



Editor's Corner

Welcome to the first serial Newsletter! A couple of days ago The Disability Council of NSW forwarded the enclosed notice and asked whether the Network could distribute it to its members as soon as possible. To accommodate the request, I juggled the Newsletter publication date, but this left very little time for writing, collating and printing our usual jam-packed Newsletter. This issue will therefore be published in two parts, with the second part (including three major articles/seminar reports as well as regular features) due in the next couple of weeks.

Seminar : The Disability Discrimination Act (1992)

- Date** : Saturday, 6 August 1994
Time : 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Place** : The NSW Society for Children & Young Adults with
Physical Disabilities
2 Grose Street, Parramatta
Ample on-site parking is available - follow the signs
- Lunch** : 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Please bring your own lunch - tea and coffee provided
- Afternoon Tea** : 3:30 p.m.
- RSVP** : Please phone Nola on (02) 636 6515 by 4 August

The Network is pleased to welcome the Disability Discrimination Commissioner, Elizabeth Hastings, as our guest speaker. Elizabeth had polio as a baby and uses a wheelchair. Her talk will include background information on her life and adventures (including trekking in Nepal). She will describe her role as Disability Discrimination Commissioner, explain who is protected by the Act, what areas of life are covered, how a complaint is made, and what happens after a complaint is lodged. We have published three open letters from Elizabeth on this subject in the Network's Information Bulletin (Issues 3 and 4, Autumn and Winter 1994). After her talk, Elizabeth will answer your questions.

We hope you'll stay on afterwards and take the opportunity to catch up with friends (or make new ones) while you enjoy afternoon tea. Please also feel free to talk to Committee members - this brings me neatly to introducing you to the new Management Committee for 1994/95 who were elected at the Annual General Meeting in May: Nola Buck (President), Janet Malone (Vice President), Gillian Thomas (Secretary), Shirley Roach (Treasurer), Shari Brewster, Isabel Mansfield, Barbara Merrington, Suzanne Rangi, Robyn Robinson, Brian Toby and Patricia Ward.

New Zealand Conference

The registration form for the Post Polio Support Society NZ (Inc) National Conference which will be held at the Auckland Airport Travelodge, Friday to Sunday 23-25 September 1994 is enclosed with this Newsletter. This conference deserves your support. As in previous years the organising committee has put a lot of effort into keeping costs down while at the same time attracting renowned international speakers. Conference speakers include:

- Dr Geoffrey Spencer OBE, England, respiratory specialist and post-polio researcher
- Dr Rubin Feldman, Canada, post-polio syndrome specialist
- Grace Young MA, USA, occupational therapist and polio survivor
- Dr Jill Middleton, Australia, rehabilitation medicine specialist at post-polio clinic
- Dr Roy Lee, Australia, director of rehabilitation medicine
- Dr Stanley Yarnell, USA, director of post-polio clinic

5th Anniversary Luncheon

You will also find an invitation to the 5th Anniversary Luncheon enclosed. The response to our call for "Expressions of Interest" in holding a luncheon or dinner has been very satisfying - more than ninety people returned the original form (by far the majority favouring lunch). It is not too late, however, to participate in this exciting event. Just complete the invitation and return it to the Secretary together with your deposit (or full amount). Forms can also be handed in at the August seminar. Committee members are working hard to make this a memorable occasion. We hope to see you there. The guest speaker is Jack Keavney who was the State Secretary of the Road Safety Council, National Director of the Freedom from Hunger Campaign, Foundation Director of Enterprise Australia and Foundation Director of the Australia For Quality Campaign. In these jobs, Jack has been abroad over 150 times. He is a professional speaker and has written two books, both of which have sold in excess of 20,000 copies. He has promised an entertaining talk which will nevertheless have a message.

Orthotics Taskforce

As noted in the Network's 1993/94 Annual Report, the Disability Council of NSW has set up a Task Force to review the operation of the orthotics industry in NSW. Our President, Nola Buck, represents the Network on the Task Force. The Task Force will prepare a submission to the Minister for Community Services, Mr Jim Longley, to advise him of the issues that arise out of the review. As part of this process, the Disability Council is seeking input from Network members - see the enclosed notice. Even if you have previously provided information to Dr Alicia Lee about your experiences with the orthotics industry (as sought through this Newsletter some time ago - the results have been passed on to the Task Force), the Committee encourages you to respond to this request - this gives you an opportunity to update your comments. Initially the information collected will assist a presentation to be given at the upcoming Annual Scientific Conference, which is why your comments are required by 18 July, if at all possible. If you can't meet this deadline, the Council is still interested in hearing from you. Our united voice *can* make a difference.

That's all I've got room for - regular features will return in Part Two.

The Disability Council of NSW

THE OFFICIAL ADVISOR TO THE NSW GOVERNMENT

**THE DISABILITY COUNCIL OF NSW
IS CONDUCTING A REVIEW OF THE OPERATION
OF THE ORTHOTICS INDUSTRY IN NSW**

We would like to know how the consumer feels about the Orthotics industry in NSW. If you are a person with a disability that requires an orthotic aid and have had dealings with the Orthotics industry in NSW (eg. through your local hospital or from a private orthotist), and are interested in this review, please respond to the Council about your experiences.

You can address your response to:

The Orthotics Task Force
Disability Council of NSW
Level 4
169-183 Liverpool St
Sydney NSW 2000

Or ring Amelia Vatavalis on (02) 286 7226 Voice and TTY 008 044 848 (free call).

This information is being collected for a presentation at the Annual Scientific Conference. Please contact us by 18 July, 1994.

4th Floor, Remington Centre, 169-183 Liverpool St, Sydney, NSW 2000

Phone: (02) 286 7226 (Voice and TTY)

Fax: (02) 286 7267 Toll Free Phone: 008 044 848 (Voice and TTY)



Post Polio Support Society NZ (Inc) 1994 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Registration Form

Please complete and return by 1st August to: Ramon Chandler
1994 Conference Secretary
PO Box 51 641
Pakuranga, New Zealand

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| Surname Miss Ms Mrs Mr Dr | First Name |
| Name for lapel badge | Telephone |
| Address | |

I will be accompanied by

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| Surname Miss Ms Mrs Mr Dr | First Name |
| Name for lapel badge | |

I will arrive by

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| Air NZ | at | on | Sept | Flight |
| Ansett | at | on | Sept | Flight |
| Other | at | on | | |

I will require transport to the conference venue Yes No
Reserve accommodation single double twin at Travelodge
for the nights of 23 24 25 September

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| Private address & telephone if applicable |
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I have the following special needs

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| Wheelchair compatible bedroom/bathroom | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Wheelchair taxi | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Medical needs (please specify) | | |
| Dietary requirements (please specify) | | |
| Other | | |

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| Friday 23 September | 3pm onwards 7pm | Registration Mix and Mingle, supper provided. |
| Saturday 24 September | 8.30am 9am – 5.30pm 7.30pm | Official Opening by Sir Barry Curtis, mayor of Manukau City followed by Maori Powhiri. Conference Speakers etc. Conference Dinner. |
| Sunday 25 September | 8.30am – 10am 10.30am – 12.30pm 2pm – 4pm | Annual General Meeting. Speakers & discussion. Panel Discussion. Closure. |

FEES per person

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| Full registration Includes morning & afternoon teas, lunches & supper | \$75 | |
| Partner or carer | \$55 | |
| Registration Saturday only | \$40 | |
| Conference dinner | \$45 | |
| Accommodation deposit | \$50 | |
| Late fee after 1st August | \$30 | |
| Total | \$ | |
| Signature | | |

Please make cheques payable to: *Post Polio Support Society NZ (Inc)*
1994 National Conference

For payment by credit card

Amex

Bankcard

Diners

Mastercard

Visa

Credit card number

Name of holder

Expiry date

Amount \$

Signature

Transport

Air New Zealand has agreed to provide discounted fares to all travelling to the conference.

Accommodation

Accommodation at the **Travelodge** will be at the rate of \$105 plus GST per room per night. This is halved on a twin share basis. Facilities for disabled are provided on one level including two paraplegic rooms.

Alternative accommodation is available at two nearby motels:

Rosewood Manor

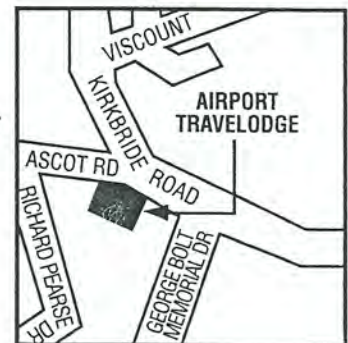
250 Kirkbride Road, Mangere, Tel 0-9-275 0164

has one paraplegic unit and other accommodation suitable for disabled.

Oakwood Manor

610 Massey Road, Mangere, Tel 0-9-275 0539

has two paraplegic units and other accommodation suitable for disabled.



Please complete the enclosed registration form and return by 1st August to:

Ramon Chandler, 1994 Conference Secretary

PO Box 51 641, Pakuranga, New Zealand

Tel 0-9-534 6151

You are invited to
Post-Polio Network (NSW) Inc
5TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

22nd October 1994
12:30 - 5:00 pm

The Huntley Parramatta
114 James Ruse Drive, Rosehill



Speaker: Mr Jack Keavey

Cost per person: \$35

Deposit (\$20/person) by 30 August 1994

Balance (\$15/person) by 30 September 1994

Please return the form below with your deposit or full payment
Your early return will help the organisers to arrange the facilities

Cheques should be made payable to Post-Polio Network (NSW) Inc.
and forwarded to the Secretary, PO Box 888, Kensington NSW 2033

You can also hand in your form with cash or a cheque to cover
the deposit or full cost at the 6 August Seminar