

From the Editorial Assistant

Greeting to you all from the Pacific Health Research Council,

We would like to thank Hon. Dr Victor Yano, Dr Greg Dever, Dr Steven Kuartei and Julie Tellei for their efforts in the enormous task of compiling this issue that is mainly focused on Palau and Micronesian countries. We have been at this issue for some time now and it's a relief to see it being finally completed. During the course of its compilation, we faced a few obstacles with articles missing but by continually liaising with our Editor, Professor Finau and the Palau team we managed to resolve the issues. So here it is and hope you enjoy reading the articles in this edition.

The Pacific Health Dialog has been behind in its publications for some time now and we are trying to catch with our back dated issues by the end of 2006, with this issue we have reached 2005 so the next issue after this is 'Public Health Surveillance in the Pacific', Vol 12 No 2 September 2005. This issue is sponsored by our colleagues at the Pacific Public Health Surveillance Network (PPHSN) of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) Noumea and it might just reach your doorstep even before you finish reading this issue. Our target is to produce 2 more issue by December 2006 and hopefully when we begin 2007 we are right on track.

Pacific Health Dialog (PHD) is now owned by the Pacific Health Research Council (PHRC), the secretariat of PHRC which is temporarily based at the Fiji School of Medicine, Suva, Fiji. PHRC looks after the day to day logistics of PHD. In this issue we have included some bits and pieces about PHRC and its roles. PHRC is also upgrading its website, to make previous issues of PHD available online.

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Our chief want in life is someone who will make us do what we can.
(Ralph Waldo Emerson - 1803 - 1882)