

## Welcome to John Cox, Sub-editor

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After 46 issues of steadily increasing size, I'm feeling the need for additional editorial assistance, particularly with offerings on aquatic birds (some might say that's obvious!). By coincidence the journal's founding editor, the late Roy Cooper, also oversaw 46 issues, over an impressive 17 years. The Club has a long tradition in which Roy was a central figure, so I hope the long-standing members will bear with me, at another *ABW* milestone, if I engage a sub-editor to share some of the load and perhaps take *ABW* a little further from Roy's format. John Cox gave the only enthusiastic response to my canvassing for assistance, so it is with pleasure that I welcome him as sub-editor. John comes well qualified as a past editor of the *South Australian Ornithologist* and an occasional referee of papers in *ABW*, as well as a significant author in both journals. Henceforth, offerings on seabirds, waterbirds, shorebirds and 'twitcher' papers on first national or state records of vagrant species should be sent to John, as I am handing over to him all the tasks associated with receiving, acknowledging, referring out, editing, accepting and proof-reading papers on these bird groups. Prospective authors on these subjects are requested to submit items or enquiries directly to John at 7 Agnes Court, Salisbury East, S.A. 5109.

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