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Dear all

The Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 9 February 2014 was attended by a good number of amputees and their carers. We reached the Quorum! Phew! Always a worry ensuring we get enough attending. We have a couple of changes to the committee this year:-

President – Mali Liupuhi

Vice President – Marlene Bennett

Secretary/Treasurer – Janis Bourne

Committee – Carol Whiting, Lois MacKenzie, Kerry Wilfred-Riley and Nic Hewton

Field Officer – Kerry Wilfred-Riley

Total Mobility Officer – Nic Hewton

Auditor – Colin Gosse

Patron – Mr Geoff Lamb

The meeting ended with our Patron Mr Lamb making a speech regarding the different volunteer groups available, and ending with presenting Janis Bourne with a Life Membership of the Amputee Society of Auckland and Northland Inc.



Mali and Mr Lamb presented Janis with an orchid plant and lovely bunch of flowers.



A speechless Janis, thanked all those present, she is the one who organises these events, not as the recipient. A lovely turn around of events.

Janis joins other Life Members who include Mr Geoff Lamb and Mr Norman Fraser.

A cup of tea and cake followed.

Mali Liupuhi and Janis Bourne attended the Federation

Conference in Nelson on the weekend of 21 to 23 April 2014, as Delegates.



Kerry Wilfred-Riley attended as an Observer. The weekend was packed with lots of information, fun, food and dare I say Shopping.



The weekend started on Friday evening, with the opening and welcome by the mayor of Nelson. Normally a sharing of district reports follows. With a change in events, we had the federation business which included election of officers, change of the Logo and a couple of district remits which were discussed at length.

Saturday morning when we normally have the federation business, the Nelson District Society organised a morning shopping at the Nelson markets, visiting the "WOW", Wearable Arts Awards and Classic Cars, Archery or other activities around Nelson.



Our ladies chose Shopping at the Markets!



The afternoon was spent hearing the latest on Osseo integration. Several amputees were wearing these limbs and demonstrating the ease of which they are attached and used.



The afternoon ended with a Yoga instructor demonstrating Yoga for amputees from a sitting position. Only those who chose attended this. It was interesting and helpful to be able to stretch and move from a seated position.

Saturday night ended with a "Pirate" themed formal dinner, with a band who entertained until midnight.



Amputees and wheelchairs everywhere, writhing to the rock and roll sounds of the four piece

band. A most enjoyable and memorable night was had by all. A prize for the three best dressed "Pirates".

Sunday morning, with bags packed for our homeward journey, we met at the hotel to hear how other young amputees had their lives changed through amputation.

The GIAG (Give it a Go) team shared their weekend adventures, good and bad. Prosthesis got damaged in an event. This team grows every year, with new faces. The friendships and support from these young people is heart warming.



As always it was very sad to say goodbye after lunch, when taxis were organised to take us to the airports. Hopefully we will all meet again next year. Wellington is noted for the next conference, but this could change.

The next Sunday Social Afternoon is planned as being held on Sunday 4 May 2014. This will be a very informal afternoon, of sharing. We will be able view the almost 100 photos from the Federation Conference; share a cup of tea/coffee, and a piece of cake, sandwich, or biscuit. This afternoon will commence at 1.30pm at the Auckland Artificial Limb Centre, 7 Horopito Street, Mt Eden. Our wonderful ladies will do a ring around to remind those who may like to join us.

Enclosed is the March 2014 edition of Purpose. As always, these are a good read. There are lots of interesting facts and stories to read. Watch for the next edition with Conference news and photos.

The New Zealand Limb Service Staff and Management are skilled in ensuring all amputees are fitted with prosthesis which is beneficial to their needs and requirements to continue to live an independent and fulfilled life.

Thank you to all who have paid their subscriptions and donations, either through the Limb Centre Ladies, by post, or by internet banking. Much appreciated, Thank you.

Remember to enclose a name. I received one subscription with part of the newsletter, and I have no idea who it is from.

The 2014 Annual Open Tournament will be held on weekend of 22 to 24 October 2014 at Chisholm Park Golf Club Dunedin and will be hosted by Tony Wilson. For more information please email amputeegolfnz@xtra.co.nz or phone 027 217 8227.

We look forward to seeing as many as possible at our **Sunday Social Afternoon on 4 May 2014**, starting at **1.30pm** at the Auckland Artificial Limb Centre, 7 Horopito Street, Mt Eden. Carers and families welcome.

Regards

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