

○ EDITORIAL

In *ARAL* 31/1 we move to the APA (American Psychological Association) referencing system. This brings *ARAL* into line with the most used format in the social sciences, and has the merit of being familiar to most applied linguists. The other formatting conventions remain as they are with ePress at Monash University. The notes for contributors are being revised accordingly.

ARAL 31/1 is also the last issue with Rachel Varshney as Co-Editor. Other commitments have forced her to withdraw from this position. Her contribution has been vital, and we will miss her expertise, enthusiasm and judgement.

The last issue of *ARAL* for 2008 will introduce a new forum/discussion format. This year the theme will be 'Global English'. In 2009 the theme will be 'The concept of community in Applied Linguistics'.

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