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**Newsletter July 2020**

Hi All,

Yes, I know it is now August 2020 and I am late with my newsletters again. Circumstances prevented me being on time, sorry.

Our Covid 19 seems almost a distant memory, but the NZ Herald ran a full-page article in Saturday edition, regarding our present Covid 19 position.

We're still at Alert Level 1.

What do I need to do at Alert Level 1?

1. If you're sick, stay home and call your doctor or Healthline for advice
2. Practice good hygiene
3. Keep track of your movements

This all seems never ending, but it is for our own wellbeing and health.

**Subscriptions**

A never-ending subject. Our financial year changed in 2019 to 1 January to 31 December. A calendar year and were increased from \$5.00 per year to \$10.00 per year. Very few subscriptions have been received this year. Mainly due to the fact, there have not been reminders. Whether you are an amputee or a Total Mobility User, these subscriptions need to be paid yearly.

Remember subscriptions can be paid to the lovely ladies at the Auckland Artificial Limb Centre, or via internet banking at: -

ASB – 12

Branch number – 3061

Account number – 0190809

Suffix – 00

Remember to include your full name in the reference area when completing internet banking.

The society received a nameless \$20.00, on 19 November 2019. If the person can prove they deposited this amount, please contact Secretary, Janis Bourne, on (09) 8338 057.

Send your cheque to Treasurer, Kathy Palmer, 1 A Denby Crescent, Tikipunga, Whangarei.  
Any queries, contact Kathy Palmer, (09) 4306 499 or Janis Bourne, (09) 8338 057.

### **Coming and Goings at the Auckland Artificial Limb Centre**

The wonderful Abby on reception has been replaced by an equally wonderful Nafisa Kapodia. Nafisa joined Sarah Rigg on reception in February 2020. Originally from Mumbai, India, Nafisa has been in New Zealand for about five years, being previously employed at Healthline. Welcome Nafisa.



Nick McIntosh who has been at the Auckland Artificial Centre for just over a year is moving into another role. How dare he!!!! It is a promotion for Nick and a step-in progression. This is important for Nick. He will be missed.

Joining us is Anton Kemp.



Anton Kemp has joined the Auckland Artificial Limb Centre as a Clinical Prosthetist/Orthotist, and his caseload will be primarily clients living in Northland.

Anton has 26 years demonstrated experience in orthotics and prosthetics. He qualified as Orthotist & Prosthetist at the Tshwane University of Technology in South Africa in 1995, and practiced independently until he relocated to New Zealand in 2017 to take up a position as Senior Orthotist with the Orthotic Centre.

Anton is very passionate about rehabilitation, high performance sports and delivering the best outcomes for patients. He is skilled in MSK biomechanics; biomechanical assessments using force plate and high-end video analysis; CAD design; and custom carbon fibre manufacturing. Anton is very excited to be part of the evolution of the prosthetic landscape as artificial intelligence and additive technologies are being introduced.

Jennifer Wright and John Mackillop will be transitioning to Tauranga over the next few months. A new Artificial Limb Centre is being opened in Tauranga and they will be in "charge". Good on them. Although they are leaving Auckland, they will return occasionally, just to keep us all in order.

## **Whangarei Group**

This group of amputees and their spouses/carers meet every month. The next meeting is Wednesday 19 August 2020 at 12 noon at Kensington Tavern where they will enjoy lunch. For more information contact, Kathy Palmer on (09) 430 6499 or email on [kvapalmer@gmail.com](mailto:kvapalmer@gmail.com)

## **July 2020 Purpose**

Attached or enclosed in the July 2020 Purpose magazine. Always with lots of interesting articles and stories about our fellow amputees. Enjoy the read.

## **Joan Wrather – 24 January 1935 to 27 April 2020**



According to the society records, which date back to 1979 Joan Wrather was the Auditor of our society known as Auckland Civilian Amputees Association (ACAA). Joan continued this role until 2009.

As Secretary/Treasurer since 1999, I had visited Joan many times at her Clendon, Manurewa, Auckland family home. A brother lived with her in the early days of my visits. Always very welcoming, I was met by her dogs, and offered a cup of tea. Joan would take the books, and let me know when they had been audited and were ready to be collected. She attended Annual General Meetings, and took an interest in all society matters.

Joan lost her hand at the age of 10, and later her forearm at 21 years of age. Cancer was found in the bones in her hand, first and it later spread. Medical term was Osteosarcoma. After leaving school Joan trained as a Karitane Nurse, but she found it difficult with her amputation and was forced to give up her passion.

She found employment at Jagger, Smith and Partners an Accountancy Firm, and worked there until her retirement.

Joan was no longer able to drive and no family of her own nearby to care for Joan her life deteriorated. Without regular repair and upkeep her prosthetic arm also aged with time. A niece visiting from Australia ensured Joan visited the limb centre and initiated, the Total Mobility Scheme for Joan, so she was once more independent and able to visit whomever she wanted, do her own shopping and live as normal as possible continued life. I visited Joan in both Middlemore Hospital and at the Auckland Artificial Limb Centre.

Family members from Australia informed me of her death on 27 April 2020. The death notice states a memorial service will be held in due course. Joan deserves to be remembered for her service not only to the Amputee Society of Auckland and Northland Inc, but all other works she achieved in New Zealand

Due to the closed border restrictions and Covid 19 a Memorial service is being held at a later date, which could be next year.

### **Committee request**

Due changes in circumstances, the committee are looking for a "Reviewer" to Review our accounts at the end of the Financial year, namely 31 December yearly. The present situation has not been satisfactory, made worse with the Covid 19 restrictions.

According to the society rules, Reviewer: - A suitably qualified person who is independent of the Society and has reasonable knowledge of finance and accounting, e.g. a bank manager or retired accountant or a person who holds recognised accounting qualifications. Recognised accounting qualifications means an accounting graduate (B. Com Accounting or equivalent), an Associate Chartered Accountant, Chartered Accountant or Accounting technician or some other specified accounting or auditing qualification experience.

Does anyone have a family member, person of interest who may be able to assist in this yearly duty? Please make contact with a committee member.

### **Peer Support**

Remember this new innovative program which was set up last year, and gaining contacts regularly.

Self-help information: -  
[info@peersupport.nz](mailto:info@peersupport.nz)  
Phone 0508 733 778  
[www.peersupport.nz](http://www.peersupport.nz)

Enjoy reading our July 2020 Purpose.

Remember to check you are a financial member of the society. Part of the requirement to have a Total Mobility Assessment is belonging to one of the 37 Agencies who operate Total Mobility Assessments. Subscriptions of \$10.00 yearly, 1 January to 31 December.

Take care, keep warm, be safe and be kind. Covid 19 is still looming, even if it is from overseas visitors.

Regards

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