

From the Managing Editor

Welcome to the final issue of volume 22 of the *Australian Journal of Labour Economics* for 2019. In order to deliver the journal in a more timely manner the editorial team has decided to issue the *Australian Journal of Labour Economics* biannually. As a gesture of goodwill to our existing subscribers to the journal, subscriptions will be extended to 2020. We hope that with the new publication schedule we will be able to include more articles on issues of immediate interest to readers, particularly as the labour market situation is changing so rapidly at the moment.

This issue contains articles on several different aspects of labour market analysis, of interest to researchers and practitioners. The paper by Alexis Esposto and Juan Agudelo of Swinburne University addresses an issue of casualisation and inequality, an issue which is a subject of debate among unions, employers and governments. Tracey West of Griffith University examines the retirement savings of self-employed tradespeople. Retirement savings, the role of superannuation and pensions promises to be a topic of debate in Australia for some time. It is well-known among labour economists that there is a very big regional dimension to unemployment, and this has been widely explored in previous issues of the *Australian Journal of Labour Economics*. Rohan Best of Macquarie University contributes to this literature with his paper on regional lock-in in unemployment. In the final paper of this issue Lisa Denny of the University of Tasmania makes a valuable and thoughtful contribution to the current, sometimes not so thoughtful, debate on the future of work in Australia.

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