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November 2019 Newsletter

Dear All

Our newsletters have got a bit out of time this year. 2020 will be more organised, hopefully.

Labour Weekend has just been.

In my childhood days, Labour Weekend indicated, not just an extra day off school, but also the change over from Winter uniforms to Summer uniforms, the change from flannelette sheets to cotton, cooler sheets, the planting of the potatoes for Christmas Dinner, and warmer weather. Not sure if this happens these days. Certainly, the weather is not any warmer. Our family succumbed to having the fire on a couple of days ago. Blankets over the knees were just not enough to combat the cold.

Subscriptions

This always feels like a bad heading. Not many have been received in the current 2019 year, and we now have until the end of December 2019 to get subscriptions paid for the current year. If you are a Total Mobility card holder, these are part of being able to use the Total Mobility scheme.

Please pay the now **\$10.00** per yearly subscription.

Remember, the number of subscriptions paid determines the number votes the society has at Federation level, and if the limb service is taken over by overseas providers as happened more than 20 years ago, the federation has more clout with Government. It all sounds complicated, and I am aware some will not remember the days, when our beloved Auckland Artificial Limb Centre was taken over.

Ways to pay.

Either at the Auckland Artificial Limb Centre to the wonderful Abbey or Sarah on the reception desk, direct credit to the society bank account,

ASB: - 12
Branch: - 3061
Account number: - 0190809
Suffix: - 00
Using your surname as the reference.

Or of course send a cheque via Pigeon (Slow) Post to the above address.

Social Events

It has been years since we had a social event, involving any members of the society.

Yes, I know, Whangarei meet on a regular monthly basis to support, share ideas, a meal and catch up together.

The society plan a "Get Together" for Sunday, 24 November 2019 at Bricklane Restaurant
5 Clark Street, New Lynn, starting at 12 noon. I have a copy of the Menu, which has luncheon meals from \$15.00.

This will be a "Pay your own Way" function. Names and numbers are necessary, so we can book a table together. Husbands, wives, partners, spouses and families are welcome.

The more the merrier.

Please contact the writer, Janis Bourne, by either telephone, (09) 8338 057, or send an email, janismbourne@gmail.com the sooner the better, so we can confirm numbers, but at least by Saturday 16 November 2019.

Peer Support

This wonderful Australian initiative is going from strength to strength, with more than 70 volunteers having been enlisted and trained.

The idea is matching like with like for support, either face to face in a public environment or via telephone, skype or similar. For example, an above knee amputee around 70 years of age, matched with above knee amputees around the same age. A below elbow female amputee, around 20 years of age matched with a below elbow female around the same age.

To make contact phone 0508 733 778 or email info@peersupport.nz
Website www.peersupport.nz

Well worth looking at the information available. There have already been some feel-good stories from this support.

Purpose November 2019

Either enclosed or attached to this email is the November 2019 edition of Purpose put out by the Amputee Federation of New Zealand.

There are always interesting articles pertaining to amputees and their families.

This issue is no different, even better, our own Nadya Vessey is on page 9 and spilling over to page 10. Read her story.

2000 Mitsubishi Mirage Disability vehicle For Sale

Negotiable price of \$4,990.00. This car has been listed on Trade Me without any success.

It is a Red two door Coupe, Number plate CYD964, 80,483 Kilometres, seats five, 1,500 cc engine, Automatic, imported, approved Disability vehicle.

Fitted with an electric wheel chair hoist on the roof.

Hand controls are used to accelerate and brake along with the steering wheel spinner for easy use of the wheel.

This is all certified for use and will be good for ACC approval.

Originally, sold by Rod Milner Motor's to the previous owner, this has come from a reputable motor vehicle dealer specialising in disability vehicles and is offered at a very good price.

Please contact Victoria on 021 147 1714 or (09) 214 4945.

Remember to make sure your subscriptions are up to date. **\$10.00 per year.**

We do have until 31 December 2019.

If you are interested in joining the committee for lunch on Sunday 24 November 2019 at Bricklane, 5 Clark Street, New Lynn to give your name and the number attending to Janis Bourne, either a phone call or return email.

Regards

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