

Please accept our sincere apology for what has been an unavoidably long silence. In early August our founding editor was whisked off to hospital for a relatively minor problem, however the admitting doctor for reasons known only to himself decided to withhold some vital medication which caused her kidneys to fail. A series of haemodialysis was required to re-start them which was complicated by contracting Type A flu. A total of 5 ½ weeks was spent recovering in hospital.

After been bedridden for so long, she then undertook 4 weeks' rehabilitation, during which time payment of the phone and fax bills was made one day late, resulting in both being cut off. A high level request was lodged for immediate reconnection, however the current federal government has prevented this by issuing a directive that all "new" connections must be to the nbn (which in our area is FttN and is not compulsory until February 2018).

With the relevant bullet subsequently bitten, it has taken until today to be connected to the nbn and thus have access to emails and the internet. Our phone line is in the process of being connected.

We are still treating the magazine as in "rest" mode and all subscribers will continue to have their subscriptions extended by the number of issues that are not published. We are actively working on the magazine's continuation, however realistically this may now not occur until the first quarter of 2018. Meantime, we thank everyone for their understanding and patience.

While new subscriptions and renewals are not currently being accepted, we are taking Back Issues and Magazine Binder orders online, by post and by telephone during our office hours 9am–1pm. Please note that we no longer have a fax number.

*Monday 24 July 2017*

It is with great regret that we advise our founding editor had to unexpectedly retire immediately after our June 2017 magazine was published.

We are currently seeking a replacement, however this unforeseen vacancy means the magazine cannot be published until the new editor is appointed. We hope this will not take more than 3 months to achieve. Current subscribers will, of course, have their subscriptions extended by the number of issues that are not published.

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*Friday 7 April 2017*

We regret to advise that due to circumstances beyond our control, it has not been possible to publish an April 2017 magazine.

Despite our best efforts, it has become necessary to publish a composite April–May 2017 magazine which is being posted to subscribers on Friday 21 April 2017. It will be on sale in newsagents throughout Australia from Friday 28 April 2017 and available from bookshops in New Zealand from the middle of May 2017.

We apologise most sincerely to everyone for the inconvenience and disappointment this has caused and hope your patience and understanding will prevail. By way of compensation an extra month is, of course, being added to all our subscribers' subscriptions.

With best wishes for a Happy and Safe Easter.