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Editor's Note

From its beginnings in 1975, the Australian Association for the Study of Religions has featured a strong sense of community, opportunities for wide and varied participation and a generous style of communication.

These traditions were reflected in the early *Newsletters* sent out by Dr. Norman Habel (1977-1980), *Newslink* prepared by Dr. Victor Hayes (1981-1985) and the *Bulletin* edited by Dr. Richard Hutch (1986) and Dr. Peter Fenner (1987).

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