









## INTRODUCTION

It is with pleasure that I introduce Volume 10 of the *Proceedings* of Brisbane Catholic Historical Society. The journal continues the vision of Rev Dr Tom Boland, begun with Volume 1 in Australia's Bicentennial Year (1988). In the interim, its size has grown from 68 pages to that which you are now reading.

Happily, we can report the recognition of the academic career of Dr Boland, in the Award of *Doctor Honoris Causa Australian Catholic University*, on 10 May 2006. A report of those proceedings, together with the address that he delivered on this occasion – *John Paul II and History* – begins this volume. Later, in *A Life on the Ocean Wave* he presents an account of the voyage to Australia by one of Queensland's pioneer priests, Fr Henri Brunn.

An appreciation of one of the Society's founding members, Sister Mary Peter Hodda, rsm, has been provided by Sister Patricia Sullivan, rsm. For many years Sister Hodda was a tireless supporter of our various activities.

This issue represents a new departure for our *Proceedings*. For the first time, the possibility of contributors having their papers peer-reviewed has become a reality. Articles submitted to this process are marked with the symbol ♁ both in the Contents page and next to the Title on the paper itself.

In addition, in an attempt to encourage circulation for writers of local history, the editorial committee has decided to present details of books recently published. A list of these can be found at the end of the volume.

As is the Society's custom, the papers presented here reflect the wide range of research interests followed by various members.

Our indigenous sisters and brothers were the focus of two papers that treated different historical periods: *Duncan McNab, James Quinn, and the Mission to the Queensland Aborigines (1875-1880)* by Mark Cryle, and *The Catholic Church and the Struggle for Civil rights of*

