



# Amputee Society of Otago & Southland Inc.

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## Newsletter

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Greetings Members,

Welcome to May and the slightly cooler weather, I haven't had to light the fire yet but I feel that is not far away.



We have just celebrated our 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee in conjunction with the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual conference of the Amputees Federation. A great weekend was had by all. 24 members from Otago Southland attended with a total of 104 enrolled for the conference.

Mary Humphreys of the greater Wellington Society made the lovely cake which Lorraine and I had the pleasure of cutting.

(*Sorry for destroying your hard work Mary*). The haggis was piped in and well addressed, it even tasted ok. (Hence the tartan on Lorraine and myself).

Our Speakers were inspirational and well worth listening to. A big thank you goes to William Pike, Korrin Barrett, Jan Aitken and our own Holly Robinson. Sean Gray

(CEO NZ Artificial Limb Service) kept us up to date with what is happening from a funding and an organisational side of things. The Distinction Hotel was a great venue, the staff were fantastic and nothing was a bother, special thanks to Janine (Business Events Coordinator). Thank you also to all those members of the other 8 societies who turned up to Dunedin, we know it was a real effort for some of you. The raffle must have been rigged as our Federation President Mark Bruce and myself won 2 of the four prizes. Ynot was our band and their music and volume was well received.

The Younger members (Aged 16 to 30) had their own Give it a Go weekend. Paintballing, Escape room and Kayaking on the harbour was the order of the day. There were no reports of injury or drownings, so it all went according to plan, as usual the young ones loved their time together.



## **FEDERATION NEWS**

As usual at the annual conference we have the AGM for the Federation, this year was the 73<sup>rd</sup> AGM. Election results were as follows: President Mark Bruce of Christchurch, Vice President David Johnston (Otago/Southland), Coordinator Lorraine Peacock (Otago/Southland), Committee: Justine Mangan-Woods (Canterbury/Westland), Korrin Barrett (Hawke's Bay/East Coast), Matt Bryson (Waikato/Bay of Plenty) and Graeme Sayer (Otago/Southland).

## **OTAGO SOUTHLAND AGM**

Our 75<sup>th</sup> AGM was held at the Otago Bridge Club on 23<sup>rd</sup> February. The guest speaker was Rochell Fox she gave an interesting talk on the "Disability Information Service – information, advice and resources", it is amazing all the resources out there if we only know where to look. The elections took place and I was again elected your President, Lorraine was put back in the hot seat as coordinator (completely unopposed – I wonder why?) Anna Grimaldi was re-elected as Vice President and Graeme Sayer and Simon McMillan as Committee members. Jane Smith was co-opted onto the committee in recent months to help with Conference arrangements and we were grateful for her input. Meetings are held by Zoom (rather than Skype) on Wednesday evenings every 6 weeks (approximately) and this allows members based out of Dunedin to link in.

## **HOLLY AND ANNA**



Congratulations to Holly Robinson and Anna Grimaldi on their recent successes. Holly 1<sup>st</sup> in Javelin (F46) in the Australian Championships in Sydney in April, with a throw of 45.73 metres. Anna was 1<sup>st</sup> in the 100 metres (T47) at the New



Zealand National Champs in Christchurch in March. Anna was also 1<sup>st</sup> in the long jump in Dunedin in February. Well done, we look forward to hearing more about your exploits in the future.

## **GRANTS AND GIFTS**

Thank you to the Otago Community Trust (\$2,000) and the Casino Trust (\$1,500) for grants towards the Jubilee and conference. Also to New World (Elles Road, Invercargill) for the generous raffle hamper and Countdown and Pak'n Save in Invercargill and Dunedin for vouchers. A special thank you to all who gave goodies and gifts for the conference raffles – your generosity was much appreciated. Thank you also to the Invercargill

Licensing Trust for their \$1,000 donation towards the Society's administration expenses.



Haggis Ceremony at Conference. David Johnston (Sword), Graeme Sayer (Haggis), Simon McMillan (Whisky) and Ray Goodfellow (Addressing the Haggis)

## **OUR VISITORS –**

Get in touch if you would like a visit or just a chat.

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Invercargill - David Johnston 214-1548 and Alice Smith 216-4271

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Oamaru - Jan Browne 439-5543

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

**Deaths –** It is with sadness we record the death of Life Member Maurice Elford of Invercargill.

**Subscriptions** - There are a number of current members who haven't paid a sub for last year (2018) and if you are one of these, there'll be a red dot on the front page of your newsletter (or if you are getting this by email, a separate reminder will follow). It would be appreciated if you could bring your sub up to date.

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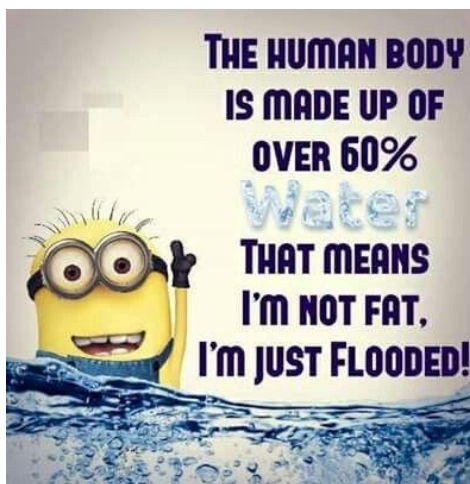
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You eat ice cream,  
cake, chocolate  
and sweets.  
Why?  
because  
stressed  
spelled  
backwards is desserts.**



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