

From the Editor

It's 2008 and we are still working on the PHD issues of 2007. This, of course, is the second issue of that year. We prematurely thought that we would complete this much earlier but again fate struck and here we are in June 2008 and we are still struggling to get over the 2007 PHD issues. We have the articles, time and the will but various hurdles in our track slowed our progress. Amongst the hurdles are:

HRCPP moved base and ran into resource constraints; hitches in the production system;

and last, but not least, new non-pacific interests now argues the PHD editor over content issues relevant to Pacific Health and its appropriateness to be included in PHD. These new interferences is of immense interest, especially after 14 years of could-not-be-bothered! All I can say is that PHD must now matter more than many years ago and thank goodness!

As the long suffering editor I am flattered that after so many years of thankless labor of love some signs of involvement, albeit selfish, have emerged. I hope more and genuine contributions will be forth coming and this is not just a flash in the pants with some ulterior motives. At the expense of Pacificness.

This PHD issue on Health Promotion in the Pacific is a joint effort of Drs. Will Parks and Graham Roberts to provide a coherent snapshot of the Pacific experiences. Many thanks to these gentlemen and especially to all the contributors. We at HRCPP and the PHD editorial team apologize for the delay and hope we receive more papers from you all about the next phases of your work. Please note that some of the papers earmarked for the Health Promotion issue have been published in earlier issues of PHD for reasons of space and delays.

After 15 years and 30 issues of PHD (each issue ranging from 100 to 300 pages per issue), we hope PHD will cease being a delinquent child and become a resilient youth with the help of a new fresh team. I am looking for a new PHD team to start with the first issue of 2010 and take PHD to adulthood. Please consider this vacancy and indicate directly to HRCPP how you may want to be involved so we can start briefing you to take over and continue to grow PHD so it continues to matter more and more!

Thank you one and all.

Senior Editor

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"One man's life touches so many others, when he's not there it leaves an awfully big hole."

Clarence - It's A Wonderful Life