



**Amputee
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Hello everyone! I hope this finds you all well and happy and looking forward to Spring. Winter has certainly brought a bit of everything as far as the climate goes - here's hoping for lots of warm sunny days ahead.

Enclosed is the latest *Purpose*. Enjoy!

OBITUARY - PROFESSOR KEITH JEFFERY

It is with sadness that we record the passing of our Patron and Life Member, Keith Jeffery. Prof (as he was affectionately known) took over the position of consulting surgeon at the Limb Centre following the death of Mr Walden Fitzgerald in July 1974. He retired as an orthopaedic surgeon at the end of 1999 but continued at the Limb Centre until 2007. Keith was made a Life Member of our Society in 1995 and as well as being our Patron he was a Vice Patron of the Amputees Federation of NZ. Keith will be long remembered for his caring and compassionate manner and the dedicated service he gave to the amputees of Otago and Southland.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to Meeke Wirihana of Winton and Doug Manson of Mossburn. We hope to meet up with you at one of our functions.

Speaking of which.....

COMING EVENTS

"Late" Mid Winter Dinner - Unfavourable weather was the main reason we cancelled the Evan Mitchell Celebratory Dinner scheduled for 20 June. However, this will definitely now be held on Saturday 22 August at the Town & Country Club in Balclutha and we're hoping for a good turnout of members. We'll meet at the Club (1 Yarmouth Street) at approximately 6 pm - there's plenty to choose from in an appetizing menu and prices are very reasonable. Transport will be provided from Invercargill and Dunedin - ring either David in Invercargill (214-1548) or me in Dunedin (455-6347) by Saturday 15 August.

Invercargill Clinic - This is tentatively scheduled for Thursday 8 October. Please check and confirm with Sue at the Limb Centre 0508-474-474.

Multisports, Golf & Barbecue - These annual events will take place during the weekend 7/8 November - please mark the dates on your calendar. Further details in the next newsletter in early November.

Invercargill Meeting and Dinner - Our usual get-together will take place on Saturday 21 November. Further details in the next newsletter.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Patron: Professor A K Jeffery ChM,FRCS,FRACS,ONZM

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HERE & THERE

Our thanks to the Otago Community Trust for their recent grant.

Newsletters by Email - A quarter of our members now receive their newsletters by email and we're keen to increase this number. If you'd like to be included, email me at lorrstan@xtra.co.nz

Overdue Subs - There are still a few members who haven't paid their subscription for 2014. If you're one of these, you'll have a red sticker on your Newsletter, and we would appreciate receiving your subs for 2014 and 2015 as soon as possible. You can either post a cheque to me, pay to Sue at the Limb Centre, or direct credit to our bank account 031355 0277644 00 (please identify with your name).

Advocacy - If, when attending the Limb Centre, you would like some support or simply the opportunity to "catch up", just let me know and I'll be happy to meet up with you there.

A reminder that you can get **Taxi Vouchers** from me (for Otago) or through Maurice & Mavis Elford in Invercargill (Phone 215-6715). The vouchers can be used anywhere in NZ, including cities such as Auckland where they use swipe cards.

OUR VISITORS - Get in touch if you would like a visit or just a chat.

Dunedin and Districts - Lorraine Peacock 455-6347, Tony Horsfall 453-1261, and
Rory McSweeney 027 264 0305

Invercargill - David Johnston 214-1548 and Alice Smith 216-4271

Gore - Bill Lee 203-8263

Oamaru - Jan Browne 439-5543

Lakes District - Tetli Carey 409-0484

LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE (Some "space fillers" to brighten your day)

- A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen" the boy responded. His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "How do you know that?" "Easy" the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the pastor said, 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."
- A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered "Mummy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"
- I came home from the golf course today. The wife had left a note on the refrigerator. "It's not working, I can't take it any more! Gone to stay with my mother." I opened the fridge, the light came on, and the beer was cold. What the heck is she talking about?
- The Sunday School teacher asked "Now Johnny, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?" "No sir, Johnny replied "I don't have to. My mum is a good cook."
- Boss: You should have been here at 9 o'clock! Employee: Why, what happened?
- A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon. "How do you know what to say?" he asked. "Why, God tells me" said his father. "Then why do you keep crossing things out?"
- The Sunday School teacher asked her class to draw pictures of their favourite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture which showed four people on an aeroplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent. "The Flight to Egypt" was his reply. Pointing at each figure, the teacher said "That must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. But who's the fourth person?" "Oh, that's Pontius, the pilot" he replied.

As you can tell, news is a bit hard to come by at the moment! I would love to hear from you if you'd like to share your amputee journey in a future newsletter. Just get in touch; I would be happy to help.

Until next time, enjoy the Spring flowers and take care