



# Amputee Society of Otago & Southland Inc.

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Hi Everyone,

Last year in August I wrote "Otago/southland is the area to be", referring to all the floods and rain around the country. I was about to say the same this year but Otago and North Otago have gone and spoiled that. Sorry to see last week was not so kind to you, hopefully you are all well and unscathed. Nice to see the earth is offering us the signs of spring with all the bulbs and flowers springing forth and giving colour to the garden. It is still Covid and Flu season; if you have contracted either of these our thoughts and commiserations are with you. Get better soon.



### THANK YOU: (North Otago Visitor)

A special thank you goes to Jan Browne our visitor in Oamaru who is on the move. Now we need someone in North Otago to replace Jan. The task isn't onerous and if there is anyone who would like to take over this role which may mean answering two or three calls a year please let us know.

### LIMB CENTRE ACCESS:

Just to let those who are unaware of a little change at the Limb Centre. When you rock up to an appointment, or to see someone, you now go to the side carpark door and ring (From your phone) to have someone come and let you in. 0508 474 474. This is a directive from MOH and hospital management and will more than likely be in place until our traffic light system drops a level.

### OTAGO COMMUNITY TRUST

**Our Thanks** goes to the Otago Community Trust for their recent grant to our Society of \$500.



### **MNZM to HOLLY ROBINSON**

Queen's Birthday Honours – MNZM to Holly Robinson for services to athletics. You may remember Holly won Gold in F46 Javelin at the Tokyo Olympics, Silver in Rio, and medals from world championships and Commonwealth games.

Congratulations Holly; it is great to see one of our members being rewarded for the effort you have put into your sport.

**New Members** - A warm welcome to a new member - Colette Blockley of Dunedin. We look forward to meeting you at one of our gatherings.

**Deaths:** No deaths reported for this

newsletter.

### **INVERCARGILL MEETING AND DINNER (NOTE VENUE CHANGE)**

Our usual get-together will take place on Saturday 12 November at the Southland Hotel, The Thar and Feather Restaurant, 410 Elles Road. (Corner McQuarrie Street & Elles Road, Invercargill) commencing at 4:15 p.m. for the meeting followed by dinner at 5:00 p.m. There will be an extensive menu. The cost will be less the \$10.00 Society subsidy. Here is the link to the menu:

<https://www.southlandtavern.co.nz/menu>

Please note the menu has tabs to click on for the options; Soup and breads, Entrees/Light Meals, Pasta and Mains, Steaks, Game Meats, Sides and Desserts. There is quite a choice.



### **ACC Vs MINISTRY OF HEALTH (MOH):**

**We Need Action and the time is now.** Have you ever experienced inequity in funding requests based on who your funding provider is? Perhaps you were declined for prosthetic equipment that would greatly improve your quality of life?

The Health System in New Zealand is about to go through a major change and it's now that we need to get letters into Parliament asking why there

has been such a large disconnect between the two funding providers and what they plan to do about it?

**We want to share your stories! We want to be your voice!**

If you have a story or comments to share, please email them to [president@amputee.co.nz](mailto:president@amputee.co.nz) and we will submit letters on your behalf to the Prime Minister, Rt Hon. Jacinda Ardern, ACC Minister, Hon. Carmel Sepuloni and the newly formed Ministry for Disabled People. *(From the 2022 July edition of Purpose)*

**Newsletters by email:**

More than two-thirds of our members now receive their newsletters by email but we are keen to better this. Please get in touch with Lorraine [lorrstan@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lorrstan@xtra.co.nz) if you are on email and would like to be included; it would save the Society over \$5 per year in postage!

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