



Amputee
Society
of Greater Wellington
Region Inc.

Happy New Year
2015

Kia ora everybody, We wish to take this opportunity to extend our greetings to you this new year. We have been so fortunate to have been bathed in glorious sunshine this Wellington summer which could be one heading for the record books, although we do feel for our members who abide in the Wairarapa where some scorching hot days have been experienced. We have been blessed the last couple of days with some rain to water our gardens and restore some greenery for our parched farmlands. A new year always welcomes in new and exciting challenges for many of us, Ken has already witnessed the smiles of wonderment of some first time recipients of a brand new prosthetic leg and Kate has been tearing up the cycle track in Cambridge. May you find success and fulfillment in all joys and new challenges that you face this new year - kind regards **Kate Horan** (*President*)

Ken Te Tau (*Vice President*)

New Zealand Artificial Limb Service

Peke Waihanga, Aotearoa



I would like to warmly welcome **Sean Gray**, the newly appointed CEO of the NZALS to Wellington and the Artificial Limb Service.

Sean has a strong and enduring commitment to people with disabilities and challenging medical conditions.

I had the privilege of meeting Sean and look forward to his leadership and guidance as he immerses himself into this new role, hopefully I can share more about Sean and his thoughts about fulfilling the NZALS vision of "**Independent and productive lives for people with limb loss**" in an upcoming newsletter.



New World Record



Our President and Paracyclist **Kate Horan** has just smashed a track cycling world record at the Advantidrome in Cambridge (Jan 31st) as she prepares to qualify for the 2016 Rio Para-Olympics. This news is absolutely fantastic and a record so well deserved for Kate who has worked and trained so hard in this discipline. Well done Kate we are all so very proud of your achievements and that you are an inspiration to us all.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/sport/other-sports/65595768/paracyclist-kate-horan-smashes-world-record>

AGM of the Amputee Society of the Greater Wellington Region Inc



We will be holding our annual AGM on Saturday March 14th at the Wellington Limb Centre at 2pm. We would dearly love for you to come along and meet your current committee members and express your hopes and aspirations as an amputee and society member. We would also hope that you may be interested in becoming a committee member and sharing your time and talents for the betterment of our amputee collective and community. If you would like a ride to this AGM please contact Ken our field officer to arrange transport. We look forward to seeing you there, mark it in your calendar now.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Amputee Society of the Greater Wellington Region Inc will be held on **Saturday 14 March 2015 at 2pm at the Artificial Limb Centre, 42 Mein St, Newtown**. The AGM will receive the President's report, verify the Financial Statements and elect members to the committee. Kate Horan is President, supported by Rob and Juanita Penhey as Secretary and Raewyn Te Tau as Acting Treasurer.

Please RSVP your intention to attend before Friday 20 February by contacting me by phone 04 2377630 or text 0274 876599 or email tetau@paradise.net.nz or post the form to: 27 Waiho Tce, Elsdon, Porirua 5022.

Subscriptions and Donations can be made at the AGM or by depositing directly into the Society's bank account. Westpac, Porirua, 03 0547 0712589 01 [NB: IRD rebate is available for donations of \$5 or more]



Field Officers Report

Ken has been serving and supporting amputees and their whanau at the Wellington Limb Centre on clinic days since the end of August last year and has furnished a quarterly report. If you would like to obtain a copy of this report please contact Ken email: tetau@paradise.net.nz or phone/text: 0274876599 or request in writing to: 27 Waiho Tce, Elsdon, Porirua 5022.

The service that Ken has been providing has been favourably and well received by amputees and their supporting whanau as well as the Limb Centre management. We know that The Wellington Artificial Limb Centre already offers a fantastic service to local amputees as well as catering for those from outside of the Wellington region. Ken has been able to add an extra dimension to the service and care provided and is looking forward to continuing in this role this new year.

The Amputee Federation of NZ Inc Annual Conference 2015



Wellington Amora Hotel, 17th - 19th April.

This is an amazing opportunity for you to meet amputees from around NZ, make new friends and find out more about some of the latest developments in the amputee world.

The Conference will be officially opened by the Patron of Amputees Federation of NZ, His Excellency Lt Gen The Right Honourable Sir Jerry Mateparae.

One of the guest speaker at this year's conference, Professor Dirk de Ridder (Neurological Foundation Chair of Neurosurgery, Dept of Surgical Sciences, Dunedin School of Medicine, University of Otago) who will be speaking on the topic: **Why does the brain create phantom sensations and how can they be treated?**

There will be a dinner on Saturday night with entertainment provided by local band: **Arkaydee**

If you are interested and up for a new challenge more conference details can be obtained at: www.amputee.co.nz or by contacting **Lorraine Peacock QSM**, 213A Bay View Road, St Clair, Dunedin, 9012. Phone (03) 455-6347. Email: coordinator@af.org.nz

Christmas Cake Raffle



Congratulations to our Christmas Cake winner, **Dot Welton** from Whitby, Porirua **Red Ticket E 039**

Dot was extremely delighted and couldn't believe her luck. I heard that Dot took the cake to her Church and shared it with the congregation.

A Big **Thank-You** to everyone who supported our Christmas raffle.

Cake Experience

<https://www.facebook.com/CakeExperiencePorirua?pnref=story>

We would like to thank our committee member Mary Humphreys for donating this fantastic cake for our Christmas raffle.

Would you like a designer cake made just for you?

You can check out Mary's Facebook page or see her contact details below



*** Watch out for our Easter Cake Raffle, I can't wait to see what Mary creates***

If you would like to make a contribution to our quarterly Newsletter please let me know.

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