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## Quote of the Month:

You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one. I hope someday you'll join us. And the world will live as one. -*John Lennon*

## Fun Fact:

Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.  
On average, men get bored of a shopping trip after 26 minutes.

## Editor's Message

***Disclaimer: The information in this editorial does not necessarily reflect the views of the Amputee Society of Canterbury/Westland)***

This month's editorial is dedicated to note the sad passing of one of our life members. Rachel White, from Loburn, who sadly passed away on June 2nd, 2024 at the very grand age of 95. We were advised of her passing by her daughter, Sue van der Byl and her passing has been acknowledged by delivering a personal message of condolence to the extended White family on behalf of all our members.

Back in the late 1990's and early 2000's, Rachel would graciously open up her beautiful home at Loburn to entertain members of the society and long time members spoke effusively about her wonderful hospitality and the beautiful location. I recall the late Roderick Boyce, also a life member, saying what wonderful occasions these get-togethers were and just how much all those in attendance seemed to enjoy themselves.

Due to her health failing, Rachel was no longer able to open up her home and host members but around 5 years ago, we were thrilled to welcome Rachel to one of our annual Christmas dinners at the Hornby Club. The society was humbled to have her present and she appeared to enjoy being in the company of fellow members and chatting to as many people as she could.

Her contribution to the amputee community and in particular the Canterbury/Westland society was immense and we are forever grateful for the efforts she extended in so many selfless ways.

To the extended White family, may the wonderful memories that Rachel helped to create with you all, give you strength going forward to remember her with much love and fondness...a sentiment held by the Canterbury/Westland society.

## MEET ROBYN HAUGHEY:

*Robyn is an associate member of the Society and partner of our President, Mark.*

Robyn Haughey, nee Cogle, was born in Christchurch in 1960 and was a twin sister to Cheryl who has a different birth date with Robyn being born at 11.50pm and Cheryl 13 minutes later at 12.03am the following morning. They have an older brother by 2 years and all live in the Christchurch region. Robyn's Dad started at Lane Walker Rudkins straight from school at 15 and retired there 45 years later. He rose to become the Technical Manager of the knitting division and perfected the art of knitting stretch fabric. It was at LWR that Maurice met a beautiful young girl, Louise, working there and romance blossomed. They were married for over 57 years until Maurice sadly passed away while in care at Cashmere View Rest Home in 2010. Louise also passed away at Cashmere View in February, 2023. Her parents moved in to a new build in Cedars St, Hoon Hay and lived there for around 45 years. With a young family, Louise took on the challenge of opening and operating a drapery shop in the Rowley Ave shops for around 10 years and with her Dad's skills on the knitting machine, he would spend all his spare time out in the garage knitting garments that Louise would stock and sell in her shop. Robyn recalls her childhood being a happy time with lots of new houses in the area meaning there was always other children to play with. Her parents built a swimming pool at Cedars St which was like a magnet drawing children there and she remembers her school also using the pool as there was no pool available at the school.

Robyn attended Spreydon Primary on Lincoln Rd before moving on to Manning Intermediate then Hillmorton High School. High school proved a "challenge" for her so on her 15th birthday in 1975, she left school to take up her first job working at Hazeldean Footwear spraying shoes for \$35 per week. She stayed there for about a year before going to LWR to work in the men's department as a checker where she stayed for over 2 years. Her mother's shop was doing well so Robyn left LWR to work in the shop before embarking upon her OE to live and work in Maroubra, Sydney with her husband to be. Around a year later, she returned home and worked briefly with her Mum again before marrying in 1981. They purchased the home they were renting in Fisher Ave, Beckenham and Robyn worked in local tomato glasshouses until their first born, a son, Brendon was born in 1985. Robyn had found work cleaning houses and at one stage was cleaning 7 houses a week for the princely sum of \$5 per hour. She remembers taking Brendon to work with her in seat attached to her bicycle as owning a car was out of their reach. The family increased in size in 1989 when her daughter, Ellie was born. Brendon started school at Beckenham and Robyn continued the cleaning jobs taking Ellie with her but by this stage, in her beloved Morris Minor. Both of her children still live locally and maintain a very close relationship with their mother. Her marriage ended in 2005 but in 2009, she met her partner Mark and they live happily in Somerfield along with their dear pooch, Jess. Since 2010, Robyn has worked at the old Glenelg Childrens Health Camp in Hillsborough but on September 1st just gone, she decided to "call it a day" and retired 13 months early before being eligible for National Super. As she stated, "My body needs a proper rest". In October, 2022, what was just to be a routine 2 yearly mammogram, turned out to be a life changing event when she was called in to

## ROBYN HAUGHEY CONT:

Canterbury Breast Care due to an abnormality. A double positive breast cancer diagnosis was delivered to a shocked and stunned Robyn and 15 months of cancer treatment and tests kicked off almost immediately. A double mastectomy was carried out in June, 2023 and she had her last infusion at the end of January this year. Robyn describes the treatment as being both intense & horrid causing her to suffer long periods of being extremely sick but she is very grateful for how well the system looked after her in her time of need. She said that it was all worth it as she was recently discharged from the Oncology Dept with a positive prognosis that the cancer had been beaten.

