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## Greetings Members,

By the time you get this newsletter it will be over 4 weeks since the shortest day and until a week ago I would have commented that winter had been kind so far and that spring was not far away. Travelling to Taupo last weekend there were new lambs in some paddocks north of Bulls but the snow on the Dessert Road was a reminder that often the worst of winter arrives in July. At least by now July is half gone.

## Member Functions

**At the end of this week** the next members' function will be held. As previously advertised this will be a mid winter luncheon at the Rendezvous Restaurant in Aokauture on Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup> with a chance to meet from 11.30am and looking to eat at 12noon. The committee has again decided to subsidise the meal by \$10 for all members that are current financial members on the day. There are two matters for members to attend to:

1. Check the state of your membership, are subs for 2013 still owing. See next item.
2. **Contact one of the office holders** to confirm you are going to attend so that numbers can be confirmed.

**Subscriptions for 2013 are now due.** These are \$5/person and can be paid by internet banking to BNZ account: 02 0719 0142317 00 with you name in the reference.

Alternatively subs can be posted to the treasurer Elaine Potbury. (see address above)

A smiley face next to this item indicates subs are paid. The "invoice" stamp indicates that records show subs remain unpaid.

**Last Function for Members** was on Sun 19<sup>th</sup> May a talk by a physio Robyn Wareham from the hospital. The numbers attending were disappointing with 4 committee members and 3 able bodied members present. Robyn was able to give individual exercise and fitness suggestions to those taking the opportunity and some interesting points and suggestions were shared. The disappointment expressed at the last committee meeting is the reason for the survey included with this newsletter.

**Purpose:** please find enclosed or attached the latest copy of "Purpose". The Federation is to be congratulated on the new format and I note contributions from members are called for.

**Tim Crowe** is employed by the army and has recently been appointed to Linton camp. He has a role arranging disaster response exercises and has approached ASM to gain interest and support from amputees to act as disaster victims to add some drama and reality to the exercises for those in training. Please contact Tim directly if you are interested and need more information.

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**Visiting on request:** There have been no requests for home visits from members but the offer remains open. I am pleased to report that a member family did approach me for assistance and the Community Occupational Therapist was contacted and a pleasing solution found.

**The .Limb Centre** has relocated back to Mein St in Newtown but a reminder that a clinic will be held in the morning of Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> at the STA ward in Palmerston North and an afternoon clinic will be held in Wanganui. It is necessary to make an appointment by calling the Limb Centre. 0508 389389. It is important that members make use of these opportunities as they will be withdrawn if demand is not sufficient.

**Sommerville Disability Parking:** Elaine Potbury at the last committee meeting reported on “Sommerville” an organisation providing support for children and young adults with disabilities and their families throughout the Wanganui region. Sommerville offers a Disability Parking Identification. There is an application form and with permanent disability card holders only need to get a new card every five years at a cost of \$25.00.

Contact details are:

Sommerville disability support Services

PO Box 540

45 campbell st

WANGANUI

Phone (06) 345 0566

**Challenge to Taranaki Amputee Society in Wanganui:** A contact with Taranaki Amputee Society was made at conference and it has been suggested that a competitive challenge on an annual or even 6 monthly basis be arranged. A trophy has been offered and a range of suitable events to be decided on. While the challenge would be competitive it is hoped that a social side to the event would evolve and that Wanganui members who remain relatively unknown to the rest of ASM might take up the opportunity to either take part or offer support to a group from ASM. With the survey that follows please keep this in mind. Without support it cannot happen.

Kind regards

John Maher

The committee want to know what we as a Society can do to fill in the gaps in our service to assist you as members. We have put together a questionnaire and would appreciate your input in completing it. This will help us put together events that you would enjoy attending. Please tick as many lines and comment as you would like to participate in:

Home visits:\_\_\_\_\_

Monthly/bimonthly get together at a café:\_\_\_\_\_

Activities like Ten pin Bowling:\_\_\_\_\_

Evening meals with entertainment:\_\_\_\_\_

Evening meals with a speaker(educational):\_\_\_\_\_

Evening meals with a speaker(interest topics)\_\_\_\_\_

Midday meals with a speaker (educational)\_\_\_\_\_

Midday meal with a speaker(Interest topics)\_\_\_\_\_

A Challenge event verses Taranaki (In Wanganui)\_\_\_\_\_

Do you need transport to any of these events?\_\_\_\_\_

Have you any other suggestions or comments?\_\_\_\_\_

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