



NorthAble
DISABILITY SERVICES

NorthAble Information Update 05/04/2017

NorthAble receives information from our many networks which we disseminate through this *Update*. Feel free to share and use this information. For further information or to place a notice, contact:
Phone: 09 430 0988 / 0508 637-200. Email: drc@northable.org.nz.
Facebook: www.facebook.com/NorthAble Web: www.northable.org.nz

Events – Seminars – Courses – Meetings

Tamariki Ora Fund 2017: The Fund is now open for applications until April 17, the deadline for Expressions of Interest. The Tamariki Ora Fund supports grassroots collaborative community projects in the Whangarei/Kaipara Districts with a clear focus on improving the wellbeing and development of tamariki and taitamariki. For more information, please contact: Dr Terryann Clark, Child and Youth Friendly Cities Coordinator at Manaia PHO (09)4381015, 021 294 8354, terryannc@manaiapho.co.nz. Application form see here: www.manaiapho.co.nz/sites/default/files/u5/Health%20Promotion/Tamariki%20Ora%20Fund%20application%20form%202017.pdf

Whanau at the falls: Saturday 28th April, This fantastic family day will be held at Whangarei Falls in Tikipunga. Food and information stalls, Performers and much more. If you would like to perform or have a stall for more information please contact Kathryn by phone on 027 276 6957 or you can email kathrynm@tikihigh.school.nz

Whangarei Parkinson's Support Group: 1st Friday monthly, next meeting 7th April 10.30-midday, The Kamo Club Rooms, Meldrum Street, Kamo. Contact Trisha Ryan, Co-ordinator, Parkinson's Northland, Email northland@parkinsons.org.nz Ph: 09 437 6878.

Kaitia Parkinson's Support Group: 3rd Tuesday every 2nd month, next meeting 18th April. Usually at the Union Parish Hall, 11.00am. Contact Trisha Ryan, Parkinson's Northland. Email northland@parkinsons.org.nz Phone 09 437 6878.

Kerikeri Parkinson's Support: Group every 3rd Thursday monthly, next 20th April, 11am-1pm, St Johns Ambulance Station. Contact Trisha Ryan, Parkinson's Northland at northland@parkinsons.org.nz Ph. 09 437 6878.

Waipu Parkinson's Support Group: 3rd Friday monthly, next meeting 21st, April Waipu Presbyterian Church Hall. Contact Trisha Ryan, Co-ordinator, Parkinson's Northland. Email northland@parkinsons.org.nz Phone 09 437 6878.

NEW! Leg Health Day: 21st/06/2017 from 9:15 – 1:15pm at NorthAble EQ+, 73 John Street, Whangarei. We are excited to announce that our staff are now qualified consultants and able to measure people for Compression stockings and travel stockings. If you are interested in a free no obligation presentation to learn more about the benefits of compression stockings & socks. Bookings essential. There will be a short presentation followed by FREE appointments. Limited appointments available so book your space today! Call 09 430 3469 or 0508 637 200 or pop in!

In the News

CYF struggle to find home for violent, intellectually disable teen: 31/04/2017, Stuff.co.nz. An intellectually disabled teen is heavily sedated in a mental health unit because Child Youth and Family cannot find anywhere else for him to go. He will likely stay in the hospital until a long term placement can be found. <http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/90914065/cyf-struggles-to-find-home-for-violent-intellectually-disabled-teen>

Tetraplegic left bed-bound after breakdown with caregiver agency: 03/04/2017, NZ herald. A worried Auckland mother has been left scrambling to help her tetraplegic son after his caregiver agency pulled its service with no notice. In a move that's been described by those in the industry as "extremely unusual", ACC-funded agency Life Plus pulled its caregiver out of Kellie Aitchison's home on Thursday evening. Aitchison's 25-year-old son, Ben Clifford, has been a tetraplegic since breaking his neck after a dive into a friend's swimming pool went wrong in 2015. First the Aitchison family home had a visit from police, who came to confiscate Clifford's large cannabis supply - a drug he uses to control his pain. Aitchison said a couple of hours after the police left, the caregiver at their Dairy Flat home got a phone call from her manager to leave immediately. After several calls the carer eventually left, in tears, having to leave Clifford with no one at his side. http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11830397

IDEA Services cuts affected support staff vote to strike, union says. 03/04/2017, Stuff.co.nz. More than 95% of IDEA Services support workers have voted walk of the job in protest of stagnant pay talks. About 1433 workers, who work for the national disability provider, voted to strike in secret ballots held in one of 80 stop-work meetings across the country after unsuccessful pay and condition negotiations. <http://www.stuff.co.nz/business/91132254/idea-services-support-staff-vote-to-strike>

Information of interest



NorthAble has a defibrillator at 40 John Street, Whangarei. A defibrillator is an emergency resuscitation tool that provides a shock to the heart in the instance of cardiac arrest. Access to rapid defibrillation is a proven tool in the survival of heart attack victims.

With the recent change to Day Light Savings it is a reminder that winter is on its way. For people living with Arthritis this can mean onset of aches and pains. EQ+ has a large range of supports and equipment to assist with daily living tasks including Arthritis gloves and socks; Air Cycles & Pedal Exercisers; Book Seats; Can and Jar openers and much more – come in and have a browse at our shop at 73 John Street, Whangarei or check out our website www.equipmentplus.org.nz

Remember – We are happy to visit your community group and provide a presentation on Disability Information and a range of our Equipment – Phone 09 430 3469 to discuss.