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Hi Everyone,

So here we are at the beginning of Winter, I complained a little in the last newsletter about the heat so this time I will keep my mouth zipped. Amazing the difference 2 months can make. We have had our AGM and have elected the committee. I am still President, Anna Grimaldi is VP and Lorraine is still the Coordinator and Treasurer (Who else would take that job on? But sometime in the not too distant future we will need someone to step up and learn the ropes), the committee is Tony Horsfall, Simon McMillan, Rod Oakley, Holly Robinson, Graeme Sayer, Tony Wilson and we welcome Bruce Tritt. Thank you all for making yourselves available.

Currently in Otago/Southland we have 175 financial members. When all members are added up for the 9 Societies of NZ, we get about 800 members out of a possible 4,000. The Federation lobbies on behalf of all amputees so the higher our membership is the stronger our voice is. If it was not for the work of the Federation in past years we would not have the great service we get here, limbs would not be free and even things as basic as stump socks would not be freely available. I therefore ask you to encourage any and every amputee you know to become a financial member to make our voice stronger. We endeavour to keep the subscription as low as possible and it is still only \$10-00 per year. Thank you. D.J.

AGM and DINNER

Our Guest Speaker at The Annual General Meeting, Matthias Blattner, (Southern Regional Manager NZ Artificial Limb Service) had to cancel at the last minute. This worked out Ok as it gave the 20 or so of us gathered the opportunity to discuss next year. 2019 is the year of the Otago/Southland Society's 75th jubilee. This being such a milestone event we decided to put a bid in for the 2019 Federation Conference to be held in Dunedin. This bid was subsequently put before the National AGM in

Wellington on 20th April, and was accepted. Therefore, the Annual Conference will be in Dunedin on 12th to 14th April 2019, please keep these dates free. If you have never been to a Conference, it is well worth attending. More details to follow.

CONGRATULATIONS HOLLY



Kiwi javelin thrower Holly Robinson broke a world record with her first throw at the Commonwealth Games. The 23-year-old threw 43.32 in the F46 javelin final at Carrara Stadium, to break Hollie Arnold's (Wales) record by 30 centimetres. But Arnold snatched victory and the record off Robinson with her sixth and final throw.

Holly Robinson said finishing second again was tough, but she was happy with her performance. "Although I've got to settle for second place, I did throw further than I've ever thrown before to get that silver medal and I'm absolutely stoked with that". She held the world record for all of 23 minutes, before Arnold pulled out a mammoth throw of 44.43m on her last throw, snatching the gold. Holly R did admit it would have been great to get the gold, having now won four major event silver medals and being pipped by Arnold each time.

"I would have really liked it to be me on that top spot but credit to her, she pulled it out when it mattered". "We both pushed each other in that competition and she came up to me and said that at the end, so I think that's important."

Just a little more; On 28th April 2018 Athletics Otago Awards:

Para-Athlete of the Year 2018: Holly Robinson

Supreme Athlete of the Year 2018: Holly Robinson.

MEMBERSHIP

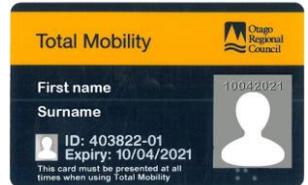
Deceased - We record with great delight we have not lost any members over the last couple of months.

New Members - Welcome to a new member Russell North of Invercargill. Welcome on board Russell.

Thanks:

Thank you to the Lion Foundation (grant for conference) and Invercargill Licensing Trust who gave us \$1,000.00 for Administration in Southland.

Total Mobility Taxis - As previously advised, our Society is no longer an agency for Total Mobility. A list of agencies you can contact to obtain an ID smart card is available from Lorraine. For Southland members, you will need to contact Southern Mobility for photo ID and application forms, or call into the ICC to have your photo taken.



Accessibility Map in Southland - The Southland District Council has published an accessibility map of Southland. As well as showing accessible restaurants, toilets etc., the map shows accessible museums, libraries and walking tracks. The map is available on their website www.southlanddc.govt.nz/home/accessibility-map/ or by emailing Janet Thomas at janet.thomas@southlanddc.govt.nz

Mobility Parks and Accessible toilets in Dunedin

Here is the DCC website link to downloadable maps around the city. <http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/council-online/downloadable-maps>.



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