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July 2018 Newsletter

Dear All

July 2018, where has the year gone!!! It is the middle of winter, the shortest day has been and gone, and we have had enough rain for several winters. I hope no one was too affected by the recent power cuts, floods and general winter blues. Not enough vitamin D, sunshine to lift our moods and keep us all smiling and happy.

The Society has had the Annual General Meeting, new officers have been elected, been to the Federation meeting in Wellington and are generally moving forward nicely. From the beginning:-

Annual General Meeting

The 72nd Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday 4 March 2018, at the Maungakiekie Golf Club 5 Anita Avenue, Mt Roskill, commencing at 11 am.

A Quorum was achieved by seconding a couple of spouses as Associate members of the society. Thanks, Bill and Jon.

Elections of officers as following:-

President: - George Marr JP	Phone (09) 524 6731
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Secretary/Treasurer: - Janis Bourne	Phone (09) 833 8057

Committee

Marlene Bennett	
Nadya Vessey	Phone 021 239 0711
Mali Luipuhi (Associate member)	Phone 021 524 821
Bill Bennett (Associate member)	Phone 021 422 381

Those present agreed to the following changes to the rules of the Amputee Society of Auckland and Northland Inc.

Yearly Subscriptions be increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00 – these had not changed since 1984 when we were known as the Civilian Amputee Association.

Federation Conference

This was held on the weekend of 20 to 22 April 2018 at the Brentwood Hotel, Wellington. President, George Marr and Secretary/Treasurer Janis Bourne attended as Delegates for the Auckland and Northland District Society and Kathy Palmer from Whangarei as an observer.

Kathy and Janis attended the "Peer Support Training" by Melissa Noonan from Limbs4Life, Australia, on Friday 20 April 2018. Kathy and Janis found this very interesting and informative.

The conference was well attended with amputees and their supporters/carers. A big thank you, to the Greater Wellington Region Society for a wonderful weekend.

Unfortunately, Janis took unwell on the Friday night, so we do not have lots of wonderful photos as in previous years to share.

Friday night was the official welcome, elections of officers to the Federation and official business.

Saturday morning was free time, some went to Te Papa, and other's had events to see around Wellington. Saturday afternoon we heard speakers of interest to Amputees and their supporters.

There was dinner on the Saturday night, with an "Island Theme". Amputees and GIAGO dressed in the finest Island attire. Some went to great lengths others had just a Lei/Flower or similar. A wonderful evening was had by all.



Sunday morning saw the GIAG young people talk of their experience over the weekend. The friendships that have been forged and their ongoing companionship long after the weekend ended.

Some may remember this lady, who is well and doing her thing in Waikato, Bay of Plenty and Districts Society.

Nice to see Kerry.

My First Conference, by President George Marr JP

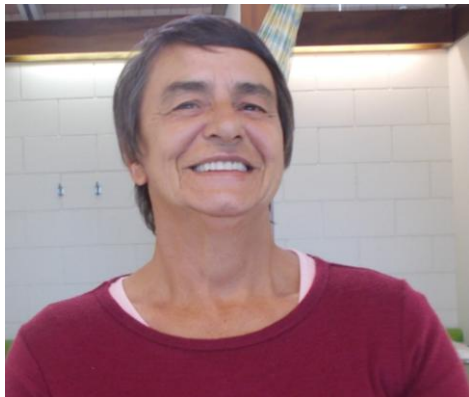


This was my first Amputee Conference. The entire group of people were very welcoming. I believe that this was because we all had one obvious thing in common and what I did notice was that no one brought that subject up unless it was in a context involved. Everyone there seemed totally at ease with each other. I must say I was very relaxed with the group, almost none of whom I knew.

I was able to get involved with a technicality in regards to our end of year audit and was able to make a small contribution. I was happy with the number of people who emailed me later in order to make sure that I understood the solution. I am looking forward to the Conference next year in Dunedin.

Northland Contact Person

It is with great pleasure the Society can announce a "Contact Person" for Northland amputees. Kathy Palmer has been seconded on to the committee and will be a contact for amputee and families/whanau in the Northland area. Kathy has been a left leg, above knee amputee since 2015. Kathy attended the Peer Support Training in Wellington and aware of the "pit falls" and "Hazards" of being a recent amputee.



We welcome Kathy, we are sure you will enjoy the journey working with fellow amputees.

Kathy can be contacted on (09) 430 6499. Or email kvapalmer@gmail.com

This is her personal home phone number. Late night and early morning phones may not be appreciated. Please be

mindful of personal spaces.

Auckland Artificial Limb Centre Front of Office staff

Maxine has been the welcome smile and warm greeting we have been enjoying for the past couple of years. Maxine has resigned her position at the Auckland Artificial Limb Centre. She was sad to leave, but "family reasons" have been the fore runner for her resignation. In Maxine's own words, "she loved working at the limb centre; her fellow staff members were magic and show a huge amount of care, compassion and dedication". If changes occur, she would love to come back to work at the limb centre.

We welcome Sarah Rigg who is sharing the front desk with the wonderful Abbey. (Janis met Sarah on day two of her employment. Poor Sarah was still finding her way around the systems etc. It will get easier. We have all been new at our place of employment.) Welcome Sarah!

Odds and Sods, Bits and Pieces



Love this toilet door. Only Amputees and ladies can use. Found in the Ladies fitting room, Auckland Artificial Limb Centre.

I heard of a leg amputee who has named her limb "Margo Fontanne" after the ballet dancer.

I like it!!!

Conversation Overheard

Non amputee – "When are you getting a cover for your leg?"

Amputee – "I am not getting a cover. I am proud to be an amputee and do not want to cover it up".

If you have any other odds and sods, bits and pieces you would like to share, please let us know. Always nice to share a bit of trivia at our own expense.

July 2018 Purpose

Please find either attached if you are receiving this newsletter via email, or enclosed if you are receiving this email via post, the July 2018 edition of Purpose. Enjoy reading and catching up with our fellow district societies throughout New Zealand.

Remember, our society is on Facebook. Look us up and "like" us. With Claudia Teague and Mali Liupuhi in control we can look forward to some exciting stuff.

FaceBook "The Amputee Society of Auckland and Northland Inc"

Regards

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