

**August Annual Branch and
Members Meeting, by Zoom**
**The Value of an Editor on
the Pathway to Publication**



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Despite an increase in formal courses offering insights into how the publishing industry works, the role of the book editor still seems to be little understood outside the industry. This is due to the veiled nature of the work, the majority of which largely takes place on the page, with the author and editor as the only witnesses. UQP Managing Editor Jacqueline Blanchard looks at the true value of the editorial process on the road to publication, and provides an overview of the many hats an in-house editor wears on the book creation journey. She explains why publishing houses continue to rely on teams of editors despite the increasing availability of low-cost AI-powered writing assistants that purport to 'go deeper than grammar to offer comprehensive writing feedback.'



**Date: Wednesday,
05 August 2020**
**Time: 6.45pm start,
presentation
commencing
around 7.00pm**

Book editor Jacqueline Blanchard is Managing Editor at UQP and the winner of IPEd's first Rosie award. After studying at RMIT she entered the publishing industry in 2002, working for publishers in both Melbourne and Sydney before joining the University of Queensland Press (UQP) in 2013. She manages the UQP editorial team and edits adult literary fiction and non-fiction.

She has worked with many award-winning authors, including David Malouf, Gabrielle Carey, Tony Birch, David Brooks and Matthew Condon. She has been a judge for the QLA Unpublished Manuscript Award categories and the *Griffith Review* Short Story Competition, and is an alumna of the APA Residential Editorial Program (REP). In 2017 she won the inaugural Rosanne Fitzgibbon Award for Editorial Excellence for her work on Matthew Condon's *All Fall Down*. In 2019 she completed a UNSW AGSM Graduate Certificate in Change Management.

Registrations close 6 pm, Tuesday 04 August 2020
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The Zoom link will be emailed to you the evening before the meeting.

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