



Amputee Society of Hawke's Bay/ East Coast Inc.

NEWSLETTER **September** **2018**

Hi Folks, here I am back in the role of newsletter editor once again.

I think everyone has been aware that the Amputee Society was not running as smoothly as previously and this is an update on where we currently are and what is being done to solve the problems which have developed.

Following the AGM the new president found that the job was bigger than he anticipated and that he was unable to fit it in with his work and home life. Accordingly he reluctantly resigned in early September. The Secretary has also left the committee.

Two and a half weeks ago following the appeal for help made by Geoff in the August newsletter, an emergency planning meeting was held and it was decided to co opt some more hands onto the committee and appoint a new president if possible. As a result the following executive and committee is announced after nominations and appointments made at the committee meeting held on September 9th 2018.

President: Jacqui D'Ath (Daughter of amputee Geraldine Kerley)

Secretary: Diane Walsh

Treasurer: unappointed (Geoff Hansen meantime)

Committee: Denise Brown, Brian McKeever, Geraldine Kerley, Robbie Lett, Rebecca Skudder, Jeannette Darlington.

Because of the lack of communication with members this year we propose to put out a bulletin/newsletter every 4-6 weeks for as long as necessary to catch up with news.

A social event is a priority and is planned (See details on the next page)

Members are welcome to offer items for the newsletters by phoning or emailing me:

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REGIONAL CLINICS

Please be aware the Orthotics Department at Hawke's Bay Memorial Hospital has been contracted out so going forward NZALS Regional Clinics will no longer be held at the Hospital.

The new address for clinics is on the corner of Heretaunga St West and Allerton St which is in Stortford Lodge so not too far from the Hospital. It is currently Brendan Addis Motors and they will remain there but in a much smaller capacity. There should be an improvement in available parking & a shorter walk to the reception area. Clinic appointments are still made via the Wellington Limb Centre Toll free 0508 389389

REGIONAL CLINIC DATES 2018

HAWKES BAY Thursday 22nd Friday 23rd November

GISBORNE Wednesday 5th Thursday 6th December

Contact

Hamilton Centre Freephone 0508 838 838 or call Reg Proffit at Gisborne Hospital on 06 869 0500 ext. 8225

Welcome to our new members

Korrin Barrtett of Havelock North

Yvonne Robertson of Gisborne



One of our new members Korrin Barrett whose Presentation at Iona College Blyth Performing Art Centre on August 30th was advertised in our last newsletter certainly has an incredible story with regard to becoming a quadruple amputee. Her presentation was followed by Edmond Otis a Health Educator & Clinical Psychotherapist and then there was a chance to ask questions to Korrin. It was great to see around 10 of our members attend this and hear Korrin's inspirational story titled How To Live Your Best Life. Iona College PFA donated \$1 of each ticket sale to our Society. We received \$300 thanks very much Iona. Korrin is also making a donation to our Society from her Presentation payment, thanks heaps Korrin. Our Society members had reserved seating which were the closest rows to the entry/exit of the venue. Korrin's story was inspirational with photos and videos of her time in hospital and her journey becoming a quadruple amputee. There were also plenty of laughs during the presentation (I feel sorry for her fiancé Craig) Korrin is a motivational speaker, mentor and ambassador. She is very down to earth and great to talk to and hopefully will be at our upcoming function albeit she has a very busy life.



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most amputees will be entitled to a concession on
taxi travel including mobility taxis



Phone Diane 06 9763716



Spring Lunch



Let's get together for a catch up

Duke of Gloucester
Taradale

12.00 midday
30th September

Transport is Available if required

Phone Denise 8454783 or Geraldine 8788275 to book

Free Aqua Exercise

Napier Aquatic Centre
Friday Mornings at 10.00

Three sessions to go until we break
for the school holidays
on Friday 28th September



Check out the society's Facebook page



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Summer's on its way