

## Preface

Volume 104 of the Journal for 2021 had 11 contributions of which 5 were full papers, 5 were short Research Notes—a category not used since 2012 in volume 95—and an obituary for Alex Bevan (WA Museum). During 2021 the Society held two symposia: ‘Swan Coastal Plain – temporal and spatial patterns’ on 15 March, and the inaugural John Glover Symposium on ‘The Southwest Biodiversity Hotspot’ held on 3–4 September—the latter to honour John’s generosity to the Society.

Further symposia planned for 2022 will be announced via the Society’s website.

Articles in volume 104 included diverse topics such as snakes from the Banda Arc and plant biodiversity of the Southwest, both of which were originally presented at the Society’s 2020 Wallacea symposium. Other larger articles covered: combustion features in Indigenous archaeological sites, a re-evaluation of sea temperature and density measurements made during 1896 off southern Australia, and Lower Permian palynomorphs. The Research Notes consisted of an account of zamia poisoning of crew from the de Vlamingh expedition of 1697, use of fertilizer in the Northern Jarrah Forest, a mud minnow from Ellen Brook, an example of recent avian kleptoparasitism, and the Black-striped Burrowing Snake around Perth. Two of the research notes were from a 19-year old Perth Modern student—probably the Society’s youngest contributor since its foundation in 1899.

Future changes to the editorial process for the journal will include greater insistence on following the guide to authors and the employment of external copy editors, which should speed the progression of manuscripts once accepted by the reviewers.

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