



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

**NEWSLETTER**  
September/ October  
2017

It's hard to believe that we are speeding towards the end of another year. Soon we will be hearing the number of days 'til Christmas and then it will be 2018. There are changes afoot in our society; we have already indicated that we need a new Field Officer and treasurer to replace Geoff as he wishes to stand down from those roles. Having advertised in the last few newsletters without any response, it is concerning that we could find ourselves with those jobs unfilled. Please think about how you might be able to help with one of the positions. Give Geoff a call to get an idea of what's involved.

I hope everyone is starting to enjoy the warmer days and lighter mornings and remember to spring forward in the wee small hours of September 24th.

## Quiz Night 2017

Our last two quiz nights have been lots of fun and they are a good fundraiser for our society.

Join us at the 2017 Quiz

October 4th, at 7pm  
At the Napier RSA

Come early for dinner, bring a team of up to six  
\$5 per player

If you can't come, you could support us by donating a raffle prize  
Phone Diane 9763716

**Due to licensing laws we are not permitted to raffle alcohol**

Welcome to the following new members, we hope to meet you at a social event soon

David Anderson Havelock North  
Lois Tuohy Hastings  
Ray Comrie Napier

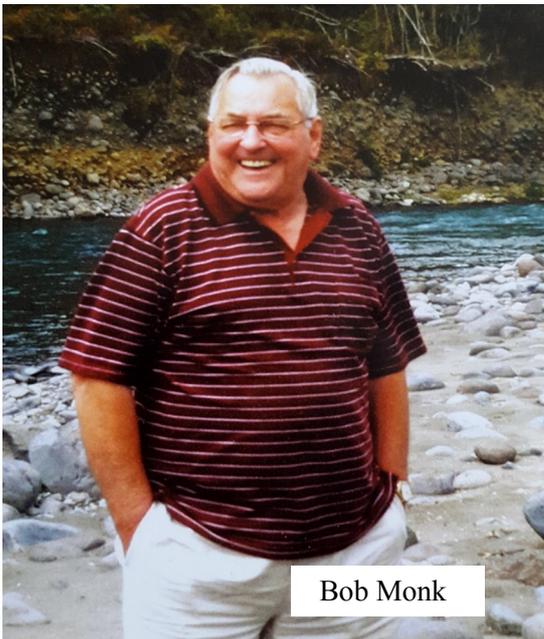


## Farewell

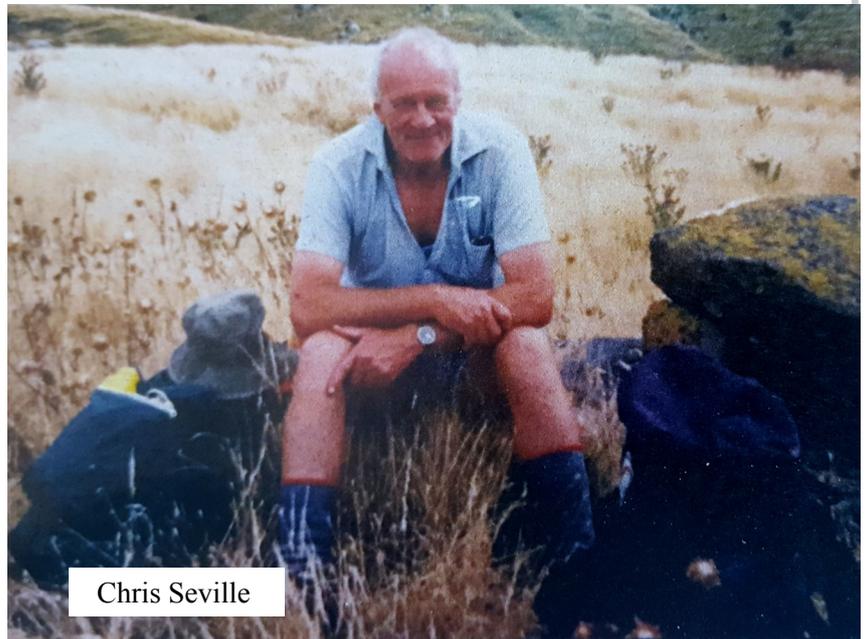
by Geoff Hansen

Sadly two of our members passed away recently. Chris Seville on the 17<sup>th</sup> August husband, of Sue. Chris was on our Society Committee a few years ago and they featured in our 2016 August/September newsletter. Bob Monk on the 31<sup>st</sup> August husband of Margaret. Bob was a more recent amputee but had been making great progress on his limb of late.

