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**Newsletter March 2020**

Dear All

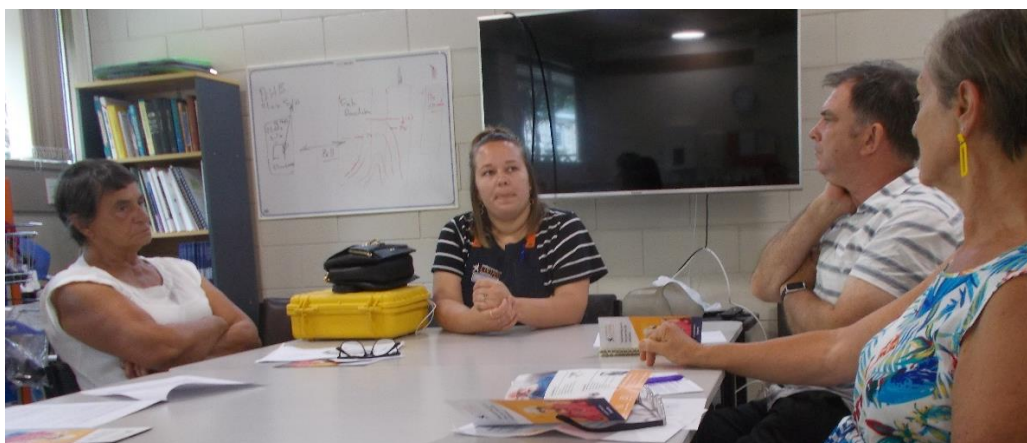
Yes, I know it is now, April 2020 and things are a little out of balance in more ways than we really know what to do about. Covid 19 has really thrown life a curve ball. I trust everyone is able to access "Essential Services" satisfactorily. That is Groceries and medication. Both equally important.

We may not be able to get hard copies to those who do not have email access. Oh, the joys of modern technology.

March 2020 Purpose is attached for your reading. Yes, it is a little late, but these things happen.

**Annual General Meeting**

This was held on 1 March 2020, feels such a long time ago, but only a month. The meeting was preceded by our speaker, April Hickmott from Independent Living Charitable Trust.



April had lots to show and tell. Everyone in attendance was most intrigued.

Contacts for the trust are Phone 0800 625 100, email [info@ilsz.org](mailto:info@ilsz.org) or website [www.ilsnz.org](http://www.ilsnz.org)



The business side continued. The committee appointed were: -

President: - Mali Liupuhi  
Vice President: - Katrina Bungard  
Secretary: - Janis Bourne  
Treasurer: - Kathy Palmer  
Media Person: - Steve Inglis  
Newsletters: - George Marr

Committee Members: - Nadya Vessey

Due to unforeseen circumstances, (a) Janis injured her one and only foot and (b) the present isolation due to Covid 19, Mali and Janis have been unable to travel to Whangarei to do a hand over of accounts, cheque signatures etc. In the meantime, direct all inquiries regarding Treasurer matters to Janis Bourne.

And, yes, we got our 10 financial members to make a quorum.

If being on the committee or part of the committee is something any financial member feels would enhance their recovery or wellbeing, please make contact to any of the above members. This was followed by an afternoon tea, provided by the committee and enjoyed by all.

### **Auckland Artificial Limb Centre**

If you have been to the Auckland Artificial Limb Centre recently, you will notice continual changes. Every time I go something new has happened.

These were the changes at the Annual General Meeting. More may have happened since and more may still to come. Looks an exciting work in progress.



Unfortunately, these seats are not made for short people. My feet do not touch the floor. They are very stylish and there is a purpose for them being this height, I am told.

While on the subject the Limb Centre, you will notice the absence of Abby. Abby moved to bigger, better place of employment, a promotion. We wish her well in her endeavours.

**Christine Amosa – 22 August 1951 to 12 February 2020**



It is with a heavy heart; I wish to advise the passing of Christine Amosa on 12 February 2020. Christine had been a very important part of our committee for a time. In spite of her own disabilities, both legs amputated above the knee, both her wrist had their own minds as to what to do and her fingers were gnarled. Christine had "Charcot Marie Tooth Disease", a type of Multiple Sclerosis. She was unable to hold a cup in her hands. Yet she led a very full and content life. In spite of her own needs, she took the needs of others into account. She had been the first to put her hand up when asked to stuff envelopes with newsletters and Purpose magazines. For a time, she phoned our fellow amputees to advise of upcoming events. It was her way of getting to know people.

A good support of amputees attended the funeral at Tipene Funeral Home in Henderson. Janis Bourne spoke on our behalf and laid to rest her car accident a few years previously. A previous speaker had said how her van had ended up on the top of a car port.

Christine had been shopping at the Warehouse and bought a bargain Christmas Tree. When it had been loaded into the van, it had been caught under the brake lever. Christine had been unable to move it and gently went down a bank on her way home to Titirangi. When the police man arrived at her door and asked could she get out of her car, she told him, she had no legs. His reply, "I will need to charge you with dangerous parking!" I never heard if any charges were actually laid. Christine went onto purchase a wonderful little red car, which caused her no end of grief with electrical problems. She persevered and was always visiting those less fortunate than herself.

A minute's silence was celebrated in her honour at the Annual General meeting. Janis had her order of service to show she was with us in her usual way.





Christine Amosa and George Marr at the Annual General Meeting, 2019

### **Federation Conference**

Our yearly Federation Conference has been cancelled this year, due to Covid 19. This year was to be in Blenheim. Our delegates and observers have been disappointed at not being able to attend. This is out of everyone's capabilities. Roll on 2021 when we can again meet with amputees from all over New Zealand. It is lovely to get together at these events. I have personally made a number of very good friends through this event.

### **15<sup>th</sup> Annual NZ Amputee and Disability Golf Open**

This is being held at Waimairi Beach Golf Club, Christchurch, 20 September 2020 to 2 October 2020, all being well after our "Isolation".

For bookings and information contact: - [amputeegolfnz@xtra.c.nz](mailto:amputeegolfnz@xtra.c.nz)



## **What have we learnt from the Pandemic?**

We all know where Wuhan, China is?

We have learnt a new word and the meaning of it? "Social Distancing"

We know how far 2 metres is? Two grocery trolleys, between us at all times.

We know how to make do with what is in our Pantry/Store cupboard without going to the shop!

We have a better respect for our families, friends and neighbours.

Let's all hope and pray this "Isolation" will be over as soon as possible.

Stay home! Stay safe and stay well.

As always, take care of yourselves and those around you.

Janis Bourne

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