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Newsletter January 2016.

Greetings All,

I trust 2016 has started well for you all and the year ahead offers plenty to look forward to. Since the last newsletter the All Blacks have won the World Cup, and a memorable summer of cricket has been enjoyed by those following. I remain undecided on the weather this summer but sense at least the major drought we were forecast has not eventuated at this stage. The flag debate will surface again closer to the timing of the next referendum and later this year the Olympics in Brazil will hopefully give us plenty to cheer about.

Next function Sun 31st Jan 2016. This will be held at the **Rose and Crown** between Main St and Broadway Avenue in Terrace End. This is seen as a get together for the start of the year as an alternative to the madness that has people run off their feet, no pun intended in the lead up to Christmas.

The plan is to gather from 12 noon to eat at 12.30pm. There is ample parking, and a wide variety of food. The committee is again offering a meal rebate of \$10 for each current member attending. Subs can be paid on the day with members receiving a partial payment of the rebate.

Please contact one of the office holders to confirm your intention to attend by the end of anniversary weekend.

Last function Sun 31st Oct 2015 was a barbeque held late afternoon at the home of committee member Justine McLeod. The afternoon was warm and sunny the food yummy and the company enjoyable.

Annual Conference 2016 in Christchurch 15th-17th April:

It is now time to confirm any interest in attending conference and the committee will be meeting to make a decision on the allocation of funding available with \$2500 received from Pub Charities. Two delegates will be representing ASM at the Federation annual meeting held Friday night with hopefully up to 6 more attending in support.

Accommodation at the conference hotel is \$380 for two nights with rooms being twin or double.

Meals provided include lunch Sat and Sun at \$25 each and the conference dinner at \$55. A total of \$105 per person.

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In past years those attending have chosen a range of accommodation, meal and travel options. In confirming your desire to attend can you please detail the costs you will be incurring so that the committee can look to reimburse as much of these as possible?

The committee again is thankful for the conference funding obtained from Pub Charities and recognises the opportunity it gives for more to attend conference. GIAG as part of Conference 2016. Give It A Go is a youth activity programme taking place in Christchurch on the same weekend as conference. 15th-17th April. If anyone is aware of younger amputees who might be interested in the challenge and enjoyment in taking part in this year's weekend are encouraged to make contact for more information asap. A majority of costs are covered by federation funding and the ASM committee has offered support and encouragement in the past.

Subscriptions 2016: The financial year for ASM starts from Dec 1st and subs have been set at \$5 per person either amputee or able bodied. A few members have paid subs in advance and a smiley face stamp on this newsletter indicates that your subs are already paid.

As some members combine a donation with their subs please indicate if you are paying subs for more than just 2016.

Subs can be paid at the member function on Sun Jan 31st, by sending payment to the treasurer or by internet banking to the BNZ acc 02 0719 0142317 000 Include your name in the reference.

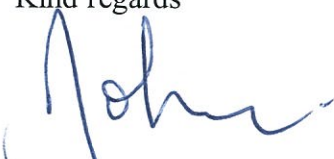
Membership contact: In an age of increasing technology there is a saving of time and cost being able to contact members by email. If you are receiving this newsletter by "snail mail" and have an email address please send an email to the secretary so that our email data base can be updated. jmaher@orcon.net.nz

Limb Centre Clinics: The Limb Centre is again offering regional clinics in both Palmerston North (28th April & Oct 27th) Venue G20 Orthotics 115 Napier Rd P Nth. and Wanganui. (29th April & Oct 28th) Venue Rehab Gym Wanganui Hospital. It is necessary to make an appointment for minor repairs and adjustments by calling the Limb Centre 0508 389389.

Home visits. Members are reminded that it is possible for committee members to visit those needing support both at home or while in hospital. This offer is extended to both current and potential members. That is those facing amputation.

I look forward to catching up with again or meeting for a first time as many of the members as possible at the function on Sun 31st Jan.

Kind regards



John Maher