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Greetings Members,

It is the first day of spring as I complete this and a week of sunny weather is forecast. The last week of winter was warm and sunny and if we survive the next 3 weeks leading up to the election then it will only be one more week until daylight saving starts.

Member Functions

The last member function the afternoon address from Rod Haines held on 20th July was very well received and judging by the fellowship that continued over an extended afternoon tea was accepted as a sign of appreciation to the committee for the work done in making sure everyone was personally invited and then made to feel welcome. The committee is always keen to hear of speakers or presentations that might have appeal to the amputee membership.

The next member function is a delayed mid-winter luncheon; yes spring has already started, to be held **on Sunday 14th Sept at the AQABA** on Broadway Ave in Palmerston North. The plan is to gather at 11.30am and to eat at 12 noon.

There is plenty of parking behind the AQABA and easier access from a rear/side entrance. Access inside is good with mobility toilets and a wide range of food and drink available. **Please phone one of the office holders, numbers above, to confirm numbers by Sunday 7th September.**

The Committee has again decided to provide a \$10.00 rebate towards meal costs for all current financial members so please check on your subs as detailed next. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the day.

Annual Subs for 2014: \$5 for both amputee and able bodied members for the year to 30th November 2014 are now due. With the offer of a meal rebate of \$10 on the 14th Sept this must be excellent value. If there is a smiley face on your newsletter then your subs are already paid. If the word INVOICE appears then records indicate subs are now overdue. Subs can be paid by posting to Elaine, or by internet banking to BNZ acc: 02 0719 0142317 000

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Limb Centre visits to the region:

Just a reminder/notification that the Limb Centre continues to hold clinics in both Palmerston North and Wanganui. The offer of these continuing in the future depends on their use and demand by the amputee community. The next visit is on Weds 9th Oct in both Palmerston North and Wanganui. Please phone the Limb Centre in Wellington 0508 389389 to make an appointment and confirm venues.

Visiting on request:

The secretary and other committee members are available to visit on request either to your home or if in hospital. At times help has been given to make sure that members get the best possible service and equipment to maintain their lifestyle and independence. If you need help or know someone who does please make contact.

Members in the news:

Jason Sturley as an amputee serving in the army has been selected and training to travel to Europe to compete in a team of mobility impaired defence members against teams representing other armed forces. I am not sure of all the details but look forward to hearing in the future of the opportunities and experiences that this has offered.

Gray Crawford from Palmerston North was featured in the community newspapers sharing his musical skills as a member of a jazz group.

Well done Jason and Gray!!

Conference 2015 will be held in Wellington 17-19th April and a number of your committee are keen to attend. As well expressions of interest are asked for from any younger amputees who might benefit from the Give It a Go programme. The committee has confirmed for youth participating in the GIAG that cost is mostly supplied by National Office funding sources and the local committee is looking to find any additional funding needed. As well the committee is looking to fund attendance separate to the GIAG participants. Now is the time to start considering if attending conference is something for you.

Kind regards,
John Maher.
