

eTeam Quarterly Report, September 16, 2024

Journal 247, Down t' Pit was very well supported by writers, five of whom had never published in the journal before. We have some encouraging feedback which will be reported in Journal 248: Illawarra Hist Soc has mentioned how our journal is 'jam packed with local content' and how striking our cover with red lettering was to their secretary's eyes; one of our members has followed up on the article on William Walter Johnson with relevant family photos.

Journal 248, December, will be the follow-on from 246 on the Medical Matters theme. It is already well underway due to the huge response we received on that theme.

We were disappointed by the response from the Nick Vine Hall judges on our 2024 entry, with one judge in particular finding quite a lot of shortcomings in her/his opinion, including the red lettering on the cover which the Illawarra secretary had found appealing! (Interestingly, the criticism had to do with people with red/green colour blindness having difficulty with the colour). Comments we deem to be appropriate will be considered for the future, but other items may not, as we already cover them in the Newsletter. We had submitted a Newsletter as a sample along with the Journal, but presumably it was not part of the judging. It seems that what we see the purpose of our journal may be a little different from what that judge expects.

I am very content with the results of my first foray into editorship and hope that this continues to be the case!

Clearly, I could not have done it without the support of the entire team, for which I am grateful.

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