



Amputee Society of Otago & Southland Inc.

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Greetings everyone.

We have had a couple of things on the last few months, the AGM and the Federation Conference. I hope you are all keeping well as we again start our entry into the winter or flu season. At least where we are in the South we have had a pretty good summer compared with other parts of the country, I feel sorry for the people in the flood ravaged north.

AGM # 79



The 79th Annual General Meeting of our Society took place at the Village Green Restaurant, Sunnyvale Park, Green Island, on Saturday 25 February, with 15 Members and Associate Members

enjoying a meal and time together. The elected committee of our Society is President: David Johnston, Coordinator: Lorraine Peacock, Vice President: Graeme Sayer, Committee Members: Colette Blockley, Vonnie Crawford, Noel Graham, Simon McMillan, Leighton Smith and Gavin Wilson. A finer bunch of volunteers would be hard to find, so thank you for your generosity.

It was decided that the Annual subscription will remain at \$10.00. We also felt it was time, after over 40 years of loyal service, that Simon McMillan be made a Life Member of our Society. *(pictured with wife Sylvie)*



MEMBERSHIP

New Members - We have two new members this quarter, a warm welcome to Patricia Wright of Dunedin and Tosh Hakopa of Port Chalmers.

Deaths - sadly, we record the passing of Natalie Kennedy of Gore.

AMPUTEES FEDERATION CONFERENCE 14-16 April 2023

The 77th Conference of the Amputees Federation was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Christchurch. There were 115 in attendance including the Give



It A Go (GIAG) youths. These young people were pushed to their limits taking part in Archery, Adrenaline Forest and Clip and Climb activities. Our GIAGers were Aleina Beer of Invercargill and Tosh Hakopa of Port Chalmers. A further 9 members from our

Society were present – we stayed at the hotel and heard good speakers and the 3 main manufacturers of limb components (Ossur, Ottobock and Taska). We also heard a presentation from Peke Waihangā (NZ Artificial Limb Service).

During the National Council Meeting on the Friday evening, in his absence Mark Bruce of Christchurch was presented with Life Membership. However, on the Sunday when he called in he was presented with a pounamu by Ken Te Tau of the Wellington Society. Before he could slip away I managed to snap a photo. (Note the Pounamu around Mark's neck).



GRANT RECEIVED

Our thanks to The Otago Community Trust for a recent grant of \$500.00.

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. We are able to provide financial assistance towards the cost of wood and coal in particular but can also contribute towards other one-off expenses members may have, e.g. equipment that assists 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 upon the supply of a quote or invoice.

NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL (Another increase in postage!)

Yes, postage is about to go up again - it will soon be **\$2.00** for a standard letter. More than two-thirds of our members now receive their newsletters by email but hopefully we can better this. We appreciate that many of our older members do not have access to email but if you do and would like to receive your newsletters this way, please get in touch with Lorraine lorrstan@xtra.co.nz - you could save the Society over **\$8** a year in postage!

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subs are now due for 2023 and there are 12 members unpaid from 2022. 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 (to cover 2022 & 2023) direct into our bank account 031355 0277644 00 (please identify with your name), or by paying at the Limb Centre.

WAS IT YOU WHO PAID?

On the 28th March, \$20-00 was paid into our account without a name. Was this you? If so please let Lorraine know. (This also happened in March last year – maybe the same person?)

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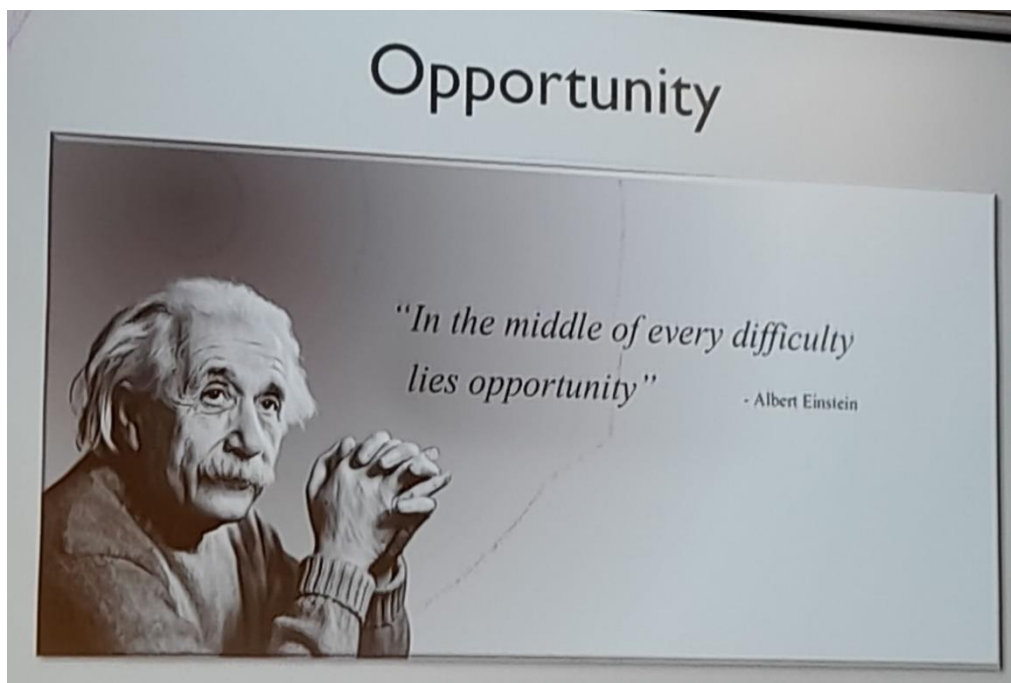
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