



**Amputee
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Hello everyone! I trust you've all managed to get through the winter months without too many ills and chills. The weather has certainly brought a bit of everything. I can cope with most of what's thrown at us, except for the strong winds - staying upright when out and about can be a problem!

Herewith is the latest *Purpose* - enjoy!

There's quite a bit happening in our region over the next couple of weeks - we hope some of you will join us for these events.

MULTISPORTS, GOLF & BARBECUE - Saturday & Sunday 7/8 November

All three events are taking place during the weekend of 7/8 November and we are counting on your support. Starting time for the multisports is 12 noon on the Saturday at the Tenpin Bowling Alley in Kaikorai Valley Road (Stuart St end) in Dunedin where we meet for lunch and two games of bowls. Clay target shooting follows at about 2 pm and then a couple of games of pool. Age is no barrier to taking part and transport between venues is provided. If you'd like more information and to let us know you'll be there, get in touch with Rory on 0272640305, email rory_mcsweeney@hotmail.com, or phone/email me as above.

On the Sunday, golf concludes the multisports event and everyone is welcome to join in at the 12 Oaks Golf Course in Mosgiel. Tee off time is 1 pm, the green fee is \$8, the Society's golf cart and some spare clubs will be available, and bar facilities will be available at the end of play. Players will compete for our usual trophies. So that we have an indication of numbers, please let Tony Wilson know if you intend taking part - phone 455-8426 or email wingie@clear.net.nz.

Following the golf, from 3 pm on, you are invited to join us at the golf course for socialising and a barbecue. The Society will provide the sausages and you are asked to bring along other food (e.g. salads, breads, desserts) to share. So that we have an idea of the number for catering, please ring me on 455-6347 and at the same time let me know if you would like transport.

This is all happening only days away after you receive this newsletter so please get in touch this coming weekend if you would like to take part. We look forward to a good turnout of members, families and friends!

SOUTHLAND MEETING & DINNER - Saturday 14 NOVEMBER

Firstly, my apologies for getting the date wrong in the last newsletter - I hope it hasn't caused any problems. Our **Meeting and Dinner** will be held on Saturday 14 November at the Invercargill Bridge Club rooms, 50 Elles Road (behind the Pipe Band Hall, beside Splash Palace and with plenty of off-street parking). Join us at 4 pm for the meeting which will be followed by guest speaker Rebecca Armonsén, City Councillor, who will speak about the recording of oral history. A meal will follow at approximately 6 pm - the cost will again be \$20 per person (the full cost of \$27 being subsidised by the Society). Ring David and Vonnice on 214-1548 before Saturday 7 November and let them know you'll be there. We look forward to meeting up with many of you again, as well as seeing some new faces. There will be a few raffles to cover some of our costs so bring along your spare coins and donations of raffle prizes will again be much appreciated.

OBITUARIES

Since the last newsletter, we have recorded with regret the passing of Ivan Jones of Oamaru, Rae McAlister of Alexandra (previously of Gore), Audrie Officer of Invercargill, June Burr of Dunedin, and Wayne Nicholson of Sawyers Bay. Our sympathy has been extended to the families of these members.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome to Tatiana Hrbackova of Dunedin and Peter Gnys of Invercargill. We hope to see you both at some of our gatherings.

HERE & THERE

Evan Mitchell Celebratory Dinner - Twenty members and partners from Otago and Southland enjoyed a good social get-together on 22 August at the Town & Country Club in Balclutha.

Our thanks to the Lottery Grants Board for their recent grant.

Congratulations to our oldest member, Martha Collier, who turned 99 in August. We look forward to celebrating your 100th with you next year, Martha.

Limb Centre Phone - Mark advises that the answerphone is checked regularly, particularly on Fridays when Sue doesn't work, so please leave a message and rest assured that it will be answered.

Welfare Grants - Members are now invited to apply for a welfare grant from our Society. Forms are available from me - applications close on 30 November. 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.

Taxi Vouchers - A reminder that Otago members can contact me for vouchers which entitle you to a 50% discount on taxis. Southlanders who would like taxi vouchers need to complete an initial application form available from Maurice & Mavis Elford (phone 215-6715). Once on the register, you then need to contact Lisa Griffiths at the Invercargill City Council (211-1777) for your supply of vouchers. Note that Total Mobility taxi vouchers can be used anywhere in NZ, even in those cities such as Auckland which use swipe cards.

Subscriptions - There are still a few outstanding subs owing from 2014. If you are one of these, there'll be a red dot on your newsletter and this will be your last unless your subs are brought up to date. For those of you who haven't yet paid for 2015, I have highlighted this HERE on your newsletter and payment would be appreciated before the end of the year - either to Sue at the Limb Centre, by post to me, or by direct credit to our bank account 031355 0277644 00 (please identify with your name).

Changed or Changing your Address? Don't forget to let me or the Limb Centre know.

Newsletters - There's been a good increase in the number of members receiving newsletters by email but we're keen to increase this further and thus save postage. If you'd like to be included, please contact me at lorrstan@xtra.co.nz.

Facebook - Have you "Liked" us on FB yet? Go to our website www.af.org.nz and click on our name to LIKE us!

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

Dunedin and Districts - Lorraine Peacock 455-6347, Tony Horsfall 453-1261, and
Rory McSweeney 027 264 0305

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

Gore - Bill Lee 203-8263

Oamaru - Jan Browne 439-5543

Lakes District - Tetli Carey 409-0484

That's all for now so until next time, take care. And the blessings of Christmas be with you and yours, together with best wishes for a New Year full of good health and happiness.