



**THE AMPUTEE ASSOCIATION OF NSW INC
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PHANTOM LIMB PAIN SYMPOSIUM

The Amputee Association of Sydney Inc and The Amputee Association of NSW Inc invite interested amputees and their families and carers to a Phantom Limb Pain Symposium and Working Lunch

Date:	Wednesday, 2 November 2011
Time:	12:00 – 4:30 pm
Venue:	L'Aqua, Cockle Bay Wharf
Cost:	Amputees and their guests - \$20.00 Amputees who are also Association members - free of charge (includes a working buffet lunch & afternoon tea)

The event's theme, *Phantom Limb Pain*, reflects the importance of the often poorly treated phenomenon of phantom limb pain following an amputation. Phantom limb pain is often excruciating and can be resistant to treatment. New approaches, based on a better understanding of the brain's role in pain, may be opening the way to new treatments. After amputation of a limb, an amputee continues to have an awareness of it and to experience sensations from it. Phantom limb sensations are normal but does this mean phantom limb pain is inevitable? Phantom limb pain occurs in a majority of those who lose their limbs, but there is a tendency for a reduction in intensity and duration over time from amputation. For those who have phantom pain, its impact on their day-to-day life is immense. The pain is described in various ways: burning, aching, 'as if my hand is being crushed in a vice,' etc. Words, however, cannot fully encompass the experience of living with such pain.

The three invited speakers have a deep interest in pain science and pain management and are always keen to take on issues, such as phantom limb pain, that are more challenging. Their presentations will address the following plus much more:

- Is it phantom limb pain? or some other pain? or both or neither?
- Basic science and mechanisms of phantom pain
- Is it all in your head?
- Drug and non-drug interventions for phantom pain

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

12:00pm – 1:00pm	<i>Buffet Lunch served in L'Aqua</i>
1:00pm – 1:40pm	Dr Chris Hayes - Director, Hunter Integrated Pain Service and Conjoint Senior Lecturer, School of Medicine and Public Health, Faculty of Health University of Newcastle
1:40pm – 2:20pm	Associate Professor Phil Siddall - Clinical Associate Professor, Anaesthesia and Pain Management, Royal North Shore Hospital (University of Sydney). Head of Spinal Cord Injury Pain (Clinical) Research Laboratory. Principal Research Fellow and Director of Education Program, Pain Management and Research Centre
2:20pm – 3:00pm	Professor Lorimer Moseley - Professor of Clinical Neurosciences and Chair in Physiotherapy, University of South Australia
3:00pm – 3:30pm	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>
3:30pm – 4:30pm	Interactive Panel Session



REGISTRATION FORM

ABN: 35 002 729 606

All figures are in Australian dollars and include GST

Delegate Details:

Surname: _____ Title: _____ Given Name: _____

Organisation: _____

Position: _____

Postal Address: _____

Suburb: _____ State: _____

Country: _____ Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____ Facsimile: _____

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(Required for your confirmation details)

I would like to attend the Phantom Limb Symposium - \$20.00 _____

I am an association member and would like to attend - FOC _____

Additional tickets - \$ 20.00 X _____

Payment Details:

A. Either by **cheque or money order** to

Amputee Association of Sydney Inc.
PO Box 129
Northmead NSW 2152

B. **Direct Deposit:** BSB 062 - 315
 Account 10067393

(Please use first initial and surname in reference field so that we note your payment)

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