Introduction

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We are delighted to introduce the first issue of Griffith Working Papers in Pragmatics and Intercultural Communication. This publication features select work by undergraduate and Honours students in the School of Languages and Linguistics at Griffith University enrolled in courses on pragmatics and intercultural communication. We believe that this work deserves a wider audience as it involves original data collection and analysis. Indeed, many of these topics have received scant attention in the literature so far.

In this issue, the focus is on the ethnopragmatics of Australian English, in particular, cultural keywords, speech patterns and norms of interaction. Although English is the most widely studied second/foreign language in the world and is regularly used by more than a billion speakers, the study of differences in the ways varieties of English are used is only just emerging. This issue makes a modest contribution in that direction.

We hope this issue will stimulate further work in these emerging areas of inquiry and will also mark the development of this new area of research strength at Griffith.

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