



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

## **NEWSLETTER**

**November/December  
2017**

# **Christmas Lunch 2017**

**At the Puketapu Tavern**

12 Midday

Sunday 10th December

Please let Geoff 021723609 or Diane 9763716  
know if you are coming



### **Out There**



This is just a little bit of amputee humour instead of a "few words" from me this time. I hope to see as many society friends as possible at the Puketapu Tavern, but for those who can't make it, may I wish you a happy festive season and remind you that we are here to help in any way we can over the the coming months.

Cheers Diane

## 2 The Affiliation of The Amputee Federation of NZ and Regional Amputee Societies with CCS Disability Action Inc

Geoff Hansen

The official Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Mark Bruce the President of the Amputee Federation of NZ Inc & Kim Willetts the President of CCS Disability Action Inc on the 15<sup>th</sup> September in Christchurch. This had been brought up at the National Executive Meetings last year with regard to the structure of the Federation & improving service delivery which in turn would benefit Regional Societies & amputees in general. In November 2016 David Mathews the CEO of CCS Disability Action spoke to the Executive at the meeting in Christchurch. He outlined the evolution of CCSDA & outlined the current structure of the National Organisation & it's 17 branches throughout NZ. Not only do they provide information & support they also provide services & they cover all disabilities & have a wider role in shaping society's attitudes towards people with disabilities. From this, much work was put in to putting together the draft Memorandum of Understanding with much consultation with our Honorary Solicitor Lindsay Trotman. At the National Council Meeting in New Plymouth in April this year the Motion to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with CCSDA was carried.

Following the formal signing of the MOU I have had a meeting with Colene Herbert the General Manager covering the Midlands Region she is based in Hamilton & Midlands covers Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Tairāwhiti & Hawke's Bay and Judy Livingston also attended Judy is the Service Manager for Tairāwhiti & Hawke's Bay & is based in Gisborne. The girls came to my house for breakfast & despite me saying they didn't need to bring anything they arrived with bread, marmalade & rock melon that I recall. I'm sure I'll be told of anything I've missed. It was very nice to meet them & it was a very good meeting. I outlined our Regional Society with regard to what we are about & what we offer & Colene & Judith responded with regard to CCS Disability Action regionally & locally. I have met most of the HB staff at various meetings or at the Napier office & will meet the Tairāwhiti staff on my trip to Gisborne early in December. Most of our members will have had contact with CCS Disability Action through Mobility Parking Permits or as donees to this organisation that we are now officially affiliated to but retaining each others autonomy with our common goals. We look forward to working with CCS Disability Action.





## Welcome

Welcome to our new associate member Wayne Quigan (Hastings)  
We look forward to meeting you at social events in the future

## Farewell

Sadly we said farewell to our member Guy Collins Kelly who passed away on October 2nd. We convey our sincere condolences to Guy's family, including Amputee Society members, Guy's mother Colleen and his brother Hunter. The Society was represented at Guy's funeral by Geoff Hansen.

Rest in Peace Guy.



The 2018 National Conference is planned for 20-22 April in Wellington.

Give it some thought if you would like to attend.

On the Friday (20th), there will be a free peer to peer support training session being held by Limbs4Life. This course has limited available places and would be ideal for someone considering being a Field Officer. If you are interested please let Geoff or Diane know and arrange a booking, as there is a privacy course that needs to be done prior the peer support workshop.

More conference news will follow in coming newsletters.

The next Hawke's Bay Regional clinic in Hastings is scheduled on  
November 23rd and 24th.

The Manager of the Wellington Artificial Limb Service, Becky Grooby and prosthetist Otto have suggested a get together for dinner on the evening of the 23rd and everyone who wants to attend is very welcome.

This is a good opportunity to get to know Becky as most of us have met Otto.

The cost of a your meal is your responsibility but even if you wanted to just have a drink or pop in to say hi that would be fine.

Please let Geoff know if you intend coming. The venue will be advised.

· By Geoff Hansen

One of our Hawke's Bay members Ted Roberts attended & competed in this year's Annual Amputee Golf tournament. This was the 12<sup>th</sup> year of the competition & the venue alternates yearly from the North to South Island. This year's one was held at Horsham Downs in the Northern suburbs of Hamilton. It is run over 3 days & was in late October. Next year's tournament is to be held at Rawhiti Golf Club Christchurch. Ted lost his leg nearly 3 years ago due to an accident & plays golf regularly at the Napier Golf Club at Wai-ohiki & is on a 22 handicap. Ted drove up to Hamilton (not with a wood or an iron) & was looking forward to the golf & meeting others with similar disabilities. The first day was practice day over 9 holes & Ted met all the other 21 competitors, 2 were arm amputees. I'm not a golfer myself but have played on public 9 hole courses years ago & found it difficult enough to strike the ball using 2 arms, but good on them, & all of the participants & organisers. There was also a below knee amputee from Australia playing. Beat the Aussie Ted, please beat the Aussie. The second day the competition began & 18 holes were played, one of the players in Ted's group was Chris Geary whose son Josh is on the PGA. Josh is ranked around 100 in the world & back in August dominated to win a tournament in the China Golf Tour. This didn't overwhelm Ted who concentrated on doing his best but enjoying himself also. Unfortunately due to the weather the 3<sup>rd</sup> day was restricted to 9 holes & Ted finished tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> on 103 but on a count back was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> (The Aussie wasn't ahead of him) but a great result Ted, well done & glad you enjoyed it & the fellowship. You look very happy with your trophy. I even heard Sean Gray the CEO of NZALS was there, but not sure if he was swinging a club or in the bunker. Thanks for sharing the story with me Ted.



Horsham Downs  
Hamilton



Ted and his trophy



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