

## Editorial

With this first issue of volume 9 of the *Journal of Pacific Archaeology* I take over as Editor from Tim Thomas, who has edited the journal for eight years, first as Assistant Editor from 2010 to 2012, and then as Editor. I served as Assistant Editor with Tim from 2015 and I thank him for his exceptional stewardship of the journal as well as the training and advice he has given me. Rebecca Phillips will be joining me as Assistant Editor beginning with the second issue this year.

Over the last eight years the journal has lived up to its remit of publishing important research on the archaeol-

ogy of the Pacific and related disciplines with close to 100 articles and research reports, plus notes and book reviews. The most downloaded items showcase the journal's commitment to excellence and topical diversity and include research ranging from the Wairau Bar human remains, to re-dating Lapita movement into Remote Oceania, and the biogeochemical constraints on ancient Pacific agriculture. With your support through submission of high-quality manuscripts, the *Journal of Pacific Archaeology* will continue to publish high-quality research on trans-Pacific themes.

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