



**Amputee Society of Nelson /Marlborough
Affiliated to the Amputees Federation of New Zealand**

February Newsletter

Hello members,

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas/New Year period. This summer continues on and it's hard to believe March is just around the corner.

Our AGM was held in December –along with our Christmas function. Thanks to those who joined the committee for an enjoyable meal and game of Golf Croquet. The committee stays the same at this stage:

Amy Hindley –President

Malcolm Higgins- Vice President

Claire West –Secretary and Contact person

John Ealand –Treasurer.

*John would like to resign from this position so if you could be interested or knows someone who would enjoy the role please let us know. He says he will assist the new treasurer until they gain confidence in this role.

Our committee is: Mike, Maxine and Charlaine Wells, John West, Sharon Ealand and William Miles.

Thanks also to those who willingly gave us articles for our Christmas raffle. It was lovely to be able to deliver all three prizes to Stoke. The Christmas basket went to a young man, Isaac, who was going to share it with his family. The firewood went to Jan, a solo mum who was very grateful of a trailer load of wood, even though she had to stack it before Christmas, and the wonderful Christmas cake, went to a delighted lady at Summerset Retirement Village. The society raised over \$600.00.

Fundraiser Raffle

Our next raffle will be held in April. We plan to have one raffle with 5 or 6 draws. We have a camera that has been donated, 2 trailer loads of firewood, meat packs and 2 baskets of grocery items.

Once again we are asking you our members to donate items for the grocery baskets. I am happy to pick items up please give me a ring –Claire ph 5451410.

The committee are asking for members support in selling raffles –we have booked stalls on -April 4th at Countdown in Stoke; and April 11th and 12th at New World in Vanguard St from 10am – 4pm.

Amy, our president has offered to man these stalls but she needs support. If you could offer 2 hours of your time please contact me – Claire ph 5451410 . All profits will be going into our welfare fund.

I am pleased to share that with the societies assistance three of our members have had modifications to the houses completed by Enable and one member has had her car modified.

If you are a member requiring assistance please ring me to see if we could assist you.

Conference

A group of 7 members are traveling to Wellington for the National Conference on 15th –17th March. Osseointegration is the topic this year and our own member Phillip Coulson (who has written articles for our newsletter) is going to speak to the conference as a recipient of osseointegration.

Our committee is hoping to convince the other societies that Nelson should hold the Amputees Federation Conference in 2014.

Operatunity – a company that presents concerts throughout NZ has evening concerts this year – On March 24th and 25th Tom Sharplin and friends are performing Rock from the 50's, 60s, and 70s at the Theatre Royal. You are able to book online at www.operatunity.co.nz or call toll free on 0508 266 237. The concerts are great value.

The next daytime concert is Forbidden Broadway –lots of Broadway hits – on Monday 15th April at the Hope Community Church –bookings are the same as for the evening concerts.

2013 Amputee Golf Tournament

This years tournament will be held in Wellington on October –for more information check out www.amputeegolfnz.co.nz/ or email Jason Eade at Jason.eade@ihq.com

I was hoping to have Phil's follow up article for you to read but this will now have to be included in the next newsletter

Enjoy the sun while it lasts,
Till next time,
Claire