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Quote of the Month:

The third-rate mind is only happy when it is thinking with the majority. The second-rate mind is only happy when it is thinking with the minority. The first-rate mind is simply happy when it is thinking. **A.A MILNE.**

Fun Facts:

To produce a 500 grams of honey, a single bee would have to visit over 2 million flowers.

The tongue is the strongest muscle in the body.

Editor's Message

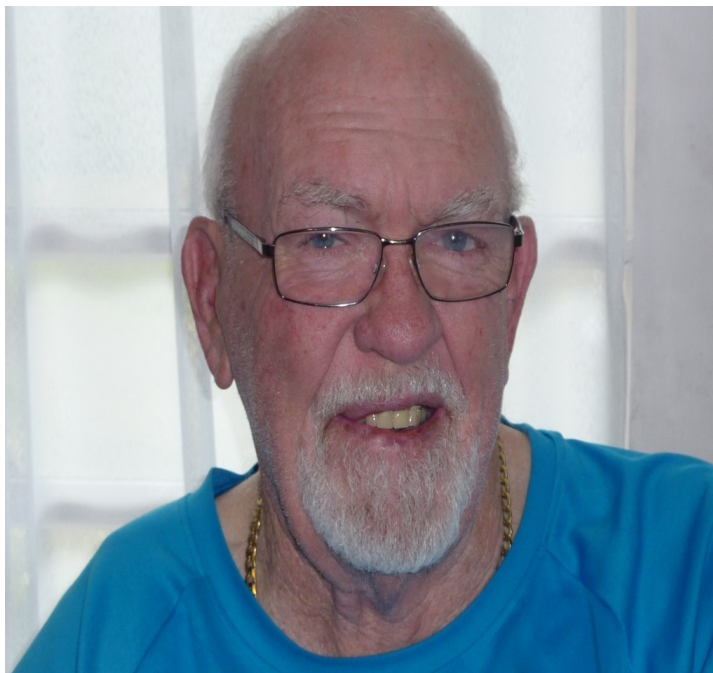
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I own and ride a mountain bike which I thoroughly enjoy but I have a major concern over the attitude and behaviour of some cyclists and the immensely unequal playing field when it comes to the whole "user pays" rationale. The CCC have committed to spending over \$160 million dollars of ratepayers money on the Christchurch Cycleway Network. The concept in itself sits favourably with me but not when I, along with other road users, are required to pay ACC levies, have to pay our rates demands and comply with the road rules or face penalty from the police for breaches. Last year, ACC injury claims from cyclists amounted to over \$30 million dollars without a single dollar of levies whatsoever being imposed on them. To quote ACC directly, "levies are required to help cover costs of accidents on public roads involving moving vehicles"...of which, cycles are. **So why no levy upon them?** All too often whilst driving on our city roads, I constantly observe cyclists riding 3 abreast, unfairly taking up most of the useable carriageway, blatantly flouting road rules at intersections and completely ignoring traffic light commands due to their "colour blindness". It is as if they arrogantly see themselves as the singular and most important users of our roadways. Hello !!!....they are freeloading on "us" who pay for their rights and usage of the roads. If I had a dollar for every time I have enquired with cyclists about their flagrant breaches only to be met with a mouthful of crude abuse and rude gestures, I would be a rich man.

Surely, in today's modern environment, it seems entirely reasonable to expect to have to pay for services received so I ask the question, why are "some" road users singled out to pay for the costs associated with the services provided? Yes, ACC levies for motorists have decreased due to motor vehicle users huge contributions in the past which has lead to a surplus but my CCC rates have nearly doubled in 4 years. Bottom line is, you want to use it...you pay for it on a fair an equal basis like everyone else....and cyclists, stop acting like prima donnas, thinking you are more special than other road users, start paying like the rest of us and have some respect for the road rules that we have to comply with. To our elected council, endorse making cyclists accountable and use our rates \$\$ more equitably.

