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## November 2017 Newsletter

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Dear all

November is almost over and the festive season is upon us once again. Where has 2017 gone.

There have been a number of changes within the committee this year and we look forward to even more progressive steps in the year to come.

For the Amputee Society of Auckland and Northland Inc, November is the end of our financial year. Subscriptions are due as from 1 December 2017 to 30 November 2018. Remember if you are an AT Total Mobility user, (half price taxi fares) you need to be a financial member of the society.

To begin 2018, we have our 72nd Annual General Meeting booked for Sunday, 4 March 2018, starting at 11 am to be held in the Cornwall Room at the

Maungakiekie Golf Club,  
5 Anita Avenue,  
Mt Roskill,  
Auckland.

There are limited disability parks available. The golf club has great catering facilities available and those who wish may like to have lunch at the conclusion of the meeting. This would be "Pay your own way" affair. There is an extensive bar available. What a great way end a meeting! And great views of the golf course.

At our 71st Annual General Meeting held at Glen Eden Library, the question of subscriptions was discussed. It was agreed to keep subscriptions at the present \$5.00 per year.

After some research, the committee note, out of the nine district societies, only Auckland and Northland and one other have their subscriptions at \$5.00 per year.

On checking in the minute book, subscriptions have not changed since 1984, when the name changed from Civilian Amputee Association to Amputee Society of Auckland and Northland Inc. Some people refer to us as "the Association" and not "Society". Whatever we are called, we know who we are! There was no note as to what the subscriptions had been previously.

Annual Subscriptions need to be discussed at our Annual General meeting on 4 March 2018.

Please find enclosed or attached the November 2017 edition of Purpose. There is always interesting articles pertaining to fellow amputees, which makes for interesting reading. You will notice the Federation Conference and "Give it a Go" for 2018 is being held in Wellington, 20 to 22 April 2018. Janis Bourne and George Marr have been nominated as Delegates from Auckland and Northland district society. We are waiting for the Registration forms for the rest of the weekend events. Included, is a day about Peer Support, which should be interesting.

If you are receiving this newsletter via email and would rather have a hard copy posted, please let Secretary/Treasurer Janis Bourne know and this can be organised. Also, if you are receiving this via post, (Hard copy) and would prefer it emailed, contact Janis and this can be arranged. Remember, Lorraine Peacock, National Coordinator to the Amputee Federation, uploads our newsletters to the Federation website. Visit [www.af.org.nz](http://www.af.org.nz) or simply type Amputee Federation or similar in your browser.

I, Janis Bourne, was fortunate to be invited to a retirement function held at the Auckland Artificial Limb Centre on 15 November 2017 for Orthopaedic Surgeon, Barry Tietjens. The length of service Barry had with the limb centre was in debate. It certainly was a long number of dedicated years, giving expert advice to both amputees and limb fitters alike. A good turnout of present and past limb centre staff, past committee members etc. had been invited to share morning tea.

**Some photos to jog your memory! Who do you remember?**



Past Auckland Artificial Limb Centre Managers, Paul Bargh and George Bissett, have a catch up



The workers, John Brooks, Vaughan Beasley, Paul Bargh, George Bissett, Barry Tietjens, and Murray Weight



Words of wisdom from Barry to present Northern Regional Manager, Megan Thornley

The Auckland Artificial Limb Centre has new staff. Jennifer Wright and husband John Mackillop, direct from Canada. Some of us were fortunate to meet them when they visited in July 2017. Now they are here to stay. What a wonderful experience for us amputees to have these two clinical prosthetists at our very own Limb Centre.



It is with regret I note the passing of one of our fellow members.

Norman Fraser, 12 May 1917 – 27 September 2017

Yes, 100 years young. What a wonderful age, for a wonderful man.

If my memory serves me correct, Norman was from a large family and became an amputee at an early age. This did not hinder him in any way. He was a founding member of the Amputee Society of Otago and Southland Inc. "The First 60 Years", a book of the history of the society was produced by Lorraine Peacock, and has a photo of Norman on the front cover and inside. The Otago and Southland Civilian Amputees Association (as it was known) was established in 1944.

Norman married, had a family and eventually moved to West Auckland. Norman always attended our Annual General Meetings. He was a very quiet gentleman, but very supportive of the society and gave generous donations, when able.

In 2010, the then President, Mali Liupuhi, and I visited Norman in his home, before he moved to Crestwood Retirement Village and presented him with a Honorary Membership for ongoing support.

The society held a Christmas Luncheon at Bricklane, New Lynn on 6 December 2014. Forever independent, Norman had taken a half price taxi (Total Mobility Scheme) from Crestwood to New Lynn, bringing his walker for support. At the conclusion of our lunch, Janis and her daughter Leanne took Norman home to Crestwood. It was a lovely day, and even better for having Norman with us.

When Norman celebrated his 100th birthday, he asked for celebration at Bricklane with his family and friends. According to his family, when the birthday cake was bought out, the whole restaurant sang Happy Birthday to him. Norman would have loved the attention. Well done, Bricklane.

It was a privilege Past President, Mali Liupuhi and I were able to attend Norman's funeral and meet his family who loved and were very supportive of him.

Often emails are received by the society regarding new and tried products. Triad Electric Vehicles is the latest received. They are a small Napier based business, importing American designed 3 wheeled electric scooters. The firm have discovered the Triad 750 Electric Scooters.

Please check the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/freedomventuresnz/> or email [stritchie@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stritchie@xtra.co.nz) or phone Lynda Ritchie, Freedom Ventures on 0273 31703.



Remember to note your 2018 calendar for the 4 March 2018, 72nd Annual General Meeting. A reminder Newsletter will be sent out in February 2018.

Wishing amputees, carers, and other interested agencies, a wonderful Christmas, with lots of fun, laughter, good food and good times, with your precious loved ones. If travelling, please be safe. The committee look forward to another year progressing with the future.

Merry Christmas

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