

## EDITORS NOTE

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This issue of *Health and History* combines numbers 2 and 3 to fulfil the expectations of our first subscribers. We have been delighted with the warm reception accorded *Health and History*, both in Australia and overseas. We hope that this is only the beginning of a long and healthy history of the Bulletin of the Australian Society of the History of Medicine.

The issue opens with the publishing of the major papers presented to a symposium organised in 1997 at Melbourne University by the Centre for the Study of Health and Society and the then Australian Science Archives Project, addressing the rapidly growing problems of saving and storing medical archives: patient records, and artifacts, professional and administrative documents.

Four scholarly articles follow, one of them a high-light of the recent ASHM conference in Sydney, reported on in this issue by Dr Peter Winterton, President of the Society. There are three lively research notes from physician-historians and book reviews. And Monika Wells has written an appreciation the late Ann Tovell, who did so much to preserve the history of medicine in this country. This second issue of *Health and History* is in her memory.

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