

EDITORIAL

My association with *Mauri Ora* began two years ago as a consequence of starting a Ph.D. and moving into the room occupied by the journal. At that time Volume 11 was in its finishing stages so I became involved with its final formatting, distribution and finances. From that time until the present *Mauri Ora* has been in need of support, especially from post-graduate students. Thankfully there have been a few staff members (Bill Davison, Mike Winterbourn, Colin Burrows, and David Norton) who have shown a continued interest in *Mauri Ora* and have formed the "backbone" that was once the Biological Society. Despite this support the running of *Mauri Ora* for the past 2-3 volumes and including this volume has been left to only a few individuals. With research becoming more and more demanding, many may question the value of processing or editing manuscripts for *Mauri Ora*. However, I have not only learned and acquired invaluable editing skills but have also gained an appreciation of the lengthy procedures involved in publishing scientific manuscripts in the form of a journal.

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