



**Amputee
Society**
of Otago &
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Greetings Everyone

And a Happy New Year to all! 2020 will certainly go down as one to remember. Here's hoping that we get through 2021 without any lock-downs and that the world slowly returns to normal. Or perhaps that's expecting too much.....

AGM

It's that time again and our AGM will be held on Saturday 27th February at the Otago Bridge Club, Otaki Street, Dunedin. The meeting will be at 5 pm, followed by a social half-hour and dinner at 6 pm. The Society will again subsidise the cost of a first-class meal and provide liquid refreshments - to help cover this cost, we will run raffles and your donations towards the prizes will be much appreciated. We really need you to show your support by coming along to the AGM – there will be no pressure to join our committee but if you do happen to volunteer your services it will be an added bonus for us! Or if you live out of Dunedin, perhaps you would be willing to join our meetings by Zoom? - no travel involved, just an hour of your time every six weeks or so. Just say the word! However, more importantly, we would love to see you at the meeting. Complete the registration form on Page 3 and let us know by Saturday 20th February that you will be there!

GET-TOGETHERS 2020

Twenty-five members and partners enjoyed each other's company at the Workingmen's Club in Invercargill on Saturday 14 November, and on Saturday 5 December we welcomed new members who joined us for a pre-Christmas dinner at the Equinox Restaurant in Dunedin.

LIMB CENTRE - SOUTHLAND CLINIC

A Clinic is tentatively scheduled for Thursday 22nd April at Kew Hospital. If you wish to attend, please phone Sue at the Limb Centre 0508474-474 for confirmation of this date.

MEMBERSHIP

Deaths - We have recorded with regret the passing of Don McKenzie of Timaru, Richard Smith of Dunedin, and Bill Lee of Maitua. Our condolences go to the families and friends of these members. We were particularly sad to learn of Bill's sudden death just before Christmas and soon after he had been with us at the Invercargill meeting. He will be missed as our contact person in the South Otago area.

New Members - We welcome to our membership two ladies who live in Invercargill - Melanie Ryding and Stephanie Loudon.

Federation News – Due to the ongoing situation with the Covid-19 pandemic, a decision was made by the National Executive to cancel the Conference which was to have been held in Rotorua. Instead, the business of this year's National Council Meeting will be conducted virtually as was the case in 2020. Everyone is hoping that things will return to normal in 2022 when we will celebrate the 75th Jubilee of the Federation.

T-Shirts – The Canterbury/Westland Society has followed through with an initiative which was shelved due to the cancellation of the 2020 Conference and is selling t-shirts featuring the Federation logo on the front and an attractive logo on the back. They are available in various sizes at a cost of \$23 plus postage. For enquiries and/or to order contact the Secretary of the C/W Society justinemw@me.com

Newsletters by email

With another recent increase in postage (now \$1.40 per item), it would be a considerable saving to the Society if you are able to receive your Newsletters by email. Contact Lorraine at lorrystan@xtra.co.nz

SUBSCRIPTIONS – Subs are now due for 2021 and there are also a few members who haven't paid for 2020. If you are one of these, there'll be a red dot on the front of your newsletter or you'll get a follow-up email. It would be appreciated if you could bring your subs up to date – either by sending to Lorraine, or by paying \$20 (covering 2020 & 2021) direct into our bank account 031355 0277644 00 (please identify with your name), or by paying to Sue at the Limb Centre. We appreciate the problem many will have with the phasing out of cheques in the not too distant future and if you don't have internet access you may find the best option is telephone banking. Let us know if we can help in any way.

USE THIS FORM TO SAY YOU'LL BE AT THE AGM AND TO PAY YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

I will be present at the AGM and Dinner

	Yes	No	No. Attending
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If attending the AGM, you can pay on the day. If direct crediting to our bank account (03 1355 0277644 00) please include your name and what the payment covers e.g. dinner/sub/donation etc. Receipts will be either emailed or sent out with the next newsletter.

Dinner (\$20 for members, \$25 for non Members) \$.....

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

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

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

Total \$.....

Name.....
(Include name of partner if subscribing as an Associate Member)

Address.....

Phone.....

Email..... ☐



(Please tick the box if you wish to receive newsletters by email)

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VENUE FOR AGM

SATURDAY 27 February

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

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

2020 proved to be very different from the previous year when we celebrated our 75th Jubilee and, given the travel restrictions in place for part of the year, we found it a lot easier for Committee members from both Otago and Southland to join our meetings by Zoom.

The guest speaker at our 76th AGM was Wendy Lockhart, one of the Limb Centre's physiotherapists, who gave an interesting talk on pain management and the treatment of phantom pain by acupuncture. I was re-elected as President, Anna Grimaldi as Vice President, and Lorraine Peacock as Coordinator. Other committee members elected were Simon McMillan, Graeme Sayer, Leighton Smith, Vonnie Crawford and Gavin Wilson. My thanks to all for serving as Committee members this year.

Our annual Invercargill Meeting and Dinner was held on Saturday 14th November at the Working Men's Club, and the pre-Christmas dinner at the Equinox Restaurant in Dunedin on 5th December was also enjoyed by those who attended.

Our condolences go to all those who have lost family and friends this year. We have lost a number of Members and Associate Members which has again meant a reduction in our numbers.

We are grateful for the support received in the way of grants during the year from the Otago Community Trust and the Invercargill Licensing Trust. Thank you also to those members who have given donations to our Society - we do appreciate your support.

During the year we were able to make welfare grants to some of our members from funds invested for this purpose and we know these were appreciated.

We appreciate the service provided to our Society by Philip Noye in reviewing our accounts. (Our financial statements will be available to members at the AGM but if you would like a copy sent to you, please let Lorraine know.)

I look forward to seeing many of you at the AGM and dinner on the 27th February.

David Johnston

President

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