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Lighting the Way – Celebrating Dr Hazel Keedle's Lasting Legacy

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Dr Hazel Keedle

As we bid farewell to Dr Hazel Keedle as Editor-in-Chief of The Practising Midwife Australia, we reflect with immense gratitude on her brilliant contributions. From the beginning, Hazel brought intelligence, energy and creative flair, developing this journal into an essential resource for midwives and maternity care professionals throughout Australia and beyond.

Hazel's leadership began with the inaugural issue, Welcome to Country, launched at the ACM National Conference in Cairns in 2022, in collaboration with joint Editor-in-Chief Renae Coleman, the many author contributors and illustrator Jame Telfer. That debut set the tone for a journal rooted in cultural safety, addressing inequities and amplifying Indigenous voices.

Over the course of 12 inspiring issues, Hazel has led with vision and purpose. She explored themes of activism, compassionate education, collaborative practice, leadership and complex care, shining a light on the best of midwifery and maternity practice. Her ability to champion new authors while sharing her own expertise through editorials and

articles has created a rich, insightful archive for students, midwives and maternity care staff, which will contribute to growth and learning.

While Hazel steps down from this role, we are thrilled she will continue to shape the journal as a member of the Editorial Advisory Board, mentoring her successor Dr Bridget Ferguson. Together, they will co-edit the next issue, which will introduce Bridget as we transition into autumn.

Hazel, thank you for your dedication and wisdom. Your editorial leadership has nurtured The Practising Midwife Australia into the important practice-focused journal it is today, you really have left a lasting legacy. We wish you every success in your future as you continue to inspire and advocate for midwifery.

With gratitude,

All4Maternity and The Practising Midwife Australia Team

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