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# NEWSLETTER

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## President's Corner

**Gillian Thomas**

Greetings to regular readers and new members alike. There is much to interest you in this issue. Details for the **Seminar** to be held on **20 June** can be found on page 2, while further information on the **Conference** scheduled for **29-30 August** is on page 3. Feature articles start on page 4.

It is membership renewal time. With this Newsletter you will find one of two forms, depending on your financial status. If you are currently paid up to 30 June 1998 (as indicated on your address label) you will find a **Membership Renewal Form** enclosed, for the period 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999. Could you please tick or amend your details as given on the form, and return it with your subscription to the Treasurer at the above address (please note that the Post Code for the Network is now "1465"). If you are already financial beyond 30 June 1998, you will instead receive a **Membership Update Form** which gives your current details but does not request payment of a membership subscription. Again, please check your details, tick or amend them as required, and then return the form to the above address as soon as possible. Whichever form you receive, you will note that at the bottom it requests you to advise whether you are willing to sell a few **raffle tickets** to assist in the Network's fundraising. It is very important that you complete this section of the form so that we can update our records. The proceeds of the raffle planned for this year will go towards holding Seminars in country areas, with the first being held in Canberra in August. Gordon Munday, the Network's Publicity Officer, is assembling an interesting range of prizes, with the raffle books due to be sent out with the August *Newsletter*. The raffle will be drawn during Post-Polio Awareness Week (1-7 November). Please help if you can to make this raffle a success.



On 25 March 1998 I represented the Network at the launch of the *Australian Childhood Immunisation Charter*. The Network was one of twenty-three signatories to the Charter from community and health organisations. The photo shows Dr Michael Wooldridge, Federal Health and Family Services Minister, Gillian Thomas and Peter Garde, following the signing of the Charter. Dr Wooldridge stated that "the initial 23 Charter participants were chosen due to their access, ability and commitment to play a significant role in the health of Australian children."

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