



Amputee Society of Otago & Southland Inc.

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Hi Everyone,

As I sit and write this a few things are happening, Jacinda is with child, there is flooding in Auckland, drought in the south, thunder storms here and there, Donald is having trouble getting funding released to run his country, Melbourne tennis players are melting. And speaking of melting the Southland and Otago areas have been getting record temperatures, 26 degrees is ok but 32 does not impress me – we may need to start getting funding for air conditioning units for prosthetic sockets.

Included with this newsletter is a magnetized calendar for your fridge – if you are receiving your newsletter by email and would like a calendar, please let Lorraine know.

AGM and DINNER – Saturday 10 March

The Annual General Meeting this year is scheduled for Saturday 10th of March. The Meeting will be held at the Otago Bridge Club in Otaki Street, Dunedin, at 4.30 pm. Following the meeting, our Guest Speaker will be **Matthias Blattner**, (Southern Regional Manager NZ Artificial Limb Service). Matthias is a German trained Orthopaedietechnik Meister, certified Orthotist and Prosthetist with more than 15 years' experience in manufacturing and fitting artificial limbs. Matthias has worked for various companies in Germany, first as a Technician and then as Clinical Orthotist and Prosthetist. He joined NZALS three years ago as a Clinical Prosthetist and was appointed as Southern Regional Manager in August 2016.

A meal will follow at approximately 6 pm at a cost of \$20 pp. The Society will subsidise the actual cost and provide liquid refreshments. There will be raffles to cover some of our expenses and donations of prizes would be very welcome. There's plenty of parking at the Bridge Club but get in touch if you need transport. Please give this occasion your support – complete the form on last page and return it by Saturday 3 March. Payment for the dinner prior to 10 March would be appreciated. Included with this

newsletter is the Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2017; the Financial Statements will be tabled and available at the AGM but let Lorraine know if you would like a copy sent to you.

GOLF & BARBECUE - Sunday 11 March

Due to unfavourable weather, the golf and barbecue in November didn't eventuate so we've rescheduled it for the day following the AGM - hopefully the present glorious weather will continue till then. The same arrangements apply as before, i.e. golf starting at 11 am at the 12 Oaks Golf Course in Mosgiel, followed by the barbecue from 3 pm on. See form attached (page 4) to indicate interest along with your AGM registration or let Tony know if you'll be golfing (455-8426) and Lorraine (455-6347) with the number for catering.

LIMB CENTRE - SOUTHLAND CLINIC

The Clinic is scheduled for Thursday 5th April 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.

SOUTHLAND MEETING & DINNER



Our annual Meeting and Dinner was held on Saturday 18 November at the Working Men's Club, with our guest speaker talked about the Menzshed movement that has arrived in Invercargill. A very nice and abundant buffet meal was enjoyed by 25 of our members who came from far and wide. Thank you to all those who attended and made it the success it was. Sorry to say it

clashed with the end of Cup Week in Christchurch and we had apologies because of this.

MEMBERSHIP

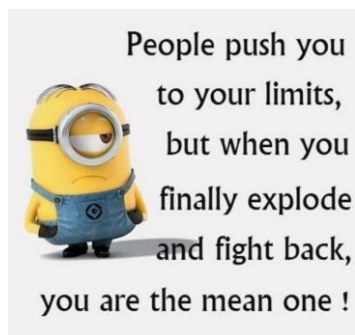
Deceased - We record with regret the passing of Bob Brandish of Dunedin, Bob Hollands of Dunedin, Hazel Van der Lem of Invercargill, Les Lane of Cromwell (formerly of Palmerston and Dunedin) and Mavis Elford of Invercargill. Our sympathy has been extended to the families of these members.

New Members - Welcome to new members Karaka Roberts of Dunedin and Bruce Tritt of Dunedin.

Our Membership - Our membership is down to 175 - probably mainly due to a lot of deaths and this often means that we lose Associate members as well – and very few new members. As members could you please encourage new amputees, if you know them, to please sign up? Thank you.

Subscriptions - There are a number of current members who haven't paid a sub for last year (2017) and if you are one of these, there'll be a red dot on the front page of your newsletter. It would be appreciated if you could bring this up to date – either send Lorraine a cheque, or pay \$20 (covering 2017 & 2018) direct into our bank account 031355 0277644 00 (please identify with your name), or pay Sue at the Limb Centre.

