



## NorthAble Information Update 25/1/2017

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## Events

**Epilepsy support group meeting.** First Tuesday of each month, next meeting 7<sup>th</sup> February. Epilepsy Association of New Zealand Inc Northland Branch invites you to attend a support group meeting in Whangarei: Come along and meet others living with epilepsy. The Northland Epilepsy Educator will be available to provide information and support. Everyone is welcome. Brenda Gardner Lounge, Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB), 71 Bank Street, Whangarei, 10.30am to 12 noon. (morning tea provided). Phone (09) 4385498 or 0272916869 (Please leave a message). Email: [northland@epilepsy.org.nz](mailto:northland@epilepsy.org.nz) Public car park at the back of building. Public car park off Vinery Lane via Hunt Street.

**'Hands on autism' day workshops, Northland 2017.** Are you living or working with a child with autism? This workshop will provide tools and strategies that attendees can easily implement at home, at school and in the community. Term 1, 2017 workshop venues & dates (9am-4pm: **Kaitaia**, Mon, 20 Feb, Te Ahu Centre. **Whangarei**, Tues, 21 Feb, Northland Cricket Pavilion. **Dargaville**, Wed 22 Feb, Lighthouse Function Centre. Topics include: guide to autism, strategies for behaviour, dealing with anxiety, sensory issues relating to autism. Speakers and facilitators: Arletta van den Bosch, (Family & Child Counselling). Gera Verheul (Caf Family Consultant). Christine Farquharson (Occupational Therapist). Northable Whangarei. For a sponsored (free) ticket, please apply for sponsorship on registration. \*\*value per person \$140\*\* Register at [www.autism.org.nz](http://www.autism.org.nz) Email [Enquiry@autism.org.nz](mailto:Enquiry@autism.org.nz) or phone 09 4157406.

**Ruakaka surf day 2017.** Saturday 25th February 2017. For people with disabilities Ruakaka Surf Lifesaving Club, Ruakaka Beach. 10am until 2pm sign in starts at 9am. Registration essential—spaces are limited. For your registration form please contact: Sheryl at Tiaho Trust 0800 430 3406. Or email [sheryl@tiaho.org.nz](mailto:sheryl@tiaho.org.nz). Sausage sizzle for all participants and volunteers. Byo towel, sunblock, sunhat etc.

**Be. Accessible's** Applications for the Be. Leadership Programme 2017 are open now. Visit [www.beaccessible.org.nz/be-leadership/about/](http://www.beaccessible.org.nz/be-leadership/about/) to find out more or to apply go to [www.beaccessible.org.nz/be-leadership/apply/](http://www.beaccessible.org.nz/be-leadership/apply/) Be. Leadership programme advances more accessible society and a dynamic community of leaders who are passionate about accessibility, with the courage to host new conversations. It is a one-of-a-kind programme in New Zealand, taking participants through a year of exploration of different perspectives, questioning, laughter, self-discovery and accessibility-focused leadership.

## Situations vacant

**Vacancy. Part Time Accounts Admin.** Tai Tokerau Emergency Housing Trust. 5 Woods Road, Whangarei 0110. Phone 09 430 8098 Fax: 09 430 0835. 12hrs per week, 9am-1pm Monday to Friday. Must be able to perform all necessary requirements of the job. This position requires you to (a) keep accurate financial and accounting records to meet TTECHT's legislative and reporting requirements and (b) assist with funding applications, report back and requirements and (c) support the Operations Manager to run a welcoming and efficient office.

Skills and Knowledge: Sound accounting knowledge and experience with Quickbooks programme is a must. Good verbal and written communication skills and the ability to keep accurate records. Ability to think innovatively. Ability to work with a wide variety of people including different cultures and backgrounds. If this sounds like You please forward CV to: [ange@emergencyhousing.org.nz](mailto:ange@emergencyhousing.org.nz) Applications Close Wednesday 1 February 2017 at 12pm.

