



**Amputee
Society**
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Hi Everyone,

Well it seems we have ourselves a new Government. The left leaning "experts" tell us the coalition will be great for the country and all is well. The "experts" from the right give it six to nine months before it implodes. For my part if they stick to their promises to look after the people and the environment then good luck.

In November we have a few meetings/gatherings coming up, these are outlined below. Hoping you are all well enough to attend one or two of these.

Included with this Newsletter is the November edition of "**Purpose**".

ACC PARALYMPICS NZ OPEN DAYS

ACC and Paralympics New Zealand want to support and encourage New Zealanders with disabilities, their families and support people to get involved in Para sport and are holding five Open Days around the country between November 2017 and April 2018. Contact Keiran Wall kwall@paralympics.org.nz for dates and further information.

And for keen cyclists - a **Para Cycling Camp** is being held in Christchurch on 10-12 November which includes coaching and education opportunities for competitive riders. For more information contact Laura Thompson lthompson@paralympics.org.nz

LIMB CENTRE CLOSING DATES

The Limb Centre will be closed for the Christmas/New Year break from midday on Friday 22nd December. Open with limited service on 3,4,5 January. Normal service resumes on Monday 8 January. Emergency cell 022 577 6205.

GOLF & BARBECUE - Sunday 12 November

Our annual golf tourney will again take place at the 12 Oaks Golf Course in Mosgiel. Tee off time is 1 pm, the green fee is \$8, the Society's golf cart and some spare clubs will be available, and bar facilities will be available at



the end of play. Players compete for our usual trophies. So that we have an indication of numbers, please let Tony Wilson know if you intend taking part - phone 4558426 or email wingie@clear.net.nz.

Following the golf, from 3 pm on, you are invited to join us at the golf course for socialising and a barbecue. The Society will provide sausages and you are asked to bring along other food (salads, breads, desserts etc.)

to share. So that we have an idea of the number for catering, please ring Lorraine on 455-6347 and at the same time let her know if you would like transport. We look forward to a good turnout of members, families and friends!

SOUTHLAND MEETING & DINNER – Saturday 18 NOVEMBER

Our annual **Meeting and Dinner** will be held on Saturday 18 November at the Working Men's Club at 154 Esk Street, (corner of Esk and Ythan Streets). Time of the meeting is 3.45 pm, to be followed by our guest speaker Graham Sycamore who will be talking about the Menzshed movement that has arrived in Invercargill. A buffet meal will be available from 5 pm (cost \$25) and the Society will provide vouchers for the value of one standard drink to those attending.

Ring David and Vonnie on 214-1548 before Wednesday 15 November and let them know you'll be there. We look forward to seeing our regular attendees, as well as some new faces.

MEMBERSHIP

DECEASED: Sadly we record the passing of Dulcie Willis of Invercargill, Michael Bolstridge of Oamaru and Joan Phillips of Mosgiel. Joan's late husband Cliff was a Committee member and in earlier years Cliff and Joan hosted some of the Society's barbecues. After Cliff's passing, Joan continued as a support person at functions and was often referred to as our "raffle lady".

NEW MEMBERS: Welcome to Caleb Smith of Invercargill.

Subscriptions - There are still a few outstanding subs (\$10 per year) owing from 2016. If you are one of these, there'll be a red dot on your newsletter and this will be your last unless your subs are brought up to date. For those of you who haven't yet paid for 2017, we have highlighted this **HERE** on your newsletter and payment would be appreciated before the end of this year -

either to Sue at the Limb Centre, by post to Lorraine, or by direct credit to our bank account 031355 0277644 00 (please identify with your name).

FACEBOOK Have you "Liked" us on FB yet? Go to our website www.af.org.nz and click on our name to LIKE us!

DONATION Thanks to the Lottery Grants Board for their grant of \$5000.

TOTAL MOBILITY TAXI ID - 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.

Evan Mitchell Celebratory Dinner – The Balclutha dinner on Saturday 2nd September went well. This was as always a pleasant evening at the Country Club, with about 16 people travelling from Dunedin and Invercargill.

STRESS FRACTURE: One of our World Para-athletes Anna Grimaldi was suffering at the world champs in July. When she arrived back in Auckland a scan revealed a big stress fracture in her foot. It is a little difficult, as you can imagine, to run 100, 200 metres and compete in the long jump when the foot does not want to play ball. We wish you well Anna and hope the next six months of recovery go according to plan.



OUR GRANTS

Applications are invited for grants from the following funds:

Meffan and Pankhurst Funds - Welfare grants up to a maximum of \$300 in any one year are available to members to help improve independence and quality of life. Some examples of purposes for which grants can be made are: health and medical services; subsidising of travel over and above taxi vouchers; home comforts, e.g. wood, coal etc; equipment which will assist independence and/or mobility.

Coyle Young Achievers' Fund - Grants up to \$500 in any one year are available to young people up to the age of 30 to help with cultural and sporting interests and hobbies. Young people are encouraged to get in touch with the Coordinator or a Committee member to discuss possibilities.

Application Forms for all grants are available from the Coordinator and will be considered by the Finance Sub Committee after the closing date of 30 November. Applicants must have been a financial member of the Society for at least two years and, if successful, grants will be paid only upon the supply

of a quote or invoice, with payment made to the service provider. Note that it is our policy that grants will not exceed the interest earned on our investments in any one year.

A LAUGH

Bill, Jacinda and Winston are standing at the throne of heaven. God looks at them and says, "Before granting you a place at my side, I must ask you what you have learned, what you believe in." God asks Bill first, "What do you believe in?" He thinks long and hard, looks God in the eye and says, "I believe passion and discipline, courage and honour are the fundamentals of life. I believe in hard work. I have been lucky, but win or lose, I've always tried to be a true patriot and a loyal New Zealander." God can't help but see the essential goodness of Bill and offers him a seat to his left. Then God turns to Jacinda and says, "What do you believe?" Jacinda says "I believe in hard work and staying true to family and friends. I believe in giving. I was lucky, but I always tried to do right by my fellow Kiwis. God is greatly moved by Jacinda's well-pitched eloquence and he offers her a seat to his right. Finally, God turns to Winston and says, "And you Winston, what do you believe?" Winston replies..."As I am the creator of Kings and Queens, I believe you're in my seat."

Changed or Changing your Address? Don't forget to let Lorraine or the Limb Centre know.

Newsletters (& Email) - More than a third of our members now receive their newsletters by email - at \$1 per person for postage, that's a saving of over \$70 with each newsletter. If you are on email and would be happy to receive electronic copies of your newsletters and *Purpose*, please contact Lorraine at lorrstan@xtra.co.nz.

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