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Dear all

A Happy New Year to one and all. I hope the festive season was enjoyable and family and friends were safe in their travels.

February is usually a very hot month. We certainly have the heat and humidity throughout New Zealand at the moment. And the rain!! I think it rains more over my little patch of New Zealand than anywhere else. It certainly feels like it.

This has caused me to remember the artificial limbs of years gone past. My first limb was made in 1954, out of willow wood from the Avon River in Christchurch, so I am told. The Gaiter, which attached to my ankle, was leather. Neither was allowed to get wet. No jumping in puddles for Janis, no walking through the rain on the way home from school etc. In the Christmas holidays of 1969/70, I walked Franz Joseph Glacier, and my limb got wet. I put it in an oven to dry. It dried alright and got a slightly singed in the process. Not a good look. Times have moved on and we now have limbs especially for swimming, mountain climbing etc.

Please remember our **72nd Annual General Meeting** to be held on **Sunday 4 March 2018**,
Starting at **11 am** at the Cornwall Room at the

Maungakiekie Golf Club
5 Anita Avenue
Mt Roskill
Auckland

There are limited disability parks available. Remember, there is a dining room at the golf club and we are able to have a "Pay your own Way" lunch at the conclusion of the meeting. What a great way to finish off the day.

The agenda will include election of Officers. Claudia Teague, who has been our President for the previous couple of years, is no longer standing for President, but is willing to be on the committee. According to our rules, we need no less than seven (7) members on the committee. These include, President, Vice President, Secretary, who may also be the Treasurer and a minimum of four (4) ordinary members. The Committee shall have power to co-opt financial persons to fill any vacancy on the Committee, until the next Annual General Meeting.

The Quorum of the Annual General Meeting shall be (10) financial members for a meeting to commence.

As discussed in our November 2017 Newsletter, the society needs to have a discussion regarding our yearly subscriptions. If you are a Total Mobility Scheme member being a financial member of the society is a requirement of Auckland Transport who runs the scheme.

If any further information is required regarding the 72nd Annual General Meeting, please contact Janis Bourne, (09) 8338 057, or email janismbourne@gmail.com Unfortunately, we are not able to offer to

collect amputees or families to attend the meeting. We do not have enough resources to cover Auckland and Northland. We do look forward to seeing as many as possible. Make new friends etc.

Waitangi Day Tuesday 6 February 2018

It was with great pleasure, President of the Amputee Society of Auckland and Northland Inc, Claudia Teague and Secretary/Treasurer, Janis Bourne, accepted an invitation to attend the Governor-General's Bledisloe Garden Reception to celebrate the 178th Anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi on 6 February 2018. This invitation had originally been sent to the Amputee Federation of New Zealand. Claudia and Janis attended on behalf of the Amputee Federation of New Zealand.

Claudia and I met at the gates of Government House and began the long walk up the steep path to Government House. We passed the tennis court, the sculpture garden, waiting to be officially opened, the main door to Government house with all its grandeur.

At the top we were greeted by lovely welcoming ladies in grey vests. They directed us to glasses of water or glasses of freshly squeezed lemonade. We chose the mouth quenching lemonade.

A Defence Force band played jazz in one corner of the garden. Marquees were situated around the edge of the garden, and a long marquee at the end of the garden, with tables and chairs for all to sit. Signs including "Oysters and Bubbles", "Strawberries and Pimms" greeted us. Lots of nibbles and drinks were available. The lovely ladies walked amongst us with little egg sandwiches and water cress for all to enjoy.

We joined another couple at a table. Everyone was extremely friendly.

Dame Patsy was introduced and gave a wonderful speech.



People crowded around the stage. Hone Waititi Marae School preformed a Haka.

The band played and we all mingled. Claudia and I walked into the middle of the crowd. Everyone dressed in their finest. Some in national costume, some in uniform, for example, Girl Guides. Everyone was very friendly. Lovely ladies, walked amongst us with platters of sausage rolls, with homemade tomato sauce, and falafels. It all felt so very grand.

Nadia Reid took the stage, to entertain the people.

We noticed our Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, was swamped with people. Two minders were watching close by, keeping an eye on proceedings. Claudia and I joined the many.



We found Jacinda very personable. Chatted with the many and was more than happy for our photo.

The afternoon started at 4 pm and was ending at 6 pm. The time had gone too fast. Claudia contacted her ride to be picked up. We walked down the steep driveway. I caught a shuttle taxi back to the car park.

IF I had a bucket list, I could tick off, photo with Prime Minister, and attending a garden party at Government House.

As told by Janis Bourne

Finally, remember, our 72nd Annual General Meeting on Sunday 4 March 2018 at Maungakiekie Golf Club, 5 Anita Avenue, Mt Roskill, Auckland. (Goodness, 72 years since the society was initiated. That is life time. Let's keep it going for another 72 years.)

Regards

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