



NorthAble Information Update 10/08/2016

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Events – Seminars – Courses – Meetings

Have your say on the strategy that will shape the direction of government agencies on disability issues for the next 10 years. A draft New Zealand Disability Strategy has been written based on an earlier consultation on what people want the future for disabled people in New Zealand to look like. Next, what do people think of the draft strategy and can they suggest changes or improvements? Workshop in Whangarei on Thursday 11 August from 10am to 1pm at the Forum North Conference Centre, 7 Rust Avenue. The draft strategy will be explained and there will be small group discussions about it. Refreshments will be provided. You can sign up now to take part in the workshop on the consultation website: <http://jointheconversation.nz/>

Change the lives of families living in deplorable housing conditions. Home Maintenance Information Meeting - learn how Habitat for Humanity can help with home repairs for low-income families. Spread the word among people you know who work in social services, particularly with families, the elderly, and the disabled. Date: 11 August, 10:00am, Northland Hockey Association, 45 Park Avenue, Kensington, Whangarei RSVP: audreyl@habitat.org.nz

Mental Health Law Conference 2016 on a family violence theme, Auckland Friday August 12. For further information, please email Anne Le'aupepe at No1anzappl@gmail.com or Iris Reuvecamp at iris@vidalaw.co.nz.

Circle of Security Parenting Programme. The next 8 week course starts on Thursday 11th of August 5:30 – 7pm or Friday 12th of August: 10am – 11:30am. At: Jigsaw North, 25 Otaika Road. Whangarei. Programme for re-sensitising parents to their children's needs and re-building trust in parent-child relationships that have suffered trauma. Also excellent for new parents because it gives a clear model for seeing the child's emotional needs and giving the parent confidence in how to meet those needs. Free and fun. Foster carers, new parents, grandparents, parents who've got a number of children, parents who are on the path to getting children back into their care. To Register contact Judi Oliver 09 4388852 Or email Judi at Judi@jigsawnorth.org.nz This program is free to attend.

Austswim Aotearoa presents a free event – Akwa Mate have a go day! 16 August, 1pm-1.45pm, Whangarei Aquatic Centre, Ewing Road, Whangarei. An innovative, interactive and aquatic programme for people who present with a medical condition/disability/ mobility condition and are aged 10-25 years. For more information call 430 4072.

Last chance to register! Kia Noho Rangatira Ai Tātou workshop, on 17-18 August 9.30am-3.30pm at the Flames International Hotel 8 Waverley St, Onerahi, Whangarei. This workshop, for disability support organisations, provides an introduction to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and how to apply it in your day to day practice. It also places the convention in the unique human rights context of Aotearoa. Looking forward to bringing this opportunity to you so if you would like to attend, please register without delay. Te Pou, working with NorthAble and Tiaho offer this two day workshop to disability support providers free of charge. [Click here to register your attendance](#) or for information contact favaux.polima@tepou.co.nz

Dress for Success. \$2 Clothing Sale. 17th, 18th, 19th August. 9.30am to 1.30pm. Assorted women's and men's clothing. Also boutique rail with \$5 special occasion clothing items. 12 Kaka Street, Whangarei, first floor. Cash only.

Understanding Epilepsy seminar in the Brenda Gardner Lounge at the Citizens Advice Bureau, Whangarei on Thursday 18 August 2016 from 10am to 12 noon. This free seminar is a great opportunity in your area to learn more about this condition, what it is, how to recognise seizures, lifestyle management and what to do when someone has a seizure. Phone (09) 4385498 or 0272916869. (Please leave a message) Email: northland@epilepsy.org.nz Public car park at back at building off Vinery Lane via Hunt Street.

Education Legal Issues presentation, from *Disability Connect*. Of interest to families raising a child with a disability in mainstream or special school environments. Central Auckland, Tuesday 23rd August 12-2pm, Disability Connect Premises, 3b Olive Road, Penrose.. Parents/family members free, professionals \$20. RSVP 09 636 0351 or admin@disabilityconnect.org.nz

Maungaturoto Community Meeting. Tuesday August 30, 2 pm at the St Johns Hall. Networking. For information, contact Dianne Dawson, Administrator, Coast to Coast Hauora Trust, 09 423 6006 ext 1.

