



Amputee  
Society  
of Taranaki Inc.

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*Te Whanau Mutu Mutu O Taranaki*  
Affiliated to the Amputees Federation of  
New Zealand  
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## Presidents Report

### Society Secretary:

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### Monthly Meetings & Events

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**June 20<sup>th</sup>  
Monthly Meeting,  
11:00a.m. Stratford  
Club,  
Stratford**

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**July 18<sup>th</sup>  
Monthly Meeting,  
10:30a.m New Plymouth  
Club, New Plymouth**

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**August 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Games Challenge – Lunch  
will be available – From  
10:30a.m. South Taranaki  
Club**

**Everyone is welcome  
if you would like to attend  
but are having transport  
problems  
We may be able to  
help you.**

### AMPUTEES FEDERATION of NZ CONFERENCE WELLINGTON April 2015

Christine Windle and I attended the conference as the Societies delegates. The Conference was held in Wellington at the Amora hotel on the weekend of the 17-19<sup>th</sup> of April. Mark and Margaret Barraclough, my wife Barbara, as well as Colleen Mundt supported us.

The weekend started with the opening address by the Governor General, Lt General Sir Jerry Mateparae who mixed with us all for wine and nibbles following his address.

The formal session of the National council meeting was then held with elections taking place and I was re- elected to the Executive committee. There being no contentious issues or remits to discuss the business end of the conference was taken care of by 9.30 pm.

As has become the custom, Saturday morning was free time to do whatever you liked and about 30 people elected to go to the Weta Cave, Sir Peter Jacksons set up in Miramar, a thoroughly intriguing experience which we all enjoyed.

We reconvened in the Afternoon at 1.30pm for a presentation by Professor Dirk de Ridder a neurological surgeon based in Dunedin.

He spoke at length in regards to the function of the brain and the messaging it conducts and the effect it has in pain management. At the end, it was clear, that there is at this stage no "magic bullet" For the many sufferers of "Phantom pain". An in depth presentation that was perhaps pitched a little above our levels of complete understanding.

Sean Gray, the new CEO of the Artificial Limb Service spoke next and I was very impressed with his grasp of things in the relatively short time (five weeks) that he has been in the role. He tackled a variety of questions from the floor with aplomb.

He wants to have a closer working relationship with the Amputees Federation which I believe is a very positive thing to be seeking.

Sean had a small session with the Field Officers from around the country which I am sure was beneficial for all concerned.

Sunday morning kicked off with Ben Lucas the NZ Spinal Trust CEO talking about his life and where it has taken him. What an inspirational man. He has achieved so much despite his disability.

Some of the conference sponsors were given the opportunity to talk about their products, and having them there I believe, was a very good thing as they are able to talk about and demonstrate various prosthetics.

So in summary all in all a productive and interesting Conference as per usual which I personally enjoyed.

I look forward to the next one, April 2016 in Christchurch.

**Wally Garrett – President**

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The cake presented at the conference – featuring the new Society Logo

**Welcome New Members**

**Welcome to new members Dave Soppit & Bevan Joyce**

## Field Officers Report from Colleen Mundt - South

Hi all hope you have all had a good few months, I know I have and looking forward to the next few months.

I am off to the State of Origin two in Melbourne in June and I am waiting for a new grandchild in October.

Barry- I hope you are enjoying your new house in New Plymouth, I know a lot of people will be missing you in Opunake.

Five people attended the Limb Clinic in New Plymouth with the possibility of new members. Good turnout in Whanganui with eight attending the clinic.

The next Limb fitters Clinic in New Plymouth is on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August and in Whanganui on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October, please ring the Limb Centre for appointments.

**Colleen Mundt – Field Officer South Taranaki/ Whangnui – 06- 2788997**



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**Taranaki Regional Limb Clinic  
6<sup>th</sup> of August 2015  
Taranaki Base Hospital Orthotic Department  
For an appointment please ph Auckland Limb Centre Toll free-  
0508630630**

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**Whanganui Regional Limb Clinic  
29<sup>th</sup> of October 2015  
Whanganui Hospital  
For an appointment please ph Wellington Limb Centre Toll free-  
0508389389**

## Events, Meetings & Publications for 2015

**Please be aware that dates and times may change at short notice.**

For more information please make contact with our Events Coordinator:

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<u>EVENTS FOR 2015</u>	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>DATE/S</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
MONTHLY MEETING				
	<b>JUNE</b>			
LUNCHEON		20.06.15	11.00am	Stratford Club – Stratford
	<b>JULY</b>			
MONTHLY MEETING		18.07.15	10:30am	New Plymouth Club
	<b>AUGUST</b>			
GAMES CHALLENGE		22.08.15	10:30am	Games Challenge – South Taranaki Club-Hawera
	<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
MONTHLY MEETING		19.09.15	10:30am	Fern Lodge- Inglewood
	<b>OCTOBER</b>			
MONTHLY MEETING		17.10.15	10:30am	New Plymouth Club- New Plymouth
	<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
MONTHLY MEETING/LUNCHEON		21.11.15	11.00am	Stratford Club- Stratford
	<b>DECEMBER</b>			
CHRISTMAS SPECIAL		12.12.15	11.00am	Wally & Barb's House

### Useful Websites

- [www.limbs4life.org.au](http://www.limbs4life.org.au)
- [www.limbs4kids.org.au](http://www.limbs4kids.org.au)
- NZ Limb Service – [www.nzals.govt.nz](http://www.nzals.govt.nz)
- Disability Rights Commission – [www.drc-gb.org](http://www.drc-gb.org)

## Condolences

### Condolences to Loma Crawford and Shirley Ward and family

## Events Coordinator News from Christine Windle

I accompanied several other amputees to the Conference, was a great weekend and Weta was especially enjoyable.

We are planning a games challenge on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August at the South Taranaki Club, Hawera. Bring along family, members or friends to enjoy the day with us. Games available are: indoor bowls, darts, pool and table tennis – something for everyone.

There will be lunch available at an affordable price, prizes, and no doubt plenty of noise and laughter. Come and watch if you wish, support the day in anyway you can.

If anyone requires a lift, please get in touch with one of our field officers, see you there. If anyone has contacts for sponsorship for the day, please contact myself or Margaret Barraclough. Thanks

***Christine Windle – Events Coordinator – (06) 2736088***

### Games Challenge South Taranaki Club 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2015

Pool, darts, indoor bowls & Table Tennis  
Prizes

Lunch available at reasonable prices  
Come along & support the day!

# Finance

Please note subscriptions are now overdue  
If you have not paid please do so

Annual subscriptions are due on the 1st of April 2015. Please post your subscription to:

Mrs. Margaret Simpson, ( Patron ) 14 Exeter Street, Stratford, 4332

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION ( \$10.00 )	\$.....
Associate Membership for your partner/spouse ( \$10.00)	\$.....
Donation to Society funds ( donations over \$5.00 are tax deductible )	\$.....
Total enclosed	\$.....

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