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# LEGACIES AND VISIONS

Producing this edition of *SA Family Practice* has been like putting another piece of a huge jigsaw puzzle into place.

Tribute must be paid to Sam for his guiding hand over the years – and, as I have come to realise in the past few weeks, tribute must equally be paid to his wife Jenneke for the major contribution she has made to ensuring that the journal has remained strong.

Some of the legacy Sam leaves is: a credibility on which to build; goodwill from our advertisers; and a high standard of original articles written by our health care colleagues.

The dynamic production team of *SA Family Practice* has been getting to grips with the ‘transition’ and their dedication, loyalty and guidance have been invaluable.

Ultimately, however, the journal is dependent on contributions from our readers. Many potential writers may hesitate to put their ‘wisdom’ and experience into words, but I would like to encourage them to take this step. With this in mind, several new series have been initiated in this edition – and articles or contributions following their format would be welcomed.

*SA Family Practice* will form a core component of *Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)* – a concept which incorporates, but also goes beyond, CME. CQI addresses, in practical terms, everyday aspects of practice (whether this is ‘independent’, within industry or in the public sector).

I would appreciate hearing from anyone with specific ideas for our journal, so that together we can build upon our legacy, continue into the future with a vision for our discipline, and create the confidence in those who seek our help that we are truly concerned for their well-being.

**ROY JOBSON**