FAVOURITE FOOD..Beef casserole with tons of veges. Anything I don't have to cook myself.

FAVOURITE PLACE..Home.

FAVOURITE HOBBIES..Dogs, Gardening & restoring old furniture.

FAVOURITE MUSIC...Love love love Freddie Mercury and Queen.

FAVOURITE MOVIE..Anything in the drama genre. Watch lots on Netflix.

Robyn recalls happy times as a child staying with her maternal grandparents in Mathesons Rd, Linwood and enjoying their company. She also said that her



children, Mark and extended family were an incredible support throughout the cancer treatment and is adamant that their love & support were a huge factor in overcoming the many obstacles she faced. Another huge factor in all of this was the loyalty, friendship and support received from her dog, Lou and after he had to be sent to "doggie heaven" in the middle of treatment, then little Jess who Robyn adopted from the CCC Pound just 3 weeks after Lou departed. Robyn has visited Australia numerous times, Fiji (never again), the USA in 2016 to visit with family & friends and again in 2018 when she her took 2 of their grandies to Disneyland and San Diego SeaWorld but her

absolute "GO TO" holiday destination is without a doubt, Rarotonga where the word HOLIDAY was invented. She "shouted" her close family a Rarotongan holiday one week after she had her last infusion in January this year to thank them for their support and she said that incredible memories were created. Robyn said one thing she finds hard to do is to spel corectly and is constintly asking Mark to spel words out four her as she is typing....haha.



## 2024 CHRISTMAS FUNCTION:

After successful Quiz function events held at The Cranford Alehouse over the last few years, we have decided to have this year's Xmas function at the same venue to support Andrew Norton for the wonderful support he has extended to the Society. We would love to see a good turnout from members/friends and look forward to catching up with you all on the day. There will be great raffles on offer so bring your spare cash.

**PLACE:** The Cranford Alehouse. 305 Cranford St, St Albans.

**DATE:** Sunday, December 1st.

**TIME:** From 11.30am and lunch around 12-12.30.

The Society will supply ONE free drink to all those attending, tea & coffee, Christmas Cake, chocolates and "other" goodies.

**COST:** The format for the meal will be as follows;

Meals can be ordered off the menu which is attached. This will allow members to order what they choose but we have a request from the chef. So as to "speed things up" on the day without any undue delay of having to wait too long for your preferred meal choice, they have asked that people attending pre-order their choice of **MAIN MEAL** but you simply pay on the day for what you order.

Can I ask that you confirm with me your intention to attend and your preferred choice of **MAIN** from the menu by **Sunday, November 24th** via the contact details below.

**Mark on 027 2381958 or [mark.bruce@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mark.bruce@xtra.co.nz) by Nov 24th.**



## 2024 QUIZ FUNCTION:

Sunday October 6th saw our annual quiz function held at The Cranford Alehouse and we enjoyed a great turnout of members and friends (around 80 people) to support our major fundraiser of the year.

With their wonderful support, we were able to raise close to \$1080, a **FANTASTIC** effort. A huge thank you to all that turned out for the evening. Congratulations go to Andrea Thompson's team who were victorious, and collected a \$100 voucher, 2nd place went to Ivan Kippenberger's team (who were last year's winners) and 3rd place went to the team of Mark A'Court's family and Lyn Hawke.



## Smile Awhile

**Fuel prices are so high that I went to the car dealership and test drove 3 cars to run my errands. Follow me for more money saving tips 😎**



## Web Sites

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[www.amputeeinfo.co.nz](http://www.amputeeinfo.co.nz)

**The Amputees Federation of NZ**

[www.amputee.co.nz](http://www.amputee.co.nz)

**NZ Artificial Limb Service**

[www.nzals.govt.nz](http://www.nzals.govt.nz)

**Peer Support**

[www.peersupport.nz](http://www.peersupport.nz)

**Parafed Canterbury**

[www.parafedcanterbury.co.nz](http://www.parafedcanterbury.co.nz)

**International Diabetes Federation**

[www.idf.org](http://www.idf.org)

**Amputee News**

[www.amputeenews.com](http://www.amputeenews.com)

**Disability Rights Commissioner**

[www.hrc.co.nz](http://www.hrc.co.nz)

**UN Programme on Disability**

[www.un.org/issues/m-disabl.asp](http://www.un.org/issues/m-disabl.asp)

**Paraloan 03 3795983**

[www.paraloan.org.nz](http://www.paraloan.org.nz)

Email: [paraloan@xtra.co.nz](mailto:paraloan@xtra.co.nz)

**Nation Wide H&D Advocacy**

**Service – 0800 555050**

**Aspire Canterbury, Disabilities Information Service**

Braintree Wellness Centre. 70 Langdons Rd. CHCH

Website: [www.aspirecanterbury.org.nz](http://www.aspirecanterbury.org.nz)

Total Mobility. Contact Julie (03) 3669093

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CCS Disability Action  
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**Sundays: 1pm – 2-30pm**  
This is with Parafed and there  
is a \$2.00 charge.



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