



# A 20 year milestone for Rural Society

2009 marks 20 years since *Rural Society*, the journal of research into rural and regional social issues, began life as the *Rural Welfare Research Bulletin*. Published by the then Centre for Rural Welfare Research in Charles Sturt University's School of Humanities and Social Sciences, the first edition of *Rural Society*, edited by David Moore, was released in April 1989.

Over 20 years the articles published in *Rural Society* have covered some enduring themes such as rural justice, multiculturalism, women in the workforce, gender equality, rural transport and access to services. These issues have arisen time and again in 20 years of publishing *Rural Society* and add weight to the old adage that the more things change the more they stay the same.

A feature in the past seven years has been the devotion of one edition each year to a special issue focusing on a specific topic. These have included history; human services and community; information and communication technology; arts and culture; gender and water and the forthcoming 2009 edition is on post compulsory education.

Production was moved to commercial publisher *e-content management* in 2007 but the editorial direction remains with Charles Sturt University. It remains a testament to the hard work of many CSU academics who have not only submitted articles but actively assisted in the editing, reviewing and administrative processes of the journal. Special mention should be made of Marion Bannister's nine years of service which has contributed significantly to the progress of *Rural Society*.

