



Amputee Society of Otago & Southland Inc.

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Hi Everyone,

Is there a possibility that Summer has arrived? Do I no longer have to decide is it 2 or three layers today?

AGM

Our AGM is on Saturday 29th February. The meeting will be held at the Otago Bridge Club, Otaki Street, Dunedin, at 4.30 pm followed by the speaker at approximately 5 pm and dinner at 6 pm. Wendy Lockhart (one of the Limb Centre physios) will be our speaker on the topic of "Pain Management from a Physio Perspective". Wendy also has expertise in acupuncture which is sure to be of interest to many of you. The cost of the dinner will be just \$20 pp, the Society subsidising the actual cost and providing liquid refreshments. There will be raffles to cover some of our expenses and donations of prizes for these would be very welcome. Especially welcome will be volunteers to serve on the Committee; we meet approximately every 2 months, some of us linking in with Zoom (similar to Skype), and we do desperately need new members to fulfil the requirement of 7 Committee members as per our Rules. Please come along to the AGM and if you happen to volunteer your services it will be an added bonus for us! (Complete the registration form on Page 3 and let us know by Saturday 22 February that you will be there!.)

SOUTHLAND MEETING & DINNER

On Saturday 23rd November we had our annual Invercargill meeting, with 22 present. An enjoyable time was had by all, and it was great to welcome some new attendees. Unfortunately everyone seemed to have other commitments when it came to the pre-Christmas dinner in Dunedin in early December, so it was cancelled.



LIMB CENTRE - SOUTHLAND CLINIC

The Clinic is scheduled for Thursday 2nd April at Kew Hospital, first appointment time 9am and last appointment 12:30. This is an opportunity for you to consult a limb-fitter if you have minor problems or repairs, without having to travel to Dunedin. If you wish to attend, ring Sue at the Limb Centre on 0508-474-474.

MEMBERSHIP

Deceased - We have recorded with regret the recent passing of Colin Tomlinson of Mosgiel and Graeme Robertson (Associate member) of Riverton. Our condolences go to their family and friends.

New Members – We welcome 2 new members to our Society this quarter - Lucinda Itter of Oamaru and Fred Wright of Kurow. It is a pleasure to have you aboard.

GRAEME SAYER

Current and former workers at Hillside late last year could not contain their joy at the massive investment to revitalise the workplace they clearly care deeply about.

Mechanical engineer Graeme Sayer (Society & Federation Committee member) began working at Hillside in 1980, was made redundant in 2012 with many others, and returned this year.

He said the return of Hillside to its former status as a major employer would be good not just for the workers, but young people keen to train.

“My grandfather worked here, and my father worked here, so it is really good news to get the old girl going again.” *(Excerpt & photo courtesy ODT)*



Newsletters by email

It would be a considerable saving to the Society if you are able to receive your Newsletter by email. Contact Lorraine at lorrstan@xtra.co.nz

SUBSCRIPTIONS - There are still a few outstanding subs (\$10 per year) owing from 2019 and if you are one of these there'll be a red dot on the front page of your newsletter. It would be appreciated if you could bring this up to date – either send Lorraine a cheque, or pay \$20 (covering 2019 & 2020) direct into our bank account 031355 0277644 00 (please identify with your name), or pay Sue at the Limb Centre. If you are able to pay your sub by internet banking this is certainly our preference as banks now add a clearance fee of 50c to cheques when they are banked. Paying with cash at the Limb Centre is of course another good alternative!

**USE THIS FORM TO SAY YOU'LL BE AT THE AGM
AND TO PAY YOUR SUBSCRIPTION**

No.
Yes No Attending

I will be present at the AGM and Dinner

Payment to cover the following can either be made by cheque (made out to the Amputee Society of Otago & Southland Inc. – an extra 50c to cover the bank fee would be appreciated) or by direct credit to our bank account 03 1355 0277644 00 (please detail with your name and what the payment covers e.g. dinner/sub/donation etc. Receipts will be either emailed or sent out with the next newsletter.

Dinner (\$20 for members, \$25 for non Members)	\$.....
Membership subscription (\$10)	\$.....
Associate Membership for spouse/partner (\$10)	\$.....
Donation (Donations over \$5 are tax deductible)	\$.....
Total	\$.....

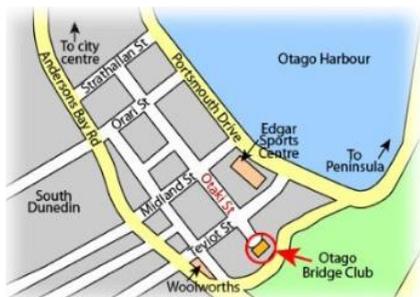
Name.....
(Include name of partner if subscribing as an Associate Member)

Address.....

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(Please tick the box if you would like to receive newsletters by email) If paying by cheque, return with form to Lorraine at 213a Bay View Road, St Clair, Dunedin 9012



VENUE FOR AGM

SATURDAY 29 February

From the city, drive along either Andersons Bay Road or Portsmouth Drive Turn into Teviot Street and then into Otaki Street.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

2019 was a special year for our Society as we celebrated our 75th Jubilee! This was held at the Distinction Hotel in Dunedin in April and was combined with the Amputees Federation 73rd AGM. Over 100 attended from various parts of New Zealand and helped contribute to what was indeed a memorable occasion.

Earlier in the year and as a prelude to the main celebrations, our 75th AGM and dinner at the Otago Bridge Club was a more sombre occasion and drew our usual core group of loyal supporters plus one or two newcomers. Our guest speaker, Rochell Fox, gave a talk on the “Disability Information Service – information, advice and resources” which was very well received. I was re-elected as President, Anna Grimaldi as Vice President, Lorraine Peacock as Coordinator, and other committee members elected were Simon McMillan, Graeme Sayer, with Jane Smith being co-opted for a short period. Later in the year we co-opted Leighton Smith, Vonnice Crawford and Gavin Wilson. My thanks to all those who have served as Committee members in the past year.

Our annual Invercargill Meeting and Dinner was held on Saturday 23rd November at the Working Men’s Club. Twenty-two members attended and all enjoyed a lovely buffet meal and convivial evening.

The pre-Christmas Dinner planned for early December at the Equinox Restaurant in Dunedin was cancelled as too many regulars had other commitments.

Our condolences go to all those who have lost family and friends this year. We have lost a number of Members and Associate Members which has again meant a reduction in our numbers.

We are grateful for the support received in the way of grants during the year from the Otago Community Trust, the Lion Foundation and the Casino Trust (all towards Jubilee costs), and the Invercargill Licensing Trust. Thank you also to those members who have given donations to our Society - we appreciate your support.

During the year we were able to make welfare grants to some of our members from funds invested for this purpose and we know these were appreciated. We were also able to support members from our Young Achievers Fund.

It was decided at last year’s AGM to have our financial statements reviewed rather than subject to a full audit, this being allowed for in the Society’s Rules. Philip Noye was subsequently elected as our Reviewer and we very much appreciate this service that he provides to our Society.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM and dinner on the 29th February.

David Johnston

President

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