Meet Roderick Boyce:

Rod was the second born child at Blenheim in 1942 and his older sister still lives in his hometown. Rod's father was a local contractor and his mother was a stay at home Mum while the children were younger then worked part time at the TAB. Rod attended Blenheim Borough Primary before completing his secondary schooling at Marlborough College. Rod has vivid enjoyable memories of his childhood and he said it was a happy time, biking, swimming, fishing and family activities. He spent a great deal of time with his grandparents who lived at Renwick and recalls them putting on Xmas dinner for 50 people in 3 different shifts !!! His job was to make the fruit salad for those 50 people by mixing all the fruit in the bathtub !!!



He left school at 18 and his first job was with Lands & Survey in Napier where he spent 6 years in this role. Whilst in Napier, Rod enjoyed being involved with the Pirates rugby club and made many friends through his rugby involvement. Rod's father passed at 47 years of age so he decided to move back to Blenheim to be closer to his mother and continued to work for Lands & Survey as a survey draughtsman. Prior to this move, Rod had met a young lady, Betsy, who worked for the Toll Exchange but had transferred to Wellington so he regularly used to catch the inter islander ferry from Picton to Wellington on weekends to see Betsy. Rod & Betsy decided to marry and reside in Blenheim where Betsy obtained a job in a clothing factory while Rod continued working for Lands & Survey. Their son, Johnny, arrived 3 years after they married and Rod obtained a part-time job as a barman at Barry's Hotel then the Grove Tavern to supplement the family income.

The lease of Barry's Hotel became available and in 1983, Rod took over running the business until March, 1985. At this point, Rod and his family decided to make a move to live in Christchurch as an opportunity came up for him to manage The Golden Mile Tavern at Templeton. The family bought a house at 75 Moffett St, Islington where Betsy's mother lived with them and this is still the house that Rod lives in today. After 2 years, the hotel was sold so Rod moved back north to live and find work near Canvastown but he found steady work hard to come by so after a year up there, he made the move back to Christchurch. He took a temporary job at the Islington Works before taking over as the night manager of the Riccarton Club. In total, Rod stayed on in this role for 8 ½ years until 1997 and said he enjoyed his time there.

It was in 1992 that the family suffered a major tragedy. They were travelling north to Blenheim in separate cars to attend a wedding when Betsy's vehicle left the road near Ward and crashed head-on into a power pole. Sadly, Betsy passed away in Wairau Hospital as a result of the injuries sustained which was a very traumatic time for the family. After returning to Christchurch, the family did the very best to put this tragedy behind them and resume the routine of family life. In 1997, Rod left the Riccarton Club to work at the New Brighton Tavern but it was while playing golf with some of his friends at Hanmer Springs in 1998 that changed Rod's life dramatically.

Rod Boyce Cont:

He was experiencing severe pain behind his right knee which was diagnosed as an aneurism and after 2 weeks of treatment, a decision was made to amputate his leg, above knee.

Rod became involved with the Amputee Society and served in many roles assisting the society and members. In 2013, Rod was granted Life Membership for his services to the local society and he is justifiably proud of this recognition. He continues to attend committee meetings on a regular basis and attends most of our functions. With the aid of a golf cart, Rod still plays golf with his friends on a regular basis and enjoys the company of his fellow golfers. Rod admits that he takes a liking to people who "say what they think" and even if he disagrees, he does not hold any long term grudges.

Favourite food: Admits to being a meat & veggie man but also enjoys trying out the many restaurants in and around Christchurch.

Favourite place: On a 2010 world trip, he visited the highest pub in Scotland but also enjoyed visiting Paris & Hawaii.

Favourite activities: Playing golf and is an avid Karaoke participant (has a good voice and sings regularly)

Favourite music: Country & 60-80's music.

Rod states that Betsy's passing and dealing with his amputation were very difficult times to deal with and the biggest risk that he ever took was taking on the lease of the hotel in Blenheim. Rod's son, Johnny, currently lives in England but returns home to visit Rod and family.

I have personally known Rod for over 10 years and have always enjoyed his company and forthright approach to matters. He has attended many national conferences where his input and fun approach has been most appreciated by many amputees. Many thanks for your many years of wonderful service Rod and I thoroughly enjoyed visiting you in your home to compile this profile. Wishing you many years of happy golfing ahead.

