



**Amputee
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Hello everyone! I hope this finds you all well and happy and looking forward to Spring. It's a great time of the year and there's plenty of work to be done in the garden, including rose pruning, so here's hoping for lots of warm sunny days.

Enclosed is the latest *Purpose* - complete with our new logo. Enjoy!

MEMBERSHIP

Our numbers have remained fairly static over the last three months and for the first time that I can remember we haven't recorded any new members.

We have though lost two valued supporters - Sister Frances McCann of Invercargill and Evan Mitchell of Balclutha. Evan had been one of our committee members since becoming an amputee in 2008 and loyally attended every function, including National Conferences. We are grateful to Evan's family and friends for \$207 donated to our Society at his funeral service.

SOUTHLAND NEWS

A tentative date of Thursday 18 September has been set for the next Limb-fitter's Clinic in Invercargill. If you would like an appointment, ring Sue at the Limb Centre (toll free on 0508-474-474).

And for later in the year, please put a note on your calendar that our annual Invercargill Meeting and Dinner will be held on Saturday 15 November. Further details will be included in the next newsletter early in November.

HERE & THERE

Mid Winter Dinner - 28 travelled by bus from Invercargill and cars from Dunedin to meet at the Town & Country Club in Balclutha on Saturday 7 June. Although enjoyable, it was tinged with sadness as it was just a few days after Evan's passing. Evan was the key person in organising this annual event which will in future be named the Evan Mitchell Celebratory Dinner.

The NZ Amputee Golf Open is to be held at the Chisholm Park Golf Club in Dunedin on 22-24 October. Everyone is welcome - "hackers and golfers alike", as well as families and friends. For more information and to book, contact Tony Wilson on 455-8426 or 021 1732478. (Tony is also the contact person for using our golf cart at the 12 Oaks course in Mosgiel.)

Multisports, Golf & Barbecue - These annual events will take place during the weekend 8/9 November - please mark the dates on your calendar. Further details in the next newsletter.

Our thanks to the Otago Community Trust for their recent grant.

Overdue Subs - There are still a few members who haven't paid their subscription for 2013. If you're one of these, you'll have a red sticker on your Newsletter, and we would appreciate receiving your subs for 2013 and 2014 (now \$10 per year) as soon as possible. You can either post a cheque to me, pay to Sue at the Limb Centre, or direct credit to our bank account 031355 0277644 00 (please identify with your name).

Committee Meetings - Members are welcome to join us - our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 27 August at the Otago Bridge Club. Just phone me beforehand to make sure there's been no change.

Newsletters by Email - A number of members now receive their newsletters and *Purpose* by email and, especially with the recent increase in postage, we're keen to increase this number. If you'd like to be included, email me at lorrstan@xtra.co.nz

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE - MARCH 2014



O/S member Anna Grimaldi of Dunedin (left) and Brylee Mills of Auckland (right) were enthusiastic participants in the Give it a Go! youth event.

Anna has achieved considerable success in recent months, having won 8 paralympic gold medals at NZ championships and broken 16 national AWD records in long jump events. She has set herself high targets for the future - to qualify for the world championships in Qatar in November and maybe the Rio de Janeiro Paralympics in 2016. Go Anna - you can do it!



There were some elaborate costumes to be seen when it came to dressing up for the Pirate themed Dinner on Saturday night. David Johnston and Tony Horsfall (top) definitely got into the swing of things; Rod Oakley and Chris Ross also joined in the merrymaking.

(See more photos on the Federation's website www.af.org.nz)

Until next time, enjoy the Spring flowers and take care

OUR VISITORS - Get in touch if you would like a visit or just a chat.
 Dunedin and Districts - Lorraine Peacock 455-6347, Tony Horsfall 453-1261, and Rory McSweeney 027 264 0305
 Invercargill - David Johnston 214-1548 and Alice Smith 216-4271
 Gore - Bill Lee 203-8263
 Oamaru - Jan Browne 439-5543
 Lakes District - Tetli Carey 409-0484

Of interest to Dunedin Members - The Airport Shuttle now accepts the Total Mobility taxi vouchers for just \$10 (half the usual cost). They also have a wheelchair hoist available.

A reminder that you can get **Taxi Vouchers** from me (Dunedin) or through Maurice & Mavis Elford (Invercargill 215-6715). The vouchers can be used anywhere in NZ, including cities such as Auckland where they use swipe cards.