



**Te Kāhui Mutumutu o Te Upoko o te ika-a-Māui  
Amputee Society of the Greater Wellington Region Inc**

"Providing support for amputees and their families."  
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*Kia ora koutou katoa ngā mihi o te tau hōu = Greetings to you all this new year*



On behalf of the Amputee Federation of New Zealand, Kate Horan and I were invited to Government House in Wellington on Waitangi Day to commemorate the 177th Anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi. Although the weather was less than kind for the Bledisloe garden party reception, we as hardy all-weather Wellingtonians, braved the cool conditions along with a large contingent of diplomats and honoured guests and absorbed this auspicious occasion. On arrival, we were entertained by the NZ Airforce band while the many waiting staff roamed the grounds with trays of various beverages and delightful finger food.

Major Willis Howell from The Salvation Army opened the proceedings with a prayer before The Governor General, Her Excellency The Rt Hon Dame Patsy Reddy took to the podium to issue her Waitangi Day address. Her speech was interesting and intricately woven. Dame Patsy had at one time been a Negotiator for the Crown in the Treaty Settlement process. Her knowledge and references to the history of Māori and Pākehā relationships which led to the creation of our founding Treaty documents signing and the years of struggle that ensued were honest, insightful and well worth listening to and reflecting on.

Dame Patsy concluded with this statement: "On this day, Waitangi Day, we can reflect on what this country stands for. Our Treaty asked of us that we act in good faith, and value others' rights and respect difference. These are qualities to value and affirm – today and into the future". Her entire speech can be found at: <https://gg.govt.nz/content/waitangi-day-bledisloe-address-2017>



Kate and I were introduced to and honoured to meet, Sir David Gascoigne, the husband of Dame Patsy Reddy, who braved the cool and windy conditions to mix and mingle with invited guest. We are privileged to have Dame Patsy as the Patron for the Amputee Federation.

Kate and I would like to thank the National Executive for giving us the opportunity to attend this event on behalf of The Amputee Federation of New Zealand.

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## New Years Honours for Paralympians

### Congratulations!

Paralympians, Kate Horan and Nikita Howarth, have been recognised with New Years Honours 2017, along with Liam Malone and Anna Grimaldi.

The four Paralympians will become: Members of the New Zealand Order of Merit.

Kate for services to Paralympic Sport.

Nikita for services to Swimming.

Liam and Anna for services to Athletics.

Paralympic and World champion medals, accolades and laurels are vehemently contested for and won in the worlds sporting arenas. Grit, determination and a depth of true courage crosses the line, and a nations hand-on-heart pride is hoisted high atop the flagpole.

What a great achievement for our Paralympians to be recognised again for these battles are won not only on the field but also off. These awards honour and value the years of training, the physically punishing training regimes, the absolute total commitment to push the body to new extremes and the painful personal sacrifices made in service to their country and chosen sporting discipline. Congratulations and well deserved.



Kate and I were delighted to see and chat with Rio Paralympic swimmer and gold medallist, Nikita Howarth and her mum at the Bledisloe Garden Reception at Government House on Waitangi day.

Both Kate and Nikita have returned to their training schedules.

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Welcome to our first newsletter for 2017, I hope this newsletter finds you all fit and well and making the most of the little bit of summer we have seen!

2016 didn't end so well for me with the loss of my much loved mum. I was very fortunate to have a mum that was a huge part of my life and my children's lives and her loss has been felt immensely. However before she passed away I was able to share with her the news that I was to receive an MNZM (Member of the New Zealand order of Merit) for my services to Paralympic Sport. I feel very honoured to receive this New Years Honour and most especially that I was able to share and celebrate this news with my mum, who without her support, this award would never have been possible.

My mum has been my unwavering support over my 41 years, through all my life's up and downs, this award is definitely for her.



