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Greetings members,

It is Valentine's Day as I type this newsletter and hope that all of you are aware that you have friends and family that truly appreciate you. We live in a shrinking global community with events around the world impacting on us through the media in an instance. Being physically isolated as a country has its advantages and many are currently opting to return to NZ or shift here to enjoy our relative peace and security. Being election year I recall in 2014 the political sniping started early and I don't recall any other election that got so personal and distracted from the real issues. Maybe both politicians and the media should review their code of conduct.

Last Member Function. This was held on 5th Nov and following on from a committee meeting a guided tour was made of the Easie living Centre on Main St. Those present were impressed by the range of living aids available if families with disabled members were looking to make alterations to their current home or were looking to build a new home. It is a place I would recommend anyone and everyone to visit even if just to be assured by the range of equipment and aids that are currently available.

Following the visit to Easie Living the members met at 46A Bennett St for an early evening Bar Be Que. I can assure members that attended that the building work is finished, the dust has settled and my home is now fully accessible for those facing mobility issues.

Next Member Function Sat 25th Feb 2017 will be a luncheon to be held at the Woolshed Café which is located about 1km south of Sanson heading towards Foxton, to gather and eat at 12 noon. This is the same weekend as the RNZAF display at Ohakea so for those travelling from Wanganui a few minutes extra should be allowed to get from Bulls to Sanson. The Woolshed Café as experienced last year offered a lot of choice, was very tasty and very reasonably priced. Please let either Lis, Janice or myself know of your intentions to attend by Tues 21st so that numbers can be confirmed. Anyone requiring transport help is available. The committee has again agreed to offer a \$10 meal rebate to all members whose subs are current on the day. In effect if you are attending the meal and don't have \$5 with you I will offer you \$5 towards your meal and receipt your subs as paid.

Conference 2017 7-9th April is being held in New Plymouth hosted by the Taranaki Amputee Society. Conference is a great chance to network with amputees from other regions, to catch up on new technology that is being advanced in the fields of prosthetics and living aids. The GIAG programme is again running and any youth amputees up to 35yrs old are encouraged to extend their horizons and allow their names to be registered. With registrations due the first week of March anyone interested in attending should let either the secretary or president know before the member function on the 25th Feb so that funding assistance available can be distributed to benefit as many as possible.

Pub Charities: has again responded to our application for conference expenses and it is hoped that full use of the funding received will see a good number attending. The committee appreciates the level of funding received from Pub Charities.

Subscriptions for the year starting 1st Dec 2016 have been held at \$5/member both amputee and able bodied. This amount will be confirmed at the AGM next month. Money can be sent by post to my home address.

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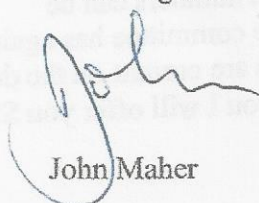
Alternatively paid by internet banking to the ASM account: 02 0719 0142317 00 Please include your name(s) as the reference. Some members have chosen to pay subs in advance, more than one year and others choose to make a donation to the Societies funds. Unless otherwise noted sums received will be treated as subs due with the balance receipted as a donation.

Email addresses. The cost of postage increased again recently and fortunately almost half our members receive newsletters and the "Purpose" by email. This is a great saving in cost and time and I encourage any members with email not yet receiving your newsletters by email to supply your email to this address: jmaher@orcon.net.nz

Home visits. Members or their family and friends are reminded that often we need the help and support of others. While the resources of the committee are limited in our ability to cover the wider range of the Manawatu-Wanganui area a friendly phone chat can identify the support needed and home visits can be arranged.

I hope this finds you all well, I won't mention summer and the lack of sun and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Sat 25th Feb at The Woolshed.

Warm regards



John Maher