

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the first issue of *Emergent Australasian Philosophers*, an electronic journal of philosophy catering specifically to final year/honours students.

To those who question the validity or need of a journal such as ours, we refer you to the raft of submissions we have received since we sent out our first call for papers. In this issue, we have a variety of articles, treating a broad spectrum of philosophical issues such as causation, ethics, and autobiography.

When deciding on a title for our journal, we considered how best to serve the up-and-coming philosophy community, and realised that many prospective academics needed to showcase their skills, even at this early stage in their career. The title *Emergent Australasian Philosophers* was chosen for this very reason, as it evokes the goal of our enterprise in its entirety. It is today's emergent philosophical talent that will be contributing to tomorrow's professional academic journals; that will be addressing tomorrow's controversial philosophical questions.

Our gratitude is due to our review team, without whose time and effort, freely given, this issue would not be possible. Special thanks is also due to Associate Professor William Grey, and Doctor John S. Wilkins of the School of History, Philosophy, Religion and Classics at the University of Queensland: from the moment that we imagined a forum for final year/honours students from across Australasia to publish their academic work, these two philosopher's gave us their wholehearted support. Many thanks indeed. Lastly, our thanks to all those who submitted essays for consideration in issue 1.

We hope that you enjoy reading this first issue of *Emergent Australasian Philosophers*, and that you will continue to support the journal in years to come.

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