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## ***NOVEMBER 2020***

Hello Everyone and welcome to this Spring/Summer Newsletter.

### **CONFERENCE 2020**

As you all know by now, this year's Conference was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Our thanks go to John Ealand for all the work he did towards planning and organising this event. It was a big disappointment that it had to be cancelled.

### **CONFERENCE 2021**

This will be held in Rotorua in April 2021. Tentative dates are either 16-18<sup>th</sup> or 23-25<sup>th</sup>. To be confirmed. Keep this in mind and if any of you are thinking of attending, please let me know so that I can apply for airfare and accommodation funding later in the year.

### **REGIONAL CLINICS**

The last Clinic of the year in Nelson is on Thursday 3 December at Nelson Hospital Occupational Therapy from 10.00am until around 3.30pm.

The last Clinic of the year in Blenheim is on Friday 4 December at Wairau Hospital Occupational Therapy.

Please contact Wellington Artificial Limb Centre on 0508 389389 if you would like to arrange an appointment at one of these clinics.

### **GET-TOGETHERS**

If you haven't been to a morning tea at The Honest Lawyer in Monaco or a lunch at the Marlborough All Clubs and would like to join us, phone Ian on 03 5444902 for details on the morning tea or email Carla on [carlatinker@gmail.com](mailto:carlatinker@gmail.com) for details on the lunch. It's a great opportunity to meet new people.

### **PROSTHETIC COVERS**

William Pike, who lost his leg in the Mt Ruapehu eruption, has started his own company making prosthetic covers that protect prosthetic limbs from water, dirt, dust, sand and snow during your outdoor activities. The following article has been submitted by William.

Kia ora and hello everyone, my name is William Pike and I'm an Auckland based BK amputee. I was privileged to meet many of my fellow amputees at the annual conference at Dunedin in 2019 where I delivered a presentation.

Since losing my leg, I've always struggled to stop dirt, sand, moisture and dust etc from wrecking my prosthetic feet and components. I became tired of repeatedly cleaning my prosthetic limb and taking unnecessary visits to the Limb Centre to replace parts. So I decided to do something about it...

Over the past few years, I tried and tested countless different prosthetic covers. This year my wife and I refined our design and started a company called Pro Armour (short for Prosthetic Armour). Last month we released our first product on the market - the Pro Armour Lite.

The Pro Armour Lite is a protective cover made for amputees, of all abilities. Now I can take a walk along the beach, do some gardening, or go fishing without worrying about the elements damaging my prosthetic! They also look great as a cosmetic cover.

The Pro Armour Lite is lightweight, simple to use and take seconds to put on/off. Now there's no need to change your prosthesis for different activities. They're available in different sizes to suit your prosthetic foot size. We're also extremely proud that they're NZ made and designed!

By wearing a Pro Armour Lite day-to-day, you'll reduce your limb maintenance and as a result - save prosthetists time, and reduce unnecessary spending by ACC New Zealand and the Ministry of Health - Manatū Hauora

Our vision behind Pro Armour is to offer amputees like you, the ultimate protection for your prosthetic limbs. More importantly than that, we want you to experience that same level of freedom, confidence that I have had.

We're extremely grateful to partner with The Peke Waihangā - Artificial Limb Service who are now stocking the Pro Armour Lite, just in time for your summer activities.

The Pro Armour Lite is free and available at all New Zealand limb centres – ask your prosthetist for one today!

### **Keen to learn more?**

Follow us on [Facebook](#) (@prothetic.armour)

You can also go to William's website at [www.proarmour.co.nz](http://www.proarmour.co.nz) or email him on [William@proarmour.co.nz](mailto:William@proarmour.co.nz) if you would like more information on the Pro Armour Lite.

**FOR SALE**

We still have some bumper stickers left for sale at \$5.00 each. A number of members have already bought some and they look great on the back of their cars. If you would like to “dress” your vehicle (be it car, van, mobility scooter, wheelchair) with one (or more), please email me and I will arrange delivery for you.



**SUBS 2020**

There are still a number of subs outstanding so, in case you have forgotten to pay and mislaid your renewal form, I've attached another one with payment details.

I hope you all have a relaxing, safe and enjoyable Christmas.

*Deborah*

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2020**

I wish to renew my membership of the Amputee Society of Top of The South Inc and enclose payment to cover the following:

Membership subscription (\$10)	\$.....
Associate Membership for my spouse/partner (\$10)	\$.....
Donation	\$.....
Total enclosed/banked	\$.....

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