

Farewell from Your Editor



Dear readers,

I'm not quite sure how I feel typing this final message to you all. There is a sense of relief but also of loss. There is so much gratitude for ICPA and all it has given me over many years. Thank you everyone for your kind words via email and in this issue.

There are so many people I am grateful to. Firstly, to my late sister who told me 'to feel the fear and do it anyway', when I was debating about taking on the publishing role of Pedals, after two years as editor, and knowing nothing about publishing.

To the Federal Council who first took a chance on me and to all those since who have believed in me to continue as editor.

To all the Presidents, Publicity Officers and other Councillors thank you for your support and content. I hope my nagging re deadlines hasn't left any of you with lifelong trauma!

To every member of ICPA who has ever made a contribution to the content of Pedals over the years, I offer my heartfelt thanks. You are the reason Pedals exists. Without your content there is no magazine. Please don't ever feel your contribution is not valuable. Everyone has a story to tell.

To the wonderful publishing and mailing houses I have worked with over the years your support and assistance has been greatly appreciated.

My most grateful thanks must be to my family. (pictured above) I could not have done this job for a year, let alone

almost a decade, without the unstinting support of my husband and children. They have been absolutely amazing in their encouragement of my role as editor of Pedals, never once resenting the time I have spent in the office, travelling to conferences or tied up on the phone.

So what of the future? This year is very exciting as we are on the countdown to our daughter's wedding on 29th October.

In 2023 my husband and I will retire to our house in Perth, leaving our sons to run the property. We will take some time to settle in and my husband will 'commute' to the station on occasions when his help is needed such as at mustering time.

As for me I will continue with my Virtual Assistant business (if you are looking for one feel free to hit me up!!) whilst enjoying the opportunity to get involved in some new activities and groups. I'm hoping to explore my passion for public speaking (yes I know many think I'm mad!) through groups like Toastmasters and Rostrum. I'm sure I will also find some other volunteer opportunities to keep me busy.

I extend my very best wishes to our new editor Hannah, and publisher, Tracey. I will be eagerly awaiting my October issue of Pedals because I will actually be keen to read it, instead of thinking 'I don't want to see THAT again!

So freinds it's time to say farewell but remember 'you are the wind beneath my wings'

Raelene Hall
Pedals Editor

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