We are very sad to lose them both, our condolences to both families.



Bob Monk



Chris Seville

## Swim Exercise for Amputees

We are expecting the swimming programme to recommence on 27th October at 1000am. Phone Diane or Geoff (numbers back page)

## CHRISTMAS DO

OUR CHRISTMAS FUNCTION WILL BE HELD ON EITHER  
NOVEMBER 26TH OR DECEMBER 3RD.  
CONFIRMED DATE AND VENUE TO BE ADVISED.  
WE ARE OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS, PLEASE LET ANY OF US KNOW YOUR IDEAS



Lunch at the  
DOG  
(Duke of Gloucester)  
Taradale.  
20/08/17

Good  
company as  
always



# NZALS

## New Zealand Artificial Limb Service

Peke Waihangā, Aotearoa

Hawkes's Bay Regional Clinic

Geoff Hansen

As I mentioned in our April/May Newsletter we have a new manager at NZALS Central Regional Limb Centre at Wellington, Becky Grooby who took over in June. I also mentioned that she would likely make a trip up to one of our Regional Clinics at HB Hospital. Well true to my word Becky came up with Jude & Sandeep for the August clinic. The trip didn't start great, as due to "Windy Wellington" their flight was delayed about 30 minutes. Jude told me when they got here he actually thought there was an earthquake happening while they were sitting on the tarmac before heading out to the runway, however it was just the wind blowing the plane around and it felt like an earthquake, scary stuff. I had met Becky at the Amputee Federation National Conference in New Plymouth when she was working at the Auckland Limb Centre, and at the NZALS National Conference in Auckland in June just a few days after she started at Wellington, but only briefly at both events. As usual it was a busy 2 day clinic with around 45 appointments. It was good having an extra prosthetist there, but they still only had 2 rooms to see amputees in and Becky was meeting Hospital staff for the first time. Jude told me Becky had featured in the recent NZ Womens Weekly so I was able to have her on about that, even though at that stage I hadn't seen the article, but have now and it's the story of Becky deciding to study prosthetics due largely to her uncle

losing his leg and the joy she gets from making a difference in people's lives most days. Becky & I measured out 10 metres in the corridor, as 2 younger above knee amputees with micro processor limbs were coming in & she was going to measure how far they could walk over 6 minutes. It sure is funny seeing an amputee plug their leg into a power point while they are wearing it. Perhaps we will be able to have lamps put in ours going forward so we can see where we are walking in the dark. There were also 2 ladies that came in to get artificial fingers which I hadn't encountered before. These were very real looking as per the photos. (facing page) Mentioning photos thanks for squatting down in the group photo of us Jude, that helped. The clinic was a full on 2 days as usual, but it is great that we have 5 clinics a year here, and there is actually going to be 6 this year, as there is one next month, however only 1 clinical prosthetist is attending this one, so numbers are limited and I understand it is already fully booked. Thanks NZALS and I'm sure Becky, Jude & Sandeep had a far more pleasant flight back.





The owner of this new finger prosthesis was delighted with it and it was almost impossible to detect until it was pointed out.



The “A” Team from the August Regional Clinic

## **Total Mobility**

Most amputees are eligible for subsidised taxi travel to enable daily activities, including leisure pursuits.

Taxi services include mobility taxis

To enquire and arrange a FREE assessment

phone Diane at 9763716 or text 021434833

## **Loan Equipment**

The Amputee Society has a range of equipment available for short term loan to members and visiting amputees.

There is a wheelchair, bath and shower seats, a commode and a few small ramps.

Please phone or text (numbers below)

Geoff or Diane

## **Storage Centre**

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