## Information of Interest

**Beach Wheelchair for 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. (\$50 deposit required, with a \$25 refund on return.) If you are interested in hiring the beach wheelchair, please contact: Simon Eggington: Phone 021 227 0072. Email: [simon@tutukakasurf.co.nz](mailto:simon@tutukakasurf.co.nz) or visit the Tutukaka Surf Experience Shop on Marina Road, Tutukaka, Whangarei. This beach wheelchair kindly donated by the Halberg Disability Sport Foundation and the Flight Centre Foundation. For more information, go to [www.halbergallsports.co.nz/events](http://www.halbergallsports.co.nz/events) Or Facebook - search 'Halberg Disability Sport Foundation'

**Roll out the blue carpet.** Access 1 is the NZ distributor for Access Surfaces for beach and recreation areas, a blue beach mat that allows all the opportunity to access the water and recreation areas. Check it out online at [www.access1.co.nz](http://www.access1.co.nz)

**For families with children on the UCB or Orphans Benefit.** W&I non-recoverable grants: Start up fund/payment open for all children in unsupported child benefit Really easy to complete but need to be online. Money is transferred directly into bank account within 10 days if there are no issues. If there are you will be contacted. Only open till the end of February 2017. You will not have to show documentation of what the money was spent on to WINZ although it is recommended for costs of 'school start up'. WINZ website says this payment is to help with the costs that mostly happen at the beginning of the year, in particular pre-school and school-related costs, eg clothing, school fees and stationery. How much you get is based on the child's age at the end of February each year. Apply: [www.workandincome.govt.nz/form/workandincome/govt/nz/form.req?requestType=workandincome-govt-nz-kin-carers-form](http://www.workandincome.govt.nz/form/workandincome/govt/nz/form.req?requestType=workandincome-govt-nz-kin-carers-form)

**Achieve 2B is an inspiring intercultural Exchange Programme** facilitating National and International exchanges for young people with disabilities in New Zealand. Become a host family! [www.achieve2b.org.nz/](http://www.achieve2b.org.nz/) Telephone: 0800 223 822. Email: [info@achieve2b.org.nz](mailto:info@achieve2b.org.nz). Or [www.facebook.com/achieve2b](http://www.facebook.com/achieve2b)

## In the news

**Dubai investigates disabled center over Kim Kardashian visit.** New Zealand Herald. January 24, 2017. A state-owned newspaper in Dubai is reporting that authorities are investigating a center for the disabled after it hosted and publicized a visit by Kim Kardashian West. A story in Tuesday's edition of Emarat Al Youm says the investigation focused on Rashid Center for the Disabled not getting prior approval for the visit by Kardashian West. It also says authorities are concerned about T-shirts bearing Kardashian West's image that were being handed out during the January 16 visit.

**Likely lads on a road trip.** Northern Advocate, 48 Hours, January 21 2017. Disability advocate Jonny Wilkinson's road trip to the wild West Coast. [www.tiaho.org.nz/news/entry/likely-lads-on-a-road-trip](http://www.tiaho.org.nz/news/entry/likely-lads-on-a-road-trip)

**Goal to bring 52 disabled Iraqi children to NZ.** Catholic NZ. January 18 2017. Safety is a commodity that is scarce in Iraq. Project 52, a project launched by the Chaldean Catholic community, aims to provide safety to 52 disabled children in Iraq by eventually having them adopted by families in New Zealand. The project was launched with a gala on November 26 at St Addai church in Papatoetoe. Project 52 is the brainchild of Chaldean Catholic parish priest Fr Douglas Al-Bazi. He served as a priest in Erbil, Iraq before he moved here a few months ago. [www.nzcatholic.org.nz/2017/01/18/goal-bring-52-disabled-iraqi-children-nz/](http://www.nzcatholic.org.nz/2017/01/18/goal-bring-52-disabled-iraqi-children-nz/)

## Got something to share?

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