Parafed Northland Adapted Football Programme. Tuesdays until 6 September. (4.30-5.30pm) at Tikipunga Sports Park, Reed St, Whangarei. Contact Jo Burgess on 027 7059520 or admin@parafednorthland.co.nz This is a great opportunity to play Football and learn new skills. The programme runs for six weeks and is open to 5-21 year olds with a physical impairment - ambulant or use walker/stick for mobility. Invitation is extended to siblings.

WAVES – Suicide bereavement group. Starting in Kerikeri on 5th September. This group is for ages 17+ and is an eight week long group that meets on a Monday night from 6pm – 8pm for two hours and is facilitated by trained professionals. If you are interested please contact Sholay Sunnex at Supporting Families on 0800 789 134 to register or text 0272772368 with name and contact number and we will make contact, this will be a closed group.

Northland Junior Disability Sports Day hosted by Parafed Northland and Halberg Disability Sport Foundation. Date: Wednesday 14 September 2016. Time: 10am - 2pm. Venue: ASB Kensington Stadium, Whangarei. Experience a day of sports, fun and competition! The Northland Junior Disability Sports Day is a great opportunity to test your skills across a range of sports. Open to physically disabled and visually impaired young people (7 - 21 years). To register, contact Jo Burgess on admin@parafednorthland.co.nz or 021 705 9520. For more information, go to www.halbergallsports.co.nz/events. Facebook - search 'Halberg Disability Sport Foundation'.

Alzheimers Northland Memory Walk 2016 We'd love for you to join us to help raise awareness about and de-stigmatise dementia and Alzheimers disease throughout Northland, by joining us on Sunday 18th September, in Kerikeri, Dargaville or Whangarei for the Alzheimers Northland Memory Walk 2016. You can get your very own purple T-shirt from us, absolutely free, to wear when you join us. Just stop at the marquee to collect from one of the Alzheimers Northland volunteers, or pop into the Northland Chamber of Commerce Whangarei (Upstairs in the Old Library, from 13-16 Sept) - you can pick any colour you like (as long as it's purple!) The event is free, family friendly and no registration required. It kicks off at 12 noon in three locations: Kerikeri Domain, Kerikeri; Countdown, Dargaville; Hatea Loop, Whangarei. More information about the 2016 Northland Memory Walks and regional dementia services can be found at <http://www.alzheimers.org.nz/northland> or phone 0800 004 001 toll free.

Seniors expo 2016. Help celebrate: International Day Of Older People. *Support the Needs of Older People in the Far North.* Date: Wednesday, 21st September 2016 . Venue: Te Ahu Centre – Cnr South Road & Matthews Ave, Kaitaia. Time: Open to the public 10:00am – 2:00pm Interested in having a stall at the expo? If you require any further information, contact Age Concern office: by phone (09) 408 2997, or email ageconcernkta@xtra.co.nz.

Child protection workshop "Identifying and responding to vulnerability and child abuse". Length: 1 Day (9am - 4pm). Date: Tuesday 27th September 2016. Location: Whangarei. Venue: People Potential. 17 Keyte Street, Kensington. Cost: \$185 + GST per person. www.childmatters.org.nz. For further information contact Tracey Goodrick—Training Advisor 07 282 0685 / traceyg@childmatters.org.nz

Information of Interest



New! Hospital bed now available in our hire equipment pool. It is part of the extensive range of hire equipment from Equipment Plus. Do you have a visitor coming and need to hire a mobility scooter or wheelchair for a day, a weekend or a month? Or maybe you require the use of a set of crutches or bathroom aids while you recover from an injury or illness. If you would rather hire than buy, then Equipment Plus can help. Contact us to enquire about our range of mobility aids for hire Equipment Plus Shop is open Monday to Friday 8.30am - 5pm and Saturday 9am - 12pm. Located 73 Cnr of John and Dent Street, Whangarei. Phone 09 430 3469.

The New Zealand Blind Cricket Association have appointed Whangarei district resident Maia Lewis to the position of team coach as they prepare for the T20 World Cup in January 2017. Lewis comes with a wealth of experience having played provincial cricket for Canterbury and Wellington as well as international cricket for the White Ferns - including 2 World Cups in her captaincy term. With her contributions to Women's Cricket, it is no surprise she also holds a MNZM (Member of New Zealand Order of Merit). In the field of coaching, Maia is able to bring previous coaching experience from her time with the Auckland Hearts and the Samoan National Women's side, as well as her experience as a White Fern video analyst. It's not just Lewis's cricketing experience that will benefit the team moving forward but also her understanding in the field of disability sport having worked in this area for the past 4 years as a Disability Sport Advisor.

