

PREFACE

Many readers of the Journal will be pleased to see the return of earth science papers to its pages. David Haig and Alfred Mori's paper on Foraminifera from the Middle Permian of the Southern Carnarvon is particularly welcome.

The Royal Society of Western Australia, in the tradition of the Royal Society of London, prides itself in being an interdisciplinary science organisation, and its Journal is always open to papers which touch on more than one of science's disciplines. The very topical paper by Ingrid Ward and her colleagues on the archaeological assessment of a submerged development site in northern WA – that of James Price Point touches on geology, sedimentology, climate history and bathymetry as well as archaeology.

In a similar way, the paper by Matthew Forbes and Ryan Vogwil utilises a conceptual framework that depends on hydrology, climate history and ecology in an evaluation of the effects of recent environmental changes to Lake Clifton, Western Australia.

All three papers provide readers with examples of the application of modern techniques to assist in the understanding of Western Australia's environment.

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