



Amputee Society of Hawke's Bay/ East Coast Inc.

NEWSLETTER

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Hi All, isn't it lovely to see a few daffodils poking their heads bravely out from under the frosty ground? It has been such a mild winter that we have nothing to complain about at all. Peter and I have just returned from a "Bucket List" trip to Canada and Alaska where it is summer, I can honestly say that the weather here is as good if not better than we experienced over there. It was stunningly beautiful and a very memorable experience but as always, it is lovely to be home.

We are expecting an addition to our family this week (of the four legged and fluffy variety) so I will be staying close to home while she settles in (she being a miniature poodle). Feel welcome to give me a call if I can give you any assistance or just for a chat. My phone numbers are 06 9763716 and 021434833. Cheers Diane

Amputee Society Subs

It's time for the boring subject of subs again. Most have already paid them for 2016, but some are still to do so. As usual we have simply put a notice in the newsletters, that subs are due, but in these busy days it seems that subs often go on the "back burner" and don't get paid.

The Amputee Society's financial year ends on the 30th November, so inevitably, subs are due on the 1st December each year.

For new members who joined and paid near the end of the financial year, we make an exception and carry that initial subscription through to cover the next financial year. Lifetime members are also exempt from paying subs. We have several methods of payment available: online banking, cheque to our post office box or even cash still works for us.

The annual subscription is \$10 each for amputees and associate members eg partners, spouses etc

For that you receive:

- **Six newsletters per year**
- **Distribution of Purpose magazine**
- **The services of our Field Officer in hospital and at home**
- **Activities arranged for your enjoyment eg free water fitness program**
- **Support in times of challenge**
- **Affiliation with our National Body who negotiate on our behalf to keep the benefits we have eg our free Limb Service**
- **Free Total mobility assessment**
- **Assistance with some expenses at the National Conference GIAG program**

If you are due to pay you will find a green sticker on the front of this newsletter or a reminder if yours comes by email. This is a gentle reminder and not meant to be in any way offensive.

If you feel we have made a mistake, please contact Geoff 06 870 3357, or Diane, 06 9763716, or if you have any difficulty with payment, please call us, we're here to help.

Online Banking: **03 1518 0032642 00**

Postal Address: Amputee Society, **PO Box 369, Hastings**

Cash in an envelope with your name on it, handed to any committee member.

Member Profile: Chris and Sue Seville

By Geoff Hansen

Chris & Sue Seville live in Summerset in the Orchard in Hastings. Chris's Dad was a school teacher so they moved around a bit when he was growing up, but his college years were spent in Feilding. Sue was a Capital City girl and became a registered nurse. Once college was finished Chris decided to become a Pharmacist. His training was done at Palmerston Nth Hospital and that is where they met. Sue focused on maternity and the accident and emergency departments. Chris said he saw this smart looking bird down the corridor and decided this was the place to work. Once qualified Chris left the hospital to work at a chemist shop in Palmerston Nth. Sue decided to return to Wellington which meant Chris was doing a bit of driving on the weekends. Not long after they married in Auckland as Sue's parents had shifted there. They lived in Upper Hutt, and Chris worked in a chemist shop there. Two children, and 3 years later they moved to Auckland. They remained there for 15 years, however another 3 children arrived in the time spent in Auckland. Chris got sick of running pharmacies, and got tired of living in Auckland and they bought a chemist shop in Taumarunui. They loved their time in "The Nui" which was around 15 years & then Chris & Sue decided to retire. Initially they shifted to Warkworth and lived in Brick Bay. Chris & Sue loved the outdoors and had tramped over most of NZ in both the North & South Islands, they have even tramped on Stewart Island. An opportunity arose in Turangi where Chris had a mate with a chemist shop. His mate wanted Chris to be his locum to cover him when he was away so that was the next shift. They lived right next to the Tongariro River & loved the spot. It was here that Chris had the first indication there was an upcoming problem with his leg. Chris admits to having been a smoker as was Sue. A free lung capacity test was done while they lived in Taumarunui and when Sue got her results that was the end for her. It took Chris a little longer, but he also quit the fags. Chris feels the smoking may have increased the risk for him in losing his leg. He went to cross the road had had to put a spurt on as traffic was approaching and he felt bad pain in his leg. He went to the Dr and initially had a toe removed in Waikato hospital however a few months later his lower leg was amputated. Chris had a lot of problems with his stump not healing properly and was not deemed suitable for a prosthesis despite numerous visits to Drs and physiotherapists which meant a lot of travel from Turangi to Hamilton. Chris even tried Rotorua Hospital but still no luck. Eventually it all got too much for them and with a daughter in Hawke's Bay they decided to shift here around 2003 to be closer to a reasonable sized hospital. Chris went to Rehab Plus in Napier and feels very grateful to the treatment he got there. This led to him being seen by the Wellington prosthesists at the Hastings Hospital clinic and the first thing that was said to him was "I suppose you want a prosthesis?" So began Chris's journey back to mobility, and he was very happy with the work towards his recovery to getting a limb. Chris has attended our swim exercise at the Aquatic Centre, played bowls and done Tai Chi. Chris did a few years as a committee member for our Society. When they first moved to Summerset they went on numerous bus trips and Chris enjoys reading. He also did 3 papers from Massey extramurally on NZ History, purely out of interest. They have 10 grandchildren and recently attended one of the grandchildren's wedding in Australia. On one of their Australia trips they did a drive from Melbourne to Adelaide which they really enjoyed. They feel Summerset has been very helpful to them both and enjoy living there. Thanks for allowing me to drag some information from you guys, I hope my prescription meets your standards.



Chris and Sue Seville at home in Hastings

Fundraising RSA Quiz Night

Last year's quiz night was very successful as a fundraiser and was also lots of fun. Please come and join in,

September 7th at 7pm (Come early for dinner)

Get a team of up to 6 together and have a good night out

\$5 per player

If you can't make it, you can still support your society as we are requesting donations of raffle prizes please

(due to restrictions with the RSA's liquor License we are not permitted to raffle alcohol)

To register a team or offer a raffle prize phone or text Diane
06 9763716 or 021434833



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One of our members is seeking
a small mobility van
to purchase
Up to \$15000
Contact Graeme and Elaine
06 8773997



Higgins Bequest Trust

We recently received a grant from the Higgins Bequest Trust to help fund the swim exercise classes for our members. We wish to thank the Trustees for their generous support.

We acknowledge The Infinity Foundation's support of our Society's endeavours and wish to express our sincere gratitude.



Important Announcement Regarding Swim Exercise Classes

Due to earthquake strengthening being undertaken at the Onekawa Aquatic Centre, classes are temporarily postponed.

We intend to continue this popular and beneficial activity as soon as to the pool reopens. We will keep you informed

