



# Amputee Society of Otago & Southland Inc.

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Hi Everyone,

A year ago I started this newsletter by saying we are still being covid-19 alert; well a lot has happened but we are still following our Covid protocols. Where I am located (Invercargill) we have started to get that first little nip of winter - a sign of what to expect for the next 3 to 4 months. Your Committee is still meeting by Zoom which seems to work well and the lack of travel is great. Last newsletter missed out on a couple of photos as proof we have been together so here they are now.



Invercargill meeting 2020

Anyone might be justified in thinking all we ever do is eat and drink. A great life if we can survive it. Hope this Newsletter finds you all fit and well, if not, we hope you are on the mend.

Christmas dinner 2020

And then there was the **AGM for 2021**. Due to the small number attending we decided to have the meeting at the Equinox on 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021. 11 members attended and the results of the elections were as follows.





President: David Johnston. Co-ordinator: Lorraine Peacock. Vice President; Anna Grimaldi. Committee: Gavin Wilson, Leighton Smith, Graeme Sayer, Simon McMillan. (With power to co-opt if needed)

### **LIMB CENTRE NEWS:**

Liam Hutton the Physio is no longer at the Limb Centre; he finished on 12<sup>th</sup> March. We were sorry to see him go. Liam

was with us from 2012 to 2021. However all is not lost, we still have Wendy Lockhart to tend to our needs. The limb Centre is on the lookout for a new Physio.

## **OUR GRANTS**

We invite members to apply for grants from the following funds:

**Meffan and Pankhurst Funds** - Welfare grants up to a maximum of \$300 in any one year are available to members to help improve independence and quality of life. Some examples of purposes for which grants can be made are: health and medical services; subsidising of travel over and above taxi vouchers; home comforts, e.g. wood, coal etc; equipment which will assist independence and/or mobility.

**Coyle Young Achievers' Fund** - Grants up to \$500 in any one year are available to young people up to the age of 30 to help with cultural and sporting interests and hobbies. Young people are encouraged to get in touch with the Coordinator or a Committee member to discuss possibilities.

**Application Forms** for all grants are available from the Coordinator and will be considered by the Committee after the closing date of 30 June.

Applicants must have been a financial member of the Society for at least two years and, if successful, grants will be paid only upon the supply of a quote or invoice, with payment made to the service provider.

## **ANNA GRIMALDI & HOLLY ROBINSON are off to Japan**

Olympics - Japan 23<sup>rd</sup> July to 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Paralympics - Japan 24<sup>th</sup> August to 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Anna and Holly hope to be heading to Japan for the Paralympics before the next newsletter so we wish them both well in their competitions.

Watch the TV and the results for: Holly Robinson, Javelin (T46), and Anna Grimaldi Long Jump (T47) Sprint (F46).

Both should be competing on 3<sup>rd</sup> of September, once selected, and of course depending on Covid considerations.

## **INVERCARGILL LICENSING TRUST**

**Our Thanks** go to the Invercargill Licensing Trust for their recent grant to our Society of \$500.

## **AMPUTEES FEDERATION NEWS**

Next year's Conference and Give it a Go event will be held in Wellington during the weekend of 8-10 April. This will be the 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of the Federation - details of the venue and programme will follow.

A National Amputee Awareness Week will take place on 4-11 October. This will coincide with the Limbs for Life (Australia) week and we hope to have the support of the Artificial Limb Service as joint sponsors. Societies will be issued with marketing items, e.g. ribbons, pens and posters, and we will be back in touch with suggestions regarding activities, displays etc. In the meantime, we would welcome your ideas!

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**Deaths** - Sadly, we record the death of Nick Knox of Dunedin.

**New Member** - A warm welcome to Kathy Humphries of Dunedin.

### **Newsletters by email:**

With another recent increase in postage (now \$1.40 per item), it would be a great saving to the Society if you are able to receive your Newsletters by email. Contact Lorraine at [lorrstan@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lorrstan@xtra.co.nz)

**SUBSCRIPTIONS** – Subs are now due for 2021 and there are still a few members who haven't yet paid for 2020. If you are one of these, there'll be a red dot on the front of your newsletter or you'll receive a follow-up email. It would be appreciated if you could bring your subs up to date - either by sending to Lorraine, or by paying \$20 (covering 2020 & 2021) direct into our bank account 031355 0277644 00 (please identify with your name), or by paying to Sue at the Limb Centre. We appreciate the problem many will have with the phasing out of cheques by the end of June, and if you don't have internet access you may find the best option is telephone banking. Let us know if we can help in any way.

## **Amputees Federation of New Zealand Inc.**

Website: <http://www.amputee.co.nz/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Amputees-New-Zealand-171106899632566/>

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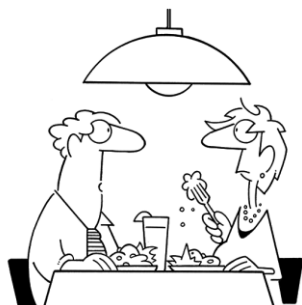
Invercargill - David Johnston 214-1548 or 0274-548-483 and  
Alice Smith 216-4271

Gore - George Gaudion 027-437-9865

Oamaru - Jan Browne 439-5543

Lakes District - Tetli Carey 409-0484

**Total Mobility Taxis** - As previously advised, our Society is no longer an agency for Total Mobility. A list of Dunedin agencies you can contact to obtain an ID smart card is available from Lorraine. For Southland members, you will need to contact Southern Mobility for photo ID and application forms, or call into the ICC to have your photo taken.



A man was telling his neighbour, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost four thousand dollars, it's state of the art. It's perfect"

"Really" answered the neighbour, "What kind is it?"

"Twelve thirty."

"Dave usually gets sales person  
Of the Month award, but this month  
I got it. He sold it to me."

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