Total Mobility Scheme:

As previously advised in the December newsletter, the committee has decided to withdraw our involvement in the Total Mobility Scheme effective from **February 1st, 2018**. We currently have a database of 63 people under the scheme but only 28 are actual members of our society and the role does require a lot of resource, time & effort to efficiently run the scheme. For existing amputee society members that we look after, **all** will have been transferred to the administration of ECAN as of **February 1st** and there will be **NO CHARGE** for their services to look after members interests in the scheme. You should have received advice from ECAN to this effect.



Justine has been working closely with Sharon at ECAN throughout the process to officially advise all members of the changes and to assist in a smooth transition process. Please make contact with Justine if you have not received any official advice from ECAN.

2018 AGM & SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER:

**Sunday March 18th, 2018 @ Hornby Club
AGM & Lunch..Meet..11am..AGM11.30am
Election of Officers/Rule changes**

AGM
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Sunday March 18th, 2018, we will hold our AGM at The Hornby Club. It would be great to see a good turnout and the meeting itself should take no longer than 15 minutes. We would especially welcome anyone wishing to put their name forward to serve on the committee for the coming year. Remember, volunteers are the MOST important resource any not-for-profit organisations can have.

As per last year, we will dine informally after the AGM in the Bistro where a good selection of meals at very reasonable prices are available. As in previous years, numbers attending have been lower than our Christmas function but we urge you to use this opportunity to renew acquaintances as you **WILL** not "get a job" unless you want to.

It would be appreciated if you could call Margaret by **Friday March 9th** to indicate your attendance, phone 349-7585.



The business of the Annual General Meeting shall include:

- Receiving and considering the Minutes of the last AGM of members.
- Receiving and considering the President's Report on the business of the Society.
- Receiving and considering the Treasurer's Report on the finances of the Society and the Annual Financial Statements.
- Election of Committee Members.
- Any motions received and General business.

SUBSCRIPTIONS DUE.

A reminder that subscriptions (\$10) are now due and it would be appreciated if payment could be made at your earliest convenience. Payment can be made by cheque, online (details on back page) or if making payment at the AGM, please put it in an envelope with your name indicated. A receipt will be issued at a later date. Many thanks for your continued support of the Society.

A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. Police are looking into it.

A short fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.



Rule Changes:

RULE CHANGES.

The committee hereby gives notice that at the AGM on March 18th, 2018, it will move rule changes as detailed below (**highlighted in blue**)

Section 1 Definitions & Interpretation.

1.1 Definitions.

To change District Society to **Regional** Society.

2.2 Objectives and Goals

The objectives of the Society shall be:

- a) To promote in general the interests and well-being of all amputees.
- (b) To co-operate with the Federation and any other **Regional** Society for the purpose of attaining the objects of the Society.

6.3 Financial Year

- (a) The financial year of the Society shall end on 31 December.
- (b) At the Annual General Meeting, the Committee shall submit a Report, Statement of Income and Expenditure for the year, and a Balance Sheet as at **31 December.**

This change is necessitated due to our balance date does not matching our end of year financial date.

Garland Hocking Fund:

In the early 1990's, the Society received a most generous bequest from a member, Garland Hocking. It has always been understood that these funds were available for amputee members to participate in recognised sporting events but the committee has decided that after nearly 30 years on, the criteria for eligibility need to be adapted slightly to meet our amputee members current needs. These changed criteria also need to be in writing hence the change to our rules so that committee members in the future have sound guidelines on which to assess any such application.

The fund is set aside on a secure stand-alone basis as originally intended. This has the advantage of removing the Fund from the general assets of the Society so that each year, the committee must look to raise funds for general activities which in itself clearly demonstrates in the accounts that general funds are required for the continued existence of the Society. The policy for administering the Fund will have the following criteria;

- (a)** To assist any amputee member to participate in any recognised national or international sporting event or any amputee member who is experiencing severe financial hardship.
- (b)** Any such sporting event should be under the direction of Parafed or a national association of standing known to committee members and fully representative of amputee athletes.
- (c)** All applications must be made formally in writing to the committee.
- (d)** The amputee must have been a financial member of the society for a minimum of **2** years and would be expected to remain financial for not less than **3** years after any grant was made.
- (e)** That the maximum amount of any grant made shall not exceed **\$750.**

