



Amputee Society of Otago & Southland Inc.

Coordinator

Mrs Lorraine Peacock QSM
213a Bay View Road,
St Clair, Dunedin 9012
Phone: (03) 455 6347
Email: lorrstan@xtra.co.nz
Web: www.amputee.co.nz.

Newsletter November 2022 No. 215

Greetings Everyone,

Well here we are again on the countdown to the silly season and the lead up to summer. It is also the time we have a couple of get-togethers - one in the South and one in Dunedin. It is always great to see members at these functions and get to know you in person rather than just as a name. If you could come to one (or even both!) that would be great.

This comes with best wishes to all our members for an enjoyable Christmas season with family and friends.

INVERCARGILL MEETING AND DINNER (NOTE VENUE CHANGE)

Our usual get-together will take place on Saturday 12 November at Southland Hotel's Thar and Feather Restaurant, 410 Elles Road (Corner McQuarrie Street and Elles Road, Invercargill) commencing at 4:15 p.m. for the meeting and followed by dinner at 5:00 p.m. The restaurant has an extensive menu and the cost to members will be less a \$10 subsidy by the Society. (There will be no raffles this year.) Check out the menu at

<https://www.southlandtavern.co.nz/menu>

(Click on the tabs to click to see a good range of options: Soup and breads, Entrees/Light Meals, Pasta and Mains, Steaks, Game Meats, Sides and Desserts.)

Let David or Vonnie know on 03 214 1548 or 027 454 8483 by Tuesday 8 November if you will be joining us – it will be great to see you!



MEMBERSHIP

New Members - no newbies this quarter.

Death - sadly, the passing of Ashley Johnston of Gore has been recorded.

PRE-CHRISTMAS DINNER in Dunedin – Saturday 3 DECEMBER



Here's something as a lead-up to your Christmas celebrations – Christmas dinner on Saturday 4 December at 6 pm at the Equinox, 146 Victoria Rd, Dunedin. The cost to members and partners will be \$25 pp; with the balance of the cost subsidised by the Society. This restaurant is a must to experience and the ample parking and wheelchair access is a bonus. Please let Lorraine know on 455-6347 or 027 4221298 before Wednesday 30 November if you will be there. This is always a good evening together so we look forward to seeing you!

National AMPUTEE AWARENESS WEEK 4-11 October

Arrangements for Southland fell through but the Dunedin crew were able to put on a good showing. The following is a note from Committee member Simon McMillan. (Thanks Simon)

“We represented O/S at the Meridian Mall with a display of promotional material and some arm and leg prostheses. The passers-by who stopped to talk were interested to hear about life as a limby and were appreciative of the work we did. I am sure our public presence made a difference.”



Graeme Sayer at the Meridian (Photo by Simon McMillan)

LIMB CENTRE CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

All Centres will be closed from end of the day on Friday 23 December 2022 until normal hours resume on Wednesday 4 January 2023. During this time, experienced clinicians will be on call. If a patient rings a Centre, there will be a voice message saying the Centre is closed and giving a mobile number if urgent assistance is required.

AMPUTEES FEDERATION NEWS

At the time of writing, the latest issue of Purpose hasn't arrived. Keep an eye on the Federation's website for this and details of next year's Conference.

Amputees Federation of New Zealand Inc.

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

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

NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL

More than two-thirds of our members now receive their newsletters by email but we are keen to better this. Please get in touch with Lorraine lorrstan@xtra.co.nz if you are on email and would like to be included; it would save the Society over \$5 per year in postage!

SUBSCRIPTIONS

There are still three members who haven't paid their sub for 2021 (signified by a red dot on this newsletter) and this will be your last unless your subs are brought up to date. There are also a number of members who haven't yet paid for this year (2022) - this is highlighted HERE if you are one of these or you will get a follow-up email. You can pay by direct credit to our bank account 031355 0277644 00 (please identify with your name), or pay Sue at the Limb Centre, or Lorraine at one of our gatherings.

TIME FOR A LAUGH

An Englishman, Frenchman, Spaniard, and German are all trying to watch a street performer juggle knives. Unfortunately, it's such a busy day in the city, there are too many other people around to see clearly. Luckily, the juggler notices their plight and decides to climb onto a higher platform so the four men can see. As he balances a knife on his nose, he asks, "Can you see me now?" The four men reply one after the other, "Yes" "Oui" "Si" "Ja".

Parents and Technology

A curious mum uses her new iPhone to text her daughter to ask a very important question. The text reads: What does IDK, ILY, TTYL mean? Before long, the daughter texts back, "I don't know. I love you. Talk to you later" to

which the mum responds, "It's okay. Don't worry about it, I'll ask your brother. Love you, too."

What Killed the Dinosaurs

Three dinosaurs come across a magical lamp. The first dinosaur rubs it and a genie appears. "I have three wishes. One for each of you," the genie says. The first dinosaur doesn't hesitate before his request "All right, I'll have a big, juicy piece of meat." Immediately, a big, juicy piece of meat appears in front of him. Instantly envious, the second dinosaur speaks up. "Well, I want a shower of meat!" As soon as he utters his wish, a shower of meat rains down upon him. The third dinosaur, not to be outdone, has to think for a second about what could possibly be better than a shower of meat. "Aha, I've got it!" he proclaims. "I'll have a meatier shower!"

The Fortune Teller and the Frog

A frog decides to visit a fortune teller to find out if he'll ever find his princess. The fortune teller reads his palm and after a few brief moments of contemplation, begins her reading. "I have good news and I have bad news. Which would you like to hear first?" The frog, anxious for the possibility of true love, chooses the good news first. "You are going to meet the most beautiful girl," the fortune teller says. "She's going to be very interested in you and will know everything there is to know about you. You'll open up to her and give her your heart." Pleased, the frog then cautiously asks for the so-called bad news. To this, the fortune teller replies, "You'll meet her in a Biology class."

OUR CONTACTS

Dunedin and Districts

Lorraine Peacock 455-6347 or 027 4221298

Invercargill

Graeme Sayer 021 168 9221

Gore

David Johnston 214-1548 or 0274 548483

Oamaru

George Gaudion 027 4379865

Lakes District

A volunteer needed (please get in touch!)

Tetli Carey 409-0484



Newsletter Editor: David Johnston, 171 Earn Street, Appleby, Invercargill 9812. 03 214-1548

david.johnston003@gmail.com

Patron: Mr C L Birks, MB, ChB, FRACS

Affiliated to the Amputees Federation of New Zealand Inc.