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Happy New Year to you all,

I trust the Christmas and New Year holiday season has been a pleasant and enjoyable time with family and friends.

The Christmas tree will be thrown to the compost heap, the road side for collection or boxed nicely away until the end of this year, when it will once again be ornamented to adorn the visit from Father Christmas. Or put back to the garden to grow a bit more over the year.

The year starts with our Annual General Meeting.

This is being held on **Sunday 17 February 2019 at the Auckland Artificial Limb Centre,
7 Horopito Street,
Mt Eden,
Commencing at 2 pm**

Apart from the normal, minutes from the previous year, President and Treasurers reports, and election of officers, we have a guest speaker.

Northern Regional Manager of NZ Artificial Limb Services, Stephanie Shennan.

Sounds very formal, and impressive! Stephanie is the Manager of Auckland Artificial Limb Centre. Stephanie took over this role from Megan Thornley as from 15 October 2018. This transition was timely and smooth. Megan has continued to support Stephanie in her role.

Background of **Stephanie Shennan**: -



Previously, Stephanie has been employed as a Plunket Nurse in West Auckland and progressed to Clinical Leader, Area Manager and for the past ten years had National General Management roles. Stephanie has family who are amputees and is aware of pitfalls and requirements of the family or whanau in living with amputees.

Stephanie grew up in Te Atatu South, attending schools through to secondary in the West. She now resides in Te Atatu Peninsula and is kept busy with seven children and seven grandchildren.

A Westie, through and through.

Moving forward, Stephanie has some wonderful visions for the future of amputees and their families. We look forward to seeing this progress.

Remember, all financial members are very welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting. If you would like to offer your services to be nominated for the committee, please do not hesitate to put your name forward. The more the merrier. New input is always important.

Remember, in order to have your say, you must be a paid up Financial Member of our society. The financial year ended on 30 November 2018.

The rule changes which were advised for the Special General Meeting in November 2018 need to be discussed/approved at the Annual General Meeting. These were advised in November 2018 Newsletter. If more clarification is required, please contact Janis Bourne, Secretary/Treasurer.

Special General Meeting

A Special General Meeting was held on 18 November 2018, at the Maungakiekie Golf Club to discuss a number of rule changes.

A quorum of 10 financial members was not met. Some of those present, did enjoy a wonderful lunch from the Golf Club Cafe.



Warren Tayler, Mr Geoff Lamb and Past President Mali Liupuhi

Subsequently, a follow up meeting was held on the 25 November 2018. Without sufficient time to inform all members, a number of phone calls were made in order to get a quorum. This failed to get more numbers.

Remember, we are governed by our society rules which state: -

5.3 Quorum

A quorum for any General meeting shall be ten (10) members. If a quorum is not present within half an hour of the time appointed, the meeting shall be adjourned to a time and place fixed by those present. If a quorum is not present at the adjourned meeting, the meeting shall be dissolved without further adjournments.

With the Annual General Meeting being held at the Limb Centre, there is plenty of disabled parking; conditions in the limb centre cater especially for amputees. We have all attended the limb centre at some time in our life as an amputee. We know the location and how to get there.

Northland/Whangarei

Kathy Palmer, Northland Contact Person, has been very busy in Northland/Whangarei, and has organised a "Get Together" for Thursday, 7 February 2019 at a fellow amputee's residence in the Kamo/Tikipunga area.

For more information please contact Kathy on 09 4306 499 or kvapalmer@gmail.com

Following the problems with a previous provider, all those years ago, support in Northland has dwindled. Our previous Field Officer, Kerry Wilfred-Riley used to visit Whangarei Base Hospital and attend the Limb Fitters Clinic.

With a number of changes, this has ceased.

Amputee Federation Conference and Give It a Go!

These are being held at the Distinction Hotel Dunedin and hosted by the Otago/Southland Amputee Society on weekend 12 to 14 April 2019.

If amputees are interested in attending, please let Janis Bourne, Secretary/Treasurer know for funding for accommodation and airfare to be sourced. Presently, we have two delegates and four observers attending.

There is an opportunity on Saturday 13 April 2019 to visit some places of interest, including Toitu Otago Settlers Museum, bus tour of Otago Peninsula and morning tea at Glenfalloch. There is a Scottish Theme for the Saturday night evening including a Haggis Ceremony.

Eric Joseph Grey



For those of who have been around for some time, will remember Eric Grey.

Eric was a past President of the society from 17 April 1982 when the society was known as Auckland Civilian Amputee Association (Incorporated) until 1990, when the name had changed to what we know today.

In the publication of "A Challenge with Purpose" A history of the first 50 years of Amputee Federation of New Zealand Incorporated, Eric is mentioned as a regular and vocal delegate for the Auckland Society.

Sadly Eric passed away on 13 December 2018 aged 91 years.

Remember

Annual General Meeting

Sunday 17 February 2019

2 pm

Auckland Artificial Limb Centre

7 Horopito Street

Mt Eden

Auckland

Guest Speaker

Stephanie Shennan

Northern Regional Manager

New Zealand Artificial Limb Service

The committee look forward to a successful Annual General Meeting on Sunday 17 February 2019.

Regards

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