



# Newsletter December 2024

*From our family  
to yours, wishing  
you a Merry  
Christmas*

PSRH Board

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PSRH CONFERENCE  
14-18 SEPTEMBER 2026

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# Coming Soon!

## PSRH NEW Website



***Watch for the launch of our  
new website [www.psrh.org.nz](http://www.psrh.org.nz)***





## PROFILE: PROFESSOR DEBORAH BATESON

*PSRH Board Treasurer*

### CAREER JOURNEY AND CURRENT ROLE

Biochemistry at Oxford led to a love for people, not labs. A Masters in Human Nutrition in London fueled a Tanzanian stint as a nutritionist. Marriage brought me to Australia, where I pursued medicine in Hong Kong. My career blossomed in Australia, from Family Planning NSW to The Daffodil Centre, where I advocate for cervical cancer elimination. It's been a winding journey, but one I've cherished.

### VISION FOR PSRH

I envision equitable access to reproductive health information and services across the Pacific. High-quality training for healthcare providers and collaborative forums are crucial. The Pacific's leadership in cervical cancer prevention demonstrates its potential to share knowledge and drive positive change. I believe PSRH will play a vital role in achieving optimal reproductive health for all.

### INSPIRATION TO JOIN THE PSRH BOARD

As Medical Director of Family Planning NSW, I've long worked in the Pacific on family planning, contraception, and cervical screening. Attending the PSRH conference in Auckland inspired me to contribute to regional cervical cancer elimination efforts. The conference's enthusiasm and PSRH's potential to share knowledge motivated me to join the board.

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO PSRH

As PSRH treasurer, I've focused on financial transparency and supported the Secretariat. I've co-led the family planning and contraception sub-committee and helped the President make strategic decisions to ensure PSRH's impact in the region.

### CAREER CHALLENGES

At 34, with 3 young children, and a recent med school graduate, I faced a challenge balancing work and family. I convinced St. Vincent's Hospital to let me job-share, becoming a pioneer for future doctors at the hospital.



*Thank you!*



**Thank you!**  
PEMNeT Team  
for your very  
informative  
presentation in  
November



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