Hearing Dogs NZ Need Recipients. Hearing Dogs NZ has been providing Deaf and hard of hearing people with hearing dogs since 1998. All recipients must fit and accept the criteria for owning a hearing dog. If you are interested, visit <http://www.hearingdogs.org.nz> for more information and how to apply.

Beach Wheelchair for free hire! Tutukaka Surf Experience has a beach wheelchair to loan out to people who require assisted access onto the beach and into the water around the Tutukaka Coast, Whangarei. Kindly donated by Halberg Disability Sport Foundation and the Flight Centre Foundation. To hire, contact Simon Eggington 021 227 0072 email simon@tutukakasurf.co.nz or visit the Tutukaka Surf Experience Shop on Marina Road, Tutukaka.

Fundraiser - LYNKZ is a vocational service for adults with disabilities. They are doing a skydive to raise money to go to Wellington in November. Here's the fundraising link <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/whanauadventureslynkzwellington>

Vulnerable Children's Act: New Zealand has the 5th world child abuse stats in OECD. The following link has detailed guidance on how to carry out the children's worker safety checking required under the Vulnerable Children Act 2014. Link: <http://childrensactionplan.govt.nz/childrens-workforce/safety-checking-and-the-workforce-restriction/how-to-do-safety-checking>

Newsletters across our desk

Infolink: Winter 2016 - stories, news and events for people with disabilities and their family, whanau and carers. News and information for people living with a disability [View here](#) or go to www.lifeunlimited.net.nz

Situations Vacant

NorthAble has a vacancy for a Disability Equipment and Information Consultant (fixed term) – see <http://www.seek.co.nz/Job/31506783>

In the News

The Getting Out There supplement. Northern Advocate. 9 August 2016. A resource for the community that showcases disability organisations and the work they do.

Focus on Northland philanthropist. Northern Advocate. 8 August 2016. A charitable trust, founded by Kerikeri philanthropist Rob Buchanan, that has helped disabled people around the world become mobile will be the topic at a Parkinson's Society Northland meeting in Kerikeri on August 18.

Teen sentenced to care facility after engaging in crime spree. Northern Advocate. 8 August 2016. An intellectually disabled Whangarei teenager who admitted committing a string of burglaries, including breaking into a newly-wed couple's vehicle and stealing their wedding gifts, has been sentenced to a specialist care facility for three years. The 17-year-old was granted permanent name suppression when he appeared for sentencing via audio visual link.

Autistic boy's dismissal hurtful. Sunday Star Times. 7 August 2016. Ahmed said the pre-school cited a lack of funding for the one-on-one attention the boy required. The Ministry of Education said issues could have been resolved.

Wheelchair Basketball: Tough lessons for Troopers. Northern Advocate. 5 August 2016. A clash with the Auckland Wheelbreakers provided Te Raki Troopers a few lessons and valuable experience going forward. Te Raki Troopers succumbed to big defeats in their two matches against two Wheelbreakers sides at ASB Stadium despite valiant performances. They went down 11-53 to the Wheelbreakers top side and 22-48 to their second team. Coach Mark Olivier said it was great experience for his team.

Far too few new homes suit elderly people - lobby group. Radio New Zealand. 4 August 2016. Housing charity Lifemark claims that too few age-friendly homes have been built in Auckland, and has called for 8,000 homes suitable for people with disabilities to be built each year for 10 years.

Swimming supports youngster. Northern News. 3 August 2016. Thursdays are a busy day for Amiria-Kerehi Banks with Riding for the Disabled in the morning and swimming classes in the afternoon. The six-year-old Waima School student has Sacral Dysgenesis, a condition which affects her spine and legs.

Disabled students given overseas exchange chance. Northern Advocate. 2 August 2016. The door will soon be open for Northland and Auckland high school students with disabilities to be trail-blazers in an exchange scheme designed especially to suit them.

CE challenges all leaders to front-up for hard-of-hearing. National Foundation for the Deaf Press Release. 2 August 2016. CE of The National Foundation for the Deaf, Louise Carroll, is challenging all CE's to support their family members, friends, colleagues and staff who are hard-of-hearing by participating in The National Foundation for the Deaf Silent Leadership Challenge event which is held annually.