CCR has impact

Fourteen years ago, Lindsay (Tub) Worthley began publishing *Critical Care and Resuscitation* (CCR) with essentially no resources and only a kitchen table, extraordinary enthusiasm, commitment and persistence. Many doubted that the enterprise would succeed in the long run. However, in what is, in many ways, yet another Down Under success story, Tub did not give up and CCR survived and slowly but persistently prospered. The Australian and New Zealand intensive care community began to see itself in its pages and began to be just a little bit proud (without showing it too much) that it too had its own journal. Australasian critical care had for a long time been proud of its clinical training and expertise, but as the vibrancy, reach and worldwide importance of its research grew, so did the journal. Over an extraordinary decade, the specialty saw the arrival of the Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society (ANZICS) Clinical Trials Group, the expansion of the national database, the development of the ANZICS Centre for Outcome and Resource Evaluation (CORE) and the formation of the College of Intensive Care Medicine of Australia and New Zealand. Australian and New Zealand critical care moved from being a small international player to being the envy of similar groups in other countries and, arguably, to being the number one intensive care group for productivity, clinical research, data evaluation and large-scale clinical observations and trials in the world.

It was inevitable that such an “overactive” community of doctors, nurses and allied health practitioners would want to see its journal thrive in parallel with the success of the specialty elsewhere. Peter (Vernon) van Heerden was the right person to make this happen. He became editor after Tub’s retirement and took the journal to Medline and PubMed indexation. This was a key step forward. Our abstracts and our voices and thoughts were finally available to the world’s search engines. It was in this successful and rapidly evolving situation that Vernon kindly asked me to take over as editor. With the formation of the College in 2010, one of the first orders of business was to make CCR the official journal of the new College. It is hard to believe this was 4 years ago. I saw my task as twofold. First, I had to support CCR by submitting, reviewing, or citing our work, or doing all three. This is our journal and we should have its journal thrive in parallel with the success of the specialty elsewhere. Peter (Vernon) van Heerden was the right person to make this happen. He became editor after Tub’s retirement and took the journal to Medline and PubMed indexation. This was a key step forward. Our abstracts and our voices and thoughts were finally available to the world’s search engines. It was in this successful and rapidly evolving situation that Vernon kindly asked me to take over as editor. With the formation of the College in 2010, one of the first orders of business was to make CCR the official journal of the new College. It is hard to believe this was 4 years ago. I saw my task as twofold. First, I had to support CCR by submitting, reviewing, or citing our work, or doing all three. This is our journal and we should be a little bit prouder today.

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