*Val Horan 1948 - 2016*

I look forward to seeing as many faces as possible at our upcoming AGM, a great opportunity to meet fellow amputees and put names to faces! *Kate Horan*



The Federation is holding the 2017 annual conference in New Plymouth, from the 7 - 9th of April. More details can be obtained at [www.af.org.nz](http://www.af.org.nz) or by contacting Lorraine Peacock QSM, 213A Bay View Road, St Clair, Dunedin, Phone (03) 455-6347 Email: [coordinator@af.org.nz](mailto:coordinator@af.org.nz)



We now have a [Facebook Page](#), click on the web link and **LIKE** us. We would like to be able to share information that is relevant to Amputees and their families. We hope that you would also like to share posts that you feel would encourage others. Facebook is a great way to stay connected and informed. **LIKE** us now and start your journey.

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## Final Farewell for Michi Mulitalo



On the 31st of January Kate and I joined in with the staff at the Wellington Artificial Limb Centre to say our final farewell to Michi and thank her for her almost 23 years of loyal service providing care and coordinated support to our Amputee community. Michi was supported by her daughters Sachi and Lagi, Mark as well as a multitude of grandchildren. We have all witnessed and experienced the dedicated service Michi has given to the NZ Artificial Limb Service and the Amputee community; it was most fitting and respectful to extend our heartfelt gratitude to her and her family. "*Kia pai te haerenga kei mua i a koe e whāea*" may your journey go well."

And in conclusion: "Thank you for your warm, friendly and relaxed manner which I believe was of great comfort to all that attended the Limb Centre". John Ealand [President, Amputee Federation]

## New Receptionist



The new face at reception and voice on the phone at the Wellington Limb Centre is Emma Bruinsma. Emma was temping at the reception desk last year while Michi was on leave. I hope to do a background story on Emma in our next edition. We have a fabulous team in Julie and Emma as our Amputee Coordinators, so please feel free to talk to them should you have any questions or concerns, no matter how small, in regards to your care and ongoing support within the Artificial Limb Service. Otto Schutte is still Acting Manager; the NZALS are currently looking to recruit a new Central Regional Manager [Wellington].

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## Fundraising News



Our December **Christmas Cake** winner drawn at the Wellington Limb was Ron McMullin from Plimmerton. A big thank-you to all of you who support our raffles and fundraising efforts.

## Star Wars: Rogue One



We thoroughly enjoyed our movie fundraiser also in December at the Petone Lighthouse Cinema.



The Christmas Hamper and the Death Star Cake raffles raised us \$222.00.

The 53 people that attended raised us a further \$557.00 Fantastic Effort team!

Steve and Andrea won the best-dressed competition Han's down, excuse the pun. What a great effort, It's as if Han's Solo and Princess Leia walked straight off the movie screen and into real life. Mary's death by chocolate Death Star inspired cake was a huge favourite and was won by Barry and Raewyn from Camborne. A big thank-you to Obi wan Kenobi and his Stormtrooper aka Vince and Tali for their sterling effort in promoting and supporting our fundraising event. "Say it you can, the force is strong with these ones".

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Kia ora, Talofa lava, Greetings.

### **Notice of Annual General Meeting**

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Amputee Society of the Greater Wellington Region Inc will be held on **Sunday 5 March 2017 at 2pm at the Wellington 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 our current President, supported by Rob Penhey as Secretary and Raewyn Te Tau as Treasurer.

Please RSVP your intention to attend before Friday 24 February by contacting me by phone 04 2377630 [leave a message] or text 0274 876599 or email [tetau@paradise.net.nz](mailto:tetau@paradise.net.nz)

We would love to have your input and hear your ideas so please consider attending our AGM, As members of our Amputee Society you can help us determine the future.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kate Horan - President



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## Membership Renewal: 1 Dec 2016 - 30 Nov 2017

At the AGM in April, members agreed to increase subscriptions from \$5 a year to \$10. We value your continued membership of the Society which allows us to be a viable group. Your support allows us to respond to the needs of the Amputee community.



I wish to renew my membership of the Amputee Society of the Greater Wellington Region and enclose payment to cover the following:

Membership subscription (\$10)	\$ .....
Associate Membership for my partner/spouse	\$ .....
Donation	\$ .....
Total enclosed	\$ .....

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