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NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2021

Dear All

Another year begins, 2021.

I trust all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year Break, with family and friends, and stayed away from the dreaded Covid 19.

Just when we thought/hoped it was all over rover, it reared its ugly head in Northland, via Pullman Hotel in Auckland.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To begin the year, we have our Annual General Meeting.

This is to be held on Sunday 7 March 2021, commencing at 2 pm at the Auckland Artificial Limb Centre, 7 Horopito Street, Mt Eden.

Guest speaker will be Matthew (Matt) Bryson, who is

Executive member of the Amputee Federation of New Zealand Inc President of the Amputee Society of Waikato, Bay of Plenty District Society Inc Coordinator of GIAGO

Peer Support/National Coordinator for Peke Waihanga – Artificial Limb Services

Matt lost his leg 7 years ago, aged 30 years old, in a Farming Accident. Becoming an Amputee has changed his life for the better.

All financial members are welcome to attend. Supporters are welcome, but will be unable to vote on any motions/elections.

The committee have been advised that three members of our current committee will not be available for re-election to their present roles due to personal circumstances.

According to the rules, we need a Quorum of 10 (ten) financial members to be present at our Annual General Meeting within half an hour of the time appointed.

The committee so elected shall consist of: - President

Vice President

Secretary, who may also be the Treasurer

And a minimum of four ordinary committee

members.

Presently, we have a separate Secretary and Treasurer. This can be changed.

See nomination form at the end of this newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP/SUBSCRIPTIONS

Thank you to all those who have renewed their membership/subscriptions for the 2021 year.

A reminder that annual subscriptions/memberships of \$10.00 are due on the 1 January each year. Our financial year is 1 January to 31 December.

Payment by internet banking to ASB 12 3061 0190809 00 is preferred.

Alternatively, post a cheque to Kathy Palmer
1A Denby Crescent,
Tikipunga

Whangarei 0012

Or make a payment with Sarah Rigg or Nafisa Kapodia, receptionist at the Auckland Artificial Limb Centre,
7 Horopito Road,
Mt Eden,
Auckland.

They have receipts books to issue receipts on payment.

You must be a financial member to be able to vote at the Annual General Meeting and/or to be elected as a committee member.

We have been made aware that as from middle of 2021, all banks will cease processing cheques. We suggest you contact your bank if you are using cheques.

CONFERENCE

The National Federation Conference, planned for Rotorua in 2021 has been cancelled. The hotel sourced to hold the conference is presently being used for Ministry Quarantine, and will need to be fully deep cleaned before any guests, let alone amputees or elderly age, enter the premises, or stay for a weekend. 2020 conference in Blenheim was cancelled due to Covid 19.

The next National Federation Conference due in 2022, to be held in Wellington, will be the 75th Anniversary of the Amputee Federation of New Zealand, established 1947 and known as the Civilian Amputee Association (NZCAA). This is why some people refer to us as the "Association".

For those who remember the "A Challenge with Purpose" a 273-page book written by Federation Coordinator, Lorraine Peacock celebrated 50 years of the Amputees Federation of New Zealand Incorporated, published in March 2002. Apart from lots dry facts, figures, and minutes, there is also many stories told of good and the bad times as amputees.

Due to our last two National Conferences having to be cancelled because of the pandemic, the Federation T-Shirt promotion had been stalled. Canterbury/Westland decided to "pick up the baton" and have the shirts printed and made available to the amputee community of NZ. They feature the Federation logo on the front and a modern attractive logo on the back. Available in all men's/women's sizes. Price is \$23 per shirt, plus \$7 postage and tracking for 1-2 Shirts, or \$10 postage and tracking for 3-5 shirts, larger orders postage POA.

Please contact Justine Margan-Woods on <u>justinemw@me.com</u> <u>021 105 5189</u> or Mark Bruce on <u>mark.bruce@xtra.co.nz</u> <u>3375747/027</u> <u>2381958</u> by Sunday 28 February 2021.

A Jubilee Polo Shirt is in the process of being designed for 75th National Federation Conference to be held in Wellington 2022. More information to come in the near future.

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SUPLIERS NEW ZEALAND (ATSNZ)

The ATSNZ Disability Expo is New Zealand's leading exhibition for rehabilitation, disability and age care equipment and services. In it's first year in New Zealand the ATSNZ Expo was a huge success, attracting over 450 participants.

This year's event is being held at the Vodaphone Events Centre, Manukau, Auckland, on the 16 and 17 March 2021.

Register to attend for FREE https://atsnzexpo.co.nz/register/

For more information contact Andy Ballagh Phone +64 (0) 22 040 8002 www.atsnzexpo.co.nz www.cleannzexpo.co.nz/



Remember,

Annual General Meeting,
7 March 2021,
2 pm,
Auckland Artificial Limb Centre
7 Horopito Street
Mt Eden

The committee look forward to seeing as many as possible at our Annual General Meeting.

Hopefully, nothing stupid like a Covid 19 lockdown takes over before this date.

Join us, and listen to what exciting things have changed Matts life since becoming an amputee, enjoy a cuppa, cake and a chat at the conclusion of the General Meeting and elections.

Regards

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AMPUTEE SOCIETY OF AUCKLAND AND NORTHLAND INC NOMINATION FORM

Nominee to Complete

I consent to my name being submitted for the position of
(Positions available, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and committee. In tota seven (7) committee members are required)
Name: -
Signed: -
Proposer: -
Date: -