



Amputee Society of
Nelson/ Marlborough

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July Newsletter

Hello members,

Hope this finds everyone warm and comfortable as we are nearly two thirds through winter.

I have been busy shifting my work office out of Nelson Hospital to Richmond as part of the PHO building. Being based in Richmond will make visiting new amputees a bit more difficult but I do still plan to spend at least one day per week.

Annual Conference

Nine Nelson/ Marlborough members attended this year's conference in Wellington. Speaking for the others –we all had a great time, learnt a lot, met the new CEO of the NZ Amputee Limb Service, Sean Gray, and our Governor General, Jerry Mateparae. A highlight was visiting Weta Studio's.

Our past treasurer John Ealand is now the Amputee Federation president –although he's on a long holiday in Britain just now. I think it's great to have most Societies represented in the NZ Federation to enable everyone to have their say. Read more about the conference in this months 'Purpose'.

The 2016 conference will be hosted by Canterbury with a Rattle and Shake theme. Sounds like lots of fun.

Blenheim Contact

Carla Taylor is a new member who is very interested in helping fellow amputees. Carla trained as a Prosthetic Technician in Christchurch and worked in Perth. Now Carla is an amputee and has moved back to Blenheim undertaking computing studies. The committee have co-opted Carla onto our committee, and Blenheim and Picton now have a very keen contact person living in their community.

Carla's contact details are on the business card enclosed.

Raffle

As the weather improves its time we continue fundraising. Our Queen of raffle selling Amy Hindley is keen to help us again this year. We plan to book days at the NewWorld Supermarkets in Stoke and Nelson. The committee hope to raise funds some of which will be used to subsidised a dinner later in the year. If any members can spare a few hours please contact me .It can be lots of fun and Amy certainly will keep you entertained.

Membership

Unfortunately our costs of photocopying etc are increasing so we have had to follow other societies and increase our yearly subscriptions to \$10.00 annually. You hope to be sending out accounts in the not too distant future.

The committee are presently working on a questionnaire –we hope to send that out to all amputees in our region so we can update our membership list. We are asking for emails –a lot of information comes via the internet that we would like to pass on to as many people as possible.

Group for New Amputees

Unfortunately we have not had enough interest to take part in a group for new amputees. If you are interested in meeting fellow amputees please contact Claire ph 5451410 evenings. –we need at least five amputees with their support people. We would meet once a month in the Richmond library. Again don't hesitate to contact me if you are interested.

Get Together

On October 3rd the committee are planning a dinner get together at Trailways. We hope this is good timing –we are in warmer weather and yet not too close to winter.

All members will be subsidised by \$20.00-this is to encourage numbers. Contact Claire on 5451410 –family and friends welcomed. We look forward to see you.



Only fellow amputees understand some of the issues we face. Numbers by 15th September.

Claire