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## Newsletter

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Hi Everyone,

A picture of a little something that was appearing in Invercargill gardens in early July. Now we are in late July we still have failed in the Winter department so far.

# 75th Anniversary 2019 Amputee Society of Otago & Southland Inc



Please keep the weekend of 12-14 April 2019 free. This is one week before



Easter. It is our 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee which will be held in conjunction with the Amputees Federation of NZ Inc Annual Conference. Registration forms and programme will be available later in the year and we will be highlighting the south with a Scottish theme.

If you have never been to a Conference, while it is please come in our neighbourhood, there are always quality speakers and everyone will find something of interest, and help. The planning is well underway and as details are settled upon we will be letting you all know. One of our organisers we were relying

unexpectedly passed away soon after returning from this year's Conference - his name was Tony Wilson and many of you will have known him.



#### **OBITUARY**

# Excerpts from a eulogy delivered by Simon McMillan at Tony's service

It was with much sadness that we learnt of the sudden passing of Tony. An upper limb amputee, Tony had been a member of our committee since 2010. A major contribution he made for us was to take on the responsibility of trying to run our annual golf days and barbeque gatherings. Organising golf fitted well with his interest in the sport, but was also a sign of the desire to share that and the

freedom he experienced by playing it. Tony played regularly in the annual NZ Amputee Golf tournament and overcame much to be highly competitive on the course.

He set himself high standards and was determined not to let disability be a barrier to his enjoyment or to being good at what did. He was also someone who enjoyed a joke - sometimes earthy ones it has to be said. He particularly liked irony. Tony was a keen observer of others and situations and always with a knowing twinkle in his eye. We will miss him as one of the regular attenders at our Committee meetings.

## **BALCLUTHA DINNER:**

**Evan Mitchell Celebratory Dinner** - Balclutha dinner on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> August. This is always a pleasant evening at the Country Club in Balclutha. If you would like to join us this year please contact Lorraine in Dunedin on (03) 455-6347 or David in Invercargill on (03) 214-1548 before Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

### LIMB CENTRE INVERCARGILL CLINIC:

Thursday 18 October at Kew Hospital, first appointment time 9am and last appointment 12:30. This is an opportunity for you to consult a limb-fitter if you have minor problems or repairs, without having to travel to Dunedin. If you wish to attend, ring Sue at the Limb Centre on 0508-474-474.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**Deceased** - We have recorded with regret the passing of Tony Wilson, and also Morton Potbury of Omakau. Our condolences go to their families and friends.

**New Members -** Welcome to four new members: Lindsay Powell of Waimate, Diann Waugh of Dunedin, Bill Smith of Gore and Harry Hunt of Oamaru. Welcome aboard all of you, maybe we will see you at some of our get-togethers.

## What: Adaptive Snow Sports New Zealand Festival

Where: The Remarkables Ski Field, Queenstown

When: 17-19th of August 2018

This is a really exciting opportunity to get involved in Adaptive Snow Sports in a fun and supportive environment. The event is suitable for anyone, beginners through to World Champions. Throughout the weekend there will be the opportunity to improve your skiing, meet and hear from some of the PyeongChang 2018 Paralympians and of course to make some new friends!

Want to know what the buzz is about? Take a look at the below video and poster for the upcoming Adaptive Snow Sports Festival!

Youtube - https://youtu.be/PceJCZCK6f8

Facebook -

https://www.facebook.com/paralympicsnewzealand/videos/10155289080912282/

Want to get involved? Contact James Littlejohn: <a href="mailmejames@gmail.com">mailmejames@gmail.com</a> Tel: 021681312

Or get in touch with Jane Stevens from Snow Sports New Zealand:

jane@snowsports.co.nz Tel: 021222 4479

#### A Very modern Dilemma Mobility Parks and Accessible toilets in Dunedin DCC Here is the website link to downloadable maps You can't park here just because you lost your phone city. around the

http://www.dunedin.govt.nz/council-online/downloadable-maps

**Total Mobility Taxis** - As previously advised, our Society is no longer an agency for Total Mobility. A list of agencies you can contact to obtain an ID smart card is available from Lorraine. For Southland members, you will need to contact



Southern Mobility for photo ID and application forms, or call into the ICC to have your photo taken.

## **Amputees Federation of New Zealand Inc.**

Website: http://www.amputee.co.nz/

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#### **OUR VISITORS -**

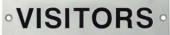
Get in touch if you would like a visit or just a chat.

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Oamaru - Jan Browne 439-5543 Lakes District - Tetli Carey 409-0484



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