

Preface

In 2020, volume 103 of the Journal had 12 papers, 1 book review, 1 comment and John Glover's obituary—the most articles since volume 98 (2015) in which there were 18 papers and 2 book reviews.

During the year the Society held two symposia: 'Wallacea: connecting Asia to the Australian continent' on 14–15 February and 'Western Australia's marine and estuarine environment' on 3 October. Volume 103 includes the first two articles from the former symposium, a comment on one of these and a review of various books on Wallace—all of which follow a history-of-science theme. Also in this volume are the last two articles from the 2018 symposium on 'Landscapes, seascapes & biota: unique WA – past, present & future', which yielded eight papers for the journal. Of those, the paper by Don McFarlane *et al.* in volume 103—'Runoff and groundwater responses to climate change in South West Australia'—presents an overview of one of the most serious challenges for the State: the drying climate in the Southwest. Other articles in this volume cover diverse topics: the Bassendean soil, seagrass and macroalgal biogeography, tiger snakes on Carnac Island, Noongar lizard traps near Albany, modern foraminifera in Southwest estuaries, birds on Faure Island in Shark Bay, the greater bilby in the Pilbara, biota of Gibson Desert rock pools and *Daviesia* cluster roots.

Further symposia are planned: early in 2021 on 'Swan Coastal Plain – temporal and special patterns', and later in the year the inaugural John Glover Symposium to honour his generosity to the Society.

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