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Tēnā koutou,

The New Zealand Medical Student Journal (NZMSJ) would like to announce a change to our issue structure. In April 2020, the NZMSJ started a blog to publish non-academic articles related to medical school, research, and careers, and promoting issue articles. To enable the NZMSJ to continue to move towards becoming a PubMed indexed journal, we will now continue to use our blog to publish our media review articles, winning entries of the Creative Arts Competition and the majority of our feature articles. Moving forward, our biannually printed issues will predominantly include academic and some features articles only.

Therefore, from **1st September 2020**, the following submissions to the NZMSJ will be published in our blog:

- Media reviews
- Creative Arts Competition winning entries
- Features articles, except those related to our issue theme, Māori health reviews, statistics primers, and other invited feature articles

All feature, media review or Creative Arts submissions that have been submitted to the NZMSJ prior to 1st September and have not yet been published will be published in either Issue 31 or Issue 32 (provided that our Editorial Board finds these submissions are acceptable for publication as per our usual reviewing standards).

The submission process and review process for blog post submissions will be the same as for submissions published in our issues.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please email our Editor-in-Chief at chief_editor@nzmsj.com