



# Amputee Society of Otago & Southland Inc.

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Hi Everyone,

Well here we are again. Since the last Newsletter we have had our AGM; thanks to all who attended. Then there was the Federation Conference in Wellington. So things have been happening! Lorraine is working hard to wrap up all her Federation commitments as she is no longer the National Coordinator after 36 years of unstinting service, thank you Lorraine.

### The AGM 2022:

This was again held at the Equinox; a dozen attended and the meeting was followed by an enjoyable meal. The results of the elections were as follows: President: David Johnston. Vice President: Graeme Sayer. Coordinator: Lorraine Peacock. Committee: Gavin Wilson, Anna Grimaldi, Simon McMillan, Noel Graham, Vonnice Crawford, Leighton Smith. Reviewer: Philip Noye. Thank you for putting your names forward.



### The 75<sup>th</sup> Jubilee of the Amputees Federation of NZ

Our Graeme Sayer was elected Vice President of the Federation, Congratulations Graeme!

### **REPORT BY NOEL GRAHAM:** I was very privileged to be

invited to represent the Otago/Southland region at this year's annual conference of the Amputees Federation and wish to thank all involved very much for the privilege and responsibility that was entrusted to me.

I found that the accommodation was very good and those attending were all very easy to talk to, especially if I asked any questions about any subject. I felt that I was with a very helpful and friendly group who were united in the effort to obtain a fair and worthwhile solution to assist amputees throughout New Zealand.

My first contact with the society in October last year



was with Lorraine who spoke to me openly and freely about things. It was not until I heard of her lengthy activities within the Federation that I began to understand the work that she has put in to aid all of us, I thank her and acknowledge the efforts that she has put into this very worthwhile organisation.

Thank you for the opportunity to report on these matters. Noel Graham.

## **INVERCARGILL LICENSING TRUST**

**Our Thanks** goes to the Invercargill Licensing Trust for their recent grant to our Society of \$750.

## **MOVING FORWARD HISTORY:**

In 2002, *A Challenge with Purpose* was published celebrating 50 years of the Amputees Federation of New Zealand. A new publication *Moving Forward*, celebrates the last 25 years of the Amputee Federation, and was also written by Lorraine. It is attached as a PDF for those receiving this newsletter by email, or if by post contact Lorraine if you would like *Moving Forward* to be sent to you.

## **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.

## **Recommendation**

Travelling to Central Otago? New member Russel Grant recommends Avenue Motel, 117 Centennial Avenue, Alexandra as being perfect for those with a disability.

**New Members** - A warm welcome to two new members - Gary Hornby of Dunedin and Russel Grant of Weston. We look forward to meeting you at one of our gatherings.

**Deaths:** Sorry I jinxed it in the last newsletter by saying nothing to report. In this newsletter condolences go to the families and friends of Douglas Dalgety of Oamaru, Robert Kinney of Alexandra, Steve Trued of Clyde, and Lloyd Cavanagh of Gore. Lloyd was a member since 1985, coordinated our golf days at Riversdale from 1988 through to 2012, and was made a Life Member of our Society in 2010

## **Newsletters by email:**

Please get in touch with Lorraine [lorrstan@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lorrstan@xtra.co.nz) if you would prefer to receive your newsletters by email. That is certainly our preference and considerably cheaper, especially as postage is going up on 1<sup>st</sup> June to \$1.70! Better buy your stamps now.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Subs are now due for 2022 and there are 10 members unpaid from 2021. 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 by paying \$20 (covering 2021 & 2022) direct into our bank account 031355 0277644 00 (please identify with your name), or by paying to Sue at the Limb Centre.

## **A \$20 deposit was made into our account on 9 February (no name) – any claimers?**

The membership subscription is still only \$10 per year and your partner/spouse can also be a member for \$10 per year. We also welcome donations (note that these are tax deductible if over \$5).

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## GIVE IT A GO PHOTOS from CONFERENCE:



Axe throwing and Rafting 2022



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