Inspirational Amputee Story:

In 1994, at the age of 26, French steelworker Phillipe Croizon was working on a steel ladder when he suffered a horrifying electric shock. Despite their best efforts, doctors were forced to amputate all his limbs. While recovering in his hospital bed, he saw a show on television about a woman swimming across the English Channel. The program lifted him out of the depression he had suffered since the incident and he soon began training in earnest. In September of 2010, at the age of 42, Philippe plunged into the Channel off the coast of Kent, England. In under 14 hours, he swam 33.8 kilometres (21 miles), arriving at Cap Gris Nez, France and became the first quadruple amputee ever to swim the English Channel.



In the years since, he has completed many similar swimming challenges around the world. Croizon made headlines again in August 2013, when thieves made off with his high-tech, \$30,000 wheelchair. After he made a public plea, the chair was returned by a man who claimed he had merely taken it for "safekeeping."

In 2011, to mark his fantastic achievements, Philippe was knighted by the Legion of Honour by Nicolas Sarkozy, President of the French Republic.

FUNDRAISER:



The society will be holding a sausage sizzle fundraiser in mid-February and we are looking for some help to work the stand on the day. The fundraiser will be running for the day through until 3.30pm and if you are able to help, we would love to have you on board. Even if you can't assist, please feel free to come down and say hello. Contact Chrissy, 352-0540 if you can help out.

Sunday February 18th at Mitre 10 Mega, Hornby

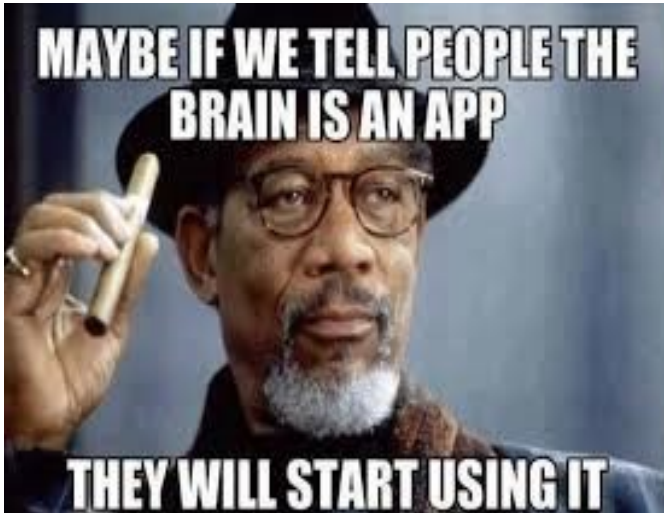
This is a great opportunity for members to provide some assistance, give back to fellow amputees and raise awareness in our community. The last event was a huge success so let's see you there.



Thank you!



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Web Sites

**Amputee Society of
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www.amputeeinfo.co.nz

The Amputees Federation of NZ

www.af.org.nz

NZ Artificial Limb Service

www.nzals.govt.nz

Amputee Information

www.mossresourcenet.org

Parafed Canterbury

www.parafedcanterbury.co.nz

Disability Awareness in Action

www.daa.org.uk

Amputee News

www.amputeenews.com

Disability Rights Commissioner

www.hrc.co.nz

UN Programme on Disability

www.un.org/issues/m-disabl.asp

WEKA-NZ Disability Info

www.weka.govt.nz

**Nation Wide H&D Advocacy
Service – 0800 555050**

**Aspire Canterbury,
Disabilities Information Service**

314 Worcester Street, Christchurch

PO Box 32-074, Christchurch

(03) 366-6189

(03) 379-5939

9.00am - 4.30pm

Email: admin@aspirecanterbury.org.nz

Website: www.aspirecanterbury.org.nz

Kipp's Patch www.kipps-patch.com

International Diabetes Federation

www.idf.org



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Office administrator

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Westpac 03 0830 026 4400 00

**Burwood Hospital
Hydro Pool**



**Wed: 4-30pm-6-30pm
Sundays: 1pm - 2-30pm**

This is with Parafed and there is a \$2.00 charge.



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For any enquiries about becoming involved, anywhere in NZ, please contact Alan Dearden, 03 383-3766.



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