



NorthAble Information Update 31/05/2017

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In the News

LOCAL. Adapted van stolen and torched. Northern Advocate. 29 May 2017. The theft and torching of a van specially adapted to transport an 8-year-old girl with special needs has been a "kick in the guts" for a Whangarei family. www.nzherald.co.nz/northern-advocate/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503450&objectid=11863980

Schools warn of reduced hours if teacher aides win higher pay. New Zealand Herald. 29 May 2017. Schools say they may be forced to cut the working hours of 20,000 support staff unless the Government provides funding to pay them higher wages. www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11864987

Bone disease makes boy a prisoner in someone else's home. NZ Herald. 29 May 2017. For almost 10 months Emma and Rory Balderston have been waiting for a home - every day is another one they fear their son, who has brittle bone disease, could be fatally injured. www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11863709

Autism NZ weighs into vaccination debate sparked by doctor's protest at film. 1news now. 26 May 2017. "Look, it's very concerning. I guess it's good people trying to get information. But at the end of the day it's got to be balanced, so again, the evidence suggests there is no link between vaccines and autism," said Dane Dougan of Autism NZ www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/autism-nz-weighs-into-vaccination-debate-sparked-doctors-protest-film

LOCAL. Doctor's disabled son 'attacked' by anti-vaccination group. NZ Herald. 25 May 2017. Northland Dr Lance O'Sullivan who supports compulsory immunisation for Kiwi children says his family have been attacked by the anti-vaccination community. www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11862800

Events – Seminars – Courses – Meetings

MAY

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.

31st: Understanding Epilepsy. Covering: What is epilepsy, what causes epilepsy, recognition of seizure types, first aid for seizures, seizure triggers, recording seizures, principles of anti-epileptic medication, life style issues. Wednesday 31 May 2017. Reap Far North, 33 Puckey Ave. Kaitaia. (check with reception whether Seminar or Nikau Room). 10.00am -12.00pm. Phone (09) 4385498 or 0272916869 (Please leave a message) Email: northland@epilepsy.org.nz

31st: Karanga Maha Run by the CCS Disability Action Northern, Karanga Maha provides a platform for whanau hua (whanau with a lived experience of disability) to share their voices and experiences. You and your whanau are invited to come along to our first Karanga Maha community hui in Kaikohe. Kai provided. Kaikohe Senior Citizens Hall, 55 Tawanui Rd, Kaikohe, Wednesday 31 May 2017, 5:00pm – 9:00pm. Queries, contact Robert Nathan (027) 807 9666.

JUNE

2nd: Whangarei Parkinson's Support Group 1st Friday monthly, next meeting 2nd June 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.

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. 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

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7th: Tu Toa Spoken Word Workshops. CCS Disability Action (Northern Region) runs fun-filled workshops where young people learn to create and perform their own stories as poetic monologues. No experience is necessary, all welcome. 4pm - 7:30pm, June 7- Refining workshop. At Whangarei Youth Space, 36 Water Street, Whangarei. To register or any questions, phone project manager Stella Ward 0274 735 879 or email Tim.George@ccsDisabilityAction.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.

8th: Workshop to hear the results of the recent survey undertaken and to share your ideas on ways that the Wilson Home Trust can support children with physical disabilities and their families. This 2 hour workshop will be run on Thursday June 8th in the May Bain Room at the Whangarei central library. RSVP to info@wilsonhometruster.org.nz

9th: Applications close for Blind Foundation Winter Camp 2017 – July school holidays. Winter Camp July 6-9 at Taupo is a fun and exciting opportunity for 8-12 year olds that provides peer support and friendship. Learning outcomes include increased self-confidence, individual growth and development, team-building skills, try new activities, and increase independence. For registration details contact Latesha Sharp, Recreation & Community Advisor, Blind Foundation, Phone: (09) 281 6503. M: 027 808 1148. Email: lsharp@blindfoundation.org.nz

15th: Kerikeri Parkinson's Support Group every 3rd Thursday monthly, next 15th June, 11am-1pm, St Johns Ambulance Station. Contact Trisha Ryan, Parkinson's Northland at northland@parkinsons.org.nz Ph 09 437 6878.

16th: Northland Junior Disability Sports Day 2017. Friday 16 June. The Junior Disability Sports Day is for physically disabled young people, including vision and hearing impaired age 7-21. Wide range of adapted and disability specific sports to try for (Ambulant (able to walk), Wheelchair users, Vision and Hearing impaired). Register through your school, registration forms available at: Leesa Andrewes: sport@parafednorthland.co.nz 021 34 0010 Maia Lewis: maia@halberg.co.nz 021 995 951.

16th: Waipu Parkinson's Support Group 3rd Friday monthly, next meeting 16th June, Waipu Presbyterian Church Hall. Contact Trisha Ryan, Co-ordinator, Parkinson's Northland. Email northland@parkinsons.org.nz Phone 09 437 6878.

19th: Life After Stroke Seminar. Free and all welcome. June 19th 9.30am-12pm, Barge Showgrounds Event Centre, 474 Maunu Road, Whangarei. Contact northland@stroke.org.nz Stroke Foundation NZ.

20th: Kaitaia Parkinson's Support Group. 3rd Tuesday every 2nd month, next meeting 20th June. Usually at the Union Parish Hall, 11am. Contact Trisha Ryan, Parkinson's Northland. Email