

## *Editorial*

At the time of writing, there are many portentous events happening in our region, and it would be pretentious indeed to be making any statements about them at this stage. What I can say however is that the contributions to this issue; to the forthcoming special issue on community development in North Australia (11[2]); and to the steady stream of copy that continues to arrive from diverse communities across the South Pacific; are all centrally relevant.

These contributions and their contributors are each about to speak for themselves, but one duty that does fall to me is to have the great pleasure to introduce new members to the Editorial Board.

In that regard, I am delighted to introduce Randall Braman Jr., who has lived and worked in both Guam (University of Guam) and Hawai'i (Chaminade University, Honolulu). His background and areas of expertise span the psychology of Education and Counselling, especially as they apply within culturally diverse contexts. In collaboration with Patrick Wolff, Randall has contributed a paper to this issue, on traditional dispute resolution in Micronesia.

I am also delighted to introduce to the Editorial Board A/Prof. Floyd Bolitho, from the department of Social Work at the Northern Territory University. Floyd has worked in a huge variety of cultural settings, and he has provided numerous reviews for us over the past few years. His range of expertise is commensurate with his experience, and spans economics, methods, and computing, through to group dynamics, youth suicide, and community development. In that regard, he has just edited a special issue of the journal, which is due for release any day now.

A warm welcome to you both!!

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