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, due to the unexpected and sad passing of Mavis Elford, you will now need to contact Lisa Griffiths at the Invercargill City Council (211-1777) for your vouchers.



**AMPUTEE SOCIETY OF OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND INC.
PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT
FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

Greetings at the beginning of another year to all members and supporters. May your 2018 year be happy and blessed. Yet another year has passed and a few things have been happening in our local Amputee Society.

Our 73rd AGM and dinner at the Otago Bridge Club on Saturday 11th March drew our usual core group of loyal supporters plus one or two newcomers. Unfortunately, due to a family crisis our guest speaker Robbie Francis was unable to be present. However, Simon McMillan ably filled the

gap and told us about his four months in Indiana last year as part of a Fulbright Award in Teaching.

As it is I who am writing this Annual Report I was obviously re-elected as your President, Anna Grimaldi as Vice President, Lorraine Peacock as Coordinator, and other committee members elected were Tony Horsfall, Simon McMillan, Rod Oakley, Holly Robinson, Graeme Sayer and Tony Wilson. At the end of the meeting, Lorraine was presented with flowers and a citation in recognition of her 50 years as Secretary. Thanks for that incredible feat Lorraine.

The Balclutha Evan Mitchell Celebratory Dinner was held on Saturday 2nd September and went well. This was, as always, a pleasant evening at the Country Club, with about 16 people travelling from Dunedin and Invercargill.

Our annual Invercargill Meeting and Dinner was held on Saturday 18 November at the Working Men's Club. Twenty five attended, we learnt about Menzsheds. A good and convivial evening was had by all finishing with a lovely buffet style meal.

Unfortunately the Golf and Barbecue at Mosgiel failed to be a real starter most likely due to the weather. We hope to get this under way again early in 2018.

The Federation AGM was held in New Plymouth in 2017. One of the things of interest that came up was the Memorandum of Understanding with CCS Disability Action, it was discussed, and the MOU was signed in September.

We are grateful for the support received in the way of grants during the year namely from the Invercargill Licensing Trust, NZ Lottery Grants Board, Otago Community Trust and Pub Charity. Thank you also to those members who have given donations to our Society. Without the help of these grants and donations it would be neigh impossible for us to function. A big thank you also goes to our Auditors, Crowe Horwath, for the service they provide.

Condolences go out to all those who have lost family and friends this year. We have lost a few faithful members.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM and dinner on Saturday 10 March.

David Johnston (President)

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**USE THIS FORM TO SAY YOU'LL BE AT THE AGM,
PAY YOUR SUBSCRIPTION OR INDICATE YOUR INTEREST IN
BEING AT THE GOLF AND BARBECUE**

No.
Yes No Attending
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I will be present at the AGM and Dinner

Payment to cover the following can either be made by cheque (made out to the Amputee Society of Otago & Southland Inc.) or by direct credit to our bank account 031355 0277644 00 (please detail your name and what the payment covers, e.g. dinner/sub/donation etc. Receipts will be sent out with the next newsletter.

Dinner (\$20 per person) \$.....

Membership subscription (\$10) \$.....

Associate Membership for spouse/partner (\$10) \$.....

Donation (Donations over \$5 are tax deductible) \$.....

Total \$.....

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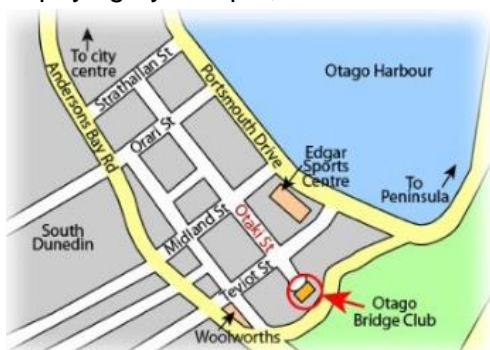
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**VENUE FOR AGM - SATURDAY
10 MARCH**

From the city, drive along either Andersons Bay Road or Portsmouth Drive Turn into Teviot Street and then into Otaki Street

GOLF & BARBEQUE



I am interested in playing golf ☐ and attending the barbecue ☐