

# Editor's Comments



**T**he Australian Infection Control Journal has successfully made it through the first year, thanks to a small number of dedicated people who have worked very hard.

The Sub Editors need the support of a back up team. In some States this is or soon will be a Journal committee and in the others it is the State Executive.

They need your help. So, what can you do to help?

Well, this is your Journal, and to make it work we need your input. How? Put pen to paper.

No, you do not all have to write major articles. The Journal needs all sorts of things such as articles - large and small, photos, letters, reviews and ideas. Surely you have read an interesting article in another Journal recently which maybe your colleagues have not, so write it up and share your comments. Your State Sub Editor and Executive will have the information on how to do it. What about an interesting Infection Control Issue or problem and maybe a solution or two? Perhaps a short article, only about 850 words (it's the first 100 that are the hardest), and help is available. There are lots of people willing to help you get started. Is there a topic that you really need to know about? If so we can usually find someone willing to write a short article on special topics, if requested.

## What's Coming up in Future Issues

A series on 'Creative Infection Control', continuing 'An Introduction to Epidemiology & Infection Control Practise' and papers

from the 10th National Conference.

This issue we are launching 'The Bug Buster' by Marilyn Beattie. Sometimes a picture is worth a thousand words and we are very lucky that one of our colleagues has the talent to take situations and draw them in a way that is very easy to comprehend. Pictures often cross the language barrier.

In answer to the many inquiries about posters, the Association does not have or keep a supply of Infection Control Posters. The source of posters is usually the trade. These posters are usually product related but specific to Infection Control. The creator of 'Bug Buster', Marilyn Beattie, contact telephone number - 043 20 3382, has the ability to tailor make posters to suit your environment at a small charge only.

## Education

Our next focus. What is happening at a National level in Infection Control? Our

10th National Conference was very successful and once again it was wonderful to meet up with old friends and make new ones. For those who were not able to make it, some of the conference papers will be published in future issues. The National Conference in 1997 heads off to Victoria, then in 1998 to Perth and the great excitement is that in the Year 2000 we are planning an International Conference in Sydney to complement the Olympics.

That's at the National level, what about the States? Were there any interesting papers presented that your Sub Editor needs to ask the presenter to write up for us? Let them know.

Keep the information rolling in and I look forward to hearing from you.

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