



NorthAble
DISABILITY SERVICES

NorthAble Information Update 3/05/2017

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Events – Seminars – Courses – Meetings

MAY

5th: Whangarei Parkinson's Support Group 1st Friday monthly, next meeting 5th May 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.

18th: Kerikeri Parkinson's Support Group every 3rd Thursday monthly, next 18th May, 11am-1pm, St Johns Ambulance Station. Contact Trisha Ryan, Parkinson's Northland at northland@parkinsons.org.nz Ph 09 437 6878.

19th: Waipu Parkinson's Support Group 3rd Friday monthly, next meeting 19th May, Waipu Presbyterian Church Hall. Contact Trisha Ryan, Co-ordinator, Parkinson's Northland. Email northland@parkinsons.org.nz Phone 09 437 6878.

24th: Professional Wellness Workshop. Compassion fatigue and burnout can be serious occupational hazards for those in helping professions. Interactive and informative workshop facilitated by registered social worker Julie Steward. Wednesday May 24th, 9.30am – 2.30pm, Anglican Care Centre, Deveron Street, Whangarei. Cost \$60. To register contact Julie on 0212762776 or email julzsteward@gmail.com

31st: Wear Red Day: Why not hold a "wear red day" in your office – for a gold coin donation to MS Northland on May 31st which is World MS Day. For more information call 09 438 394.

JUNE

6th: Epilepsy Support Group. Whangarei, first Tuesday of each month, next meeting 6th June. Come along and meet others living with epilepsy. The Northland Epilepsy Educator available to provide information and support. All welcome. Brenda Gardner Lounge, Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB), 71 Bank Street, Whangarei, 10.30am to 12 noon. Phone (09) 4385498 or 0272916869 (Leave a message). Email: northland@epilepsy.org.nz

8th: Dargaville Parkinson's Support Group 1st Thursday every 2nd month, next meeting 8th June. Usually at 10.00am either at the Community Services Centre Dargaville Hospital or at one of the local Rest Homes, sometimes elsewhere. Contact Trisha Ryan, Co-ordinator, Parkinson's Northland. Email northland@parkinsons.org.nz Phone 09 437 6878.

20th: Kaitaia Parkinson's Support Group. 3rd Tuesday every 2nd month, next meeting 20th June. Usually at the Union Parish Hall, 11.00am. Contact Trisha Ryan, Parkinson's Northland. Email northland@parkinsons.org.nz Phone 09 437 6878.

21st: Leg Health Day. NorthAble EQ+ staff are qualified consultants able to measure people for compression stockings and travel stockings. Book now for a free no obligation presentation to learn more about the benefits of compression stockings and socks. Short presentation followed by FREE appointments on June 21 from 9:15 – 1:15pm at NorthAble EQ+, 73 John Street, Whangarei. Limited appointments available. Book your space by calling 09 430 3469, 0508 637 200 - or pop in!

In the News

Deaf man who was NZ's youngest to get a cochlear implant graduates from University of Auckland. New Zealand Herald. 30 April 2017. Being born totally deaf hasn't stopped a young Auckland man from graduating today with a Master's degree in clinical exercise physiology.

www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11847909

LOCAL. Whangarei care workers go on strike after lack of progress in talks. Northern Advocate. 28 April 2017. Lack of progress in talks over a new collective agreement saw more than 100 carers of Northlanders with intellectual disabilities stage an hour-long strike in Whangarei.

www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11846408

Nicky Wagner on funding and support for autism. Radio NZ. 28 April 2017. Disabilities Issues Minister Nicky Wagner discusses how IHC pulled out of a contract for autistic support programmes, and how "all disability services want more money."

www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/checkpoint/audio/201841937/nicky-wagner-on-funding-and-support-for-autism

Autism families underfunded and undersupported – advocates. Radio NZ. 28 April 2017. A family that gave up full-time work to care for their severely autistic son is receiving just \$46 a week in government support.

www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/checkpoint/audio/201841925/not-enough-funding-or-support-for-autism-in-nz-critics-say

Information of interest

Transforming. The first of a series of workshops on co-designing a new system to transform the disability support system has been held in Wellington. A team of 13 was chosen. It includes five disabled people, two family representatives and two from service organisations. At the first workshop, the team talked about how to include diverse views and ensure everyone has an equal voice throughout the design process, which runs until mid-June. Find out more: www.bit.ly/2opkGDC

Situation vacant at NorthAble: APPLICATIONS EXTENDED Disability Information & Equipment Consultant 0.75FTE, for more information follow the link. <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/33220530>

Van for sale: SUZUKI APV Van for sale \$7500 ono. <http://www.trademe.co.nz/motors/used-cars/suzuki/auction-1297206122.htm>

New training module. A new training module called "No Problem You're Welcome" Customer Services Disability Awareness Training is now available. Produced for businesses, Government Departments and Health Service Providers, it teaches staff excellent Customer Services to their customers/clients with disabilities. For information on having a workshop please contact Tiaho Trust on 430 3406.

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