



Amputee Society of Otago & Southland Inc.

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Happy New Year Everyone

They tell me Christmas is only 11 months away, so we had better get this new year underway. Hope you all managed to have a pleasant time over the holiday season. We have been blessed with a pretty good summer compared to the North Island. If this is how the bottom of the south has to experience climate change we are lucky we live where we do.

AGM # 79

Notice is hereby given of the 79th Annual General Meeting of our Society to be held at the Village Green Restaurant, Sunnyvale Park, 326 Main South Road, Green Island, on Saturday 25 February 2023 at 5:30 pm. Following a quick meeting, we look forward to your company for a meal subsidised by the Society at \$25 pp for members and Associate members. This is an excellent venue with plenty of parking (including Mobility Parks) and a lift to a restaurant with a light and open atmosphere and super view. Ring Lorraine on 455-6347 or 0274221298 by Wed 22 February to say you'll be there!



(Directions to the Village Green –

On leaving Dunedin, take the Sunnyvale exit off the southern motorway. Turn right onto the Main South Road, cross over the roundabout and follow the road to the Sunnyvale sports ground. Turn left into the sportsground at 326 Main South Rd (the disability parking is outside the restaurant).

MEMBERSHIP

No new members this quarter.

Deaths - sadly, we record the passing of Eileen Cook of Balclutha, Colin Cook of Oamaru, and Judy Elliot-Hall of Alexandra

PRE-CHRISTMAS DINNER in Dunedin – Saturday 3 December 2022

There was a last-minute change of venue for our pre-Christmas dinner, and we ended up going to the Village Green - an excellent choice. An enjoyable time was had by all who attended. (Here is just a little snap shot of the company and the venue.



AMPUTEES FEDERATION CONFERENCE 14-16 April 2023



Arrangements for the 77th Conference at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Christchurch are underway. Anyone interested in going should let Lorraine know ASAP as some funding may be available.



GIVE IT A GO

This is part of the weekend's Conference and is for 16-35 year olds. Challenges and exciting activities include Indoor Rock Climbing, Archery and the Adrenaline Forest. (It is likely that the Federation will cover the cost of air travel and accommodation for GIAG attendees.) Registrations for the Conference and GIAG close on Saturday 11 March and are available on the

Federation's website (below) or from Lorraine.

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

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Amputees-New-Zealand-171106899632566/>

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 if you are on email and would like to be included; it would save the Society over \$5 per year in postage!

NOTICE of RULE CHANGES

Notice is hereby given of the intention to change the Society's rules as follows:

- Section 3 Membership – to include a revised clause (3.4 Cessation of Membership) covering the circumstances and procedure to be followed upon the resignation of a member.
- Section 5 Meetings of Members – to include additional clauses allowing for meetings to be held in person or by means of audio, audio and visual, or electronic communication. Also, including additional clauses covering the voting procedure to be followed at all such meetings and a change (Section 5.3) to reduce the number required for a quorum from 10 to 8.

These rule alterations were approved by the Amputees Federation of NZ, with the recommendation that they be adopted by all Regional Societies.

A full summary of the proposed changes will be available at the AGM or let Lorraine know if you would like a copy emailed to you prior to the meeting. Also available at the AGM (or they can be emailed to you before the meeting) will be copies of the Society's Financial Statements.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subs are now due for 2023 and there are quite a few members who have not paid for last year (2022). If you are one of these, there will be a red dot on the front of your newsletter or you will get a follow-up email. You can pay by direct credit to our bank account 031355 0277644 00 (please identify with your name), or pay Sue at the Limb Centre, or pay Lorraine at the AGM! The membership subscription is still only \$10 per year and your partner can also join as an Associate member for \$10 per year. Donations are welcome and are tax deductible if over \$5.

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AMPUTEE SOCIETY OF OTAGO and SOUTHLAND

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Well here we are again - another year come and gone. Once again Otago and Southland have survived without the weather bombs much of the country have had. As with 2021, all but two of our meetings were held by Zoom, the other two - the AGM and Invercargill meeting - were very civilized and held with a meal. Zoom has made it easy for committee members from both Otago and Southland to meet.

The AGM was held at the Equinox in Dunedin. I was re-elected as President, Vice President: Graeme Sayer. Coordinator: Lorraine Peacock. Committee: Gavin Wilson, Anna Grimaldi, Simon McMillan, Noel Graham, Vonnie Crawford, Leighton Smith. Reviewer: Philip Noye. Thank you for putting your names forward. My thanks to all for serving as Committee members this year. Our annual Invercargill Meeting and dinner was held on Saturday 12 November at the Thar and Feather Restaurant at the Southland Hotel, and the pre-Christmas dinner at the Village Green Restaurant in Green Island on 4 December was also enjoyed by those who attended.

A national Amputee Awareness Week was held on 4-11 October. Dunedin flew the flag for us and the Southland venue fell through at the last hurdle. Our condolences go to all those who have lost family and friends this year. Welcome to those new members who have signed up, good to have you aboard. Our membership number remains the same as the previous year at 131.

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.

We appreciate also 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 at the Village Green on Saturday 25 February.



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President

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