

EBOP Post Polio Support Group Newsletter **July 2010**

The June meeting, which incorporated the AGM, was preceded by a meal from Deli Roast. Our thanks go to the outgoing president, Jim Savage, and a welcome to the new President, Marie Collins. Our appreciation also to Anne Bulley (Acupuncturist) who stepped in at the last minute as a speaker for our meeting.

The next meeting will be held on **4 August 2010** with a luncheon at the **Whakatane RSA, Boon Street, Whakatane** at the usual time of 12 noon.

Queen Elizabeth II Hospital

At the meeting there was discussion on information supplied from Mary Lean of Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, that the District Health Board has drastically reduced their contract with them. This means that the allocated hours will be restricted to acute inflammatory arthritis. They are encouraging clients who feel their care is being compromised by these actions, to write to the DHB. They are still open to private clients.

As requested, the contact details for the DHB are:

Planning and Funding Department
Bay of Plenty District Health Board
Private Bag 12024
TAURANGA 3143 Attention: Helen Mason

The BOPDHB District Annual Plan 2009-2010 states on page 13 *“The focus will remain on improving the way patients are cared for, both in the hospitals and in the community to better manage acute demand and the burden of long-term (chronic) conditions”*, and on page 26 *“to offer access to comprehensive services to improve, maintain and restore people’s health”* is listed as one of the six key directions to achieve the Primary Health Care Strategy vision.

Global Information

If you are at all interested in how the global eradication programme is going, log onto <http://www.polioeradication.org/casecount.asp> and check the statistics. These are updated monthly and it gives an interesting view on the situation. The situation as at 7 July 2010 is overleaf.

Case breakdown by country

Country	Year-to-date 2010	Year-to-date 2009	Total in 2009	Date of onset of most recent case
Pakistan	29	21	89	16 June 2010
Tajikistan	374	0	0	29 May 2010
India	22	107	741	28 May 2010
Democratic Republic of Congo	1	2	3	25 May 2010
Afghanistan	12	11	38	23 May 2010
Chad	14	3	64	22 May 2010
Nepal	3	0	0	20 May 2010
Angola	12	12	29	18 May 2010
Cameroon	1	0	3	10 May 2010
Mali	3	1	2	1 May 2010
Senegal	18	0	0	30 April 2010
Mauritania§	5	0	13	28 April 2010
Nigeria	3	333	388	18 April 2010
Niger	2	15	15	1 April 2010
Liberia	1	3	11	3 March 2010
Sierra Leone	1	0	11	28 February 2010
Guinea	0	3	42	3 November 2009
Burkina Faso	0	12	15	25 October 2009
Burundi	0	0	2	12 September 2009
Central African Republic	0	9	14	9 August 2009
Côte d'Ivoire	0	17	26	6 August 2009
Kenya	0	17	19	30 July 2009
Sudan	0	42	45	27 June 2009
Uganda	0	8	8	10 May 2009
Benin	0	20	20	19 April 2009
Togo	0	6	6	28 March 2009

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