2013.

This is by far the largest issue of the journal to date and is being published following the conference. It contains a large range of excellent articles for applied agricultural extension researchers and for agricultural extension practitioners. The journal remains essentially the same, with both Research Forum and Industry Forum Sections. The former, for publishing outcomes of research in extension contains papers which have been subject to a blind reviewing process by two independent reviewers. The latter is a forum for publishing papers on extension practice, case-studies and stories, which have been edited but not peer reviewed. It remains an on-line journal, although it is possible to purchase hard copies.

The large number of Research Forum papers to be reviewed and edited required help from additional reviewers other than the Editorial Board Members. They are listed on the previous page below the Editorial Board members. Denise Bewsell also organised a group of people who read through and made editorial suggestions for the Industry Forum papers and these are also listed.

Roy Murray-Prior

Editor

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Initially the Journal Editor will decide whether a paper and author meets the criteria for acceptance into the reviewing process for either the Industry or Research Forum sections. The criteria for assessing suitability will vary according to the details outlined under the Industry and Research Forum sections of the Journal.

If accepted for the Research Forum, a paper will be sent to two members of the Editorial Board, or other suitable researchers for review. The Editor will then decide whether to publish a paper after receiving reports from the referees. If accepted for the Industry Forum it may be sent to reviewers from the Industry Forum panel for consideration and then published, if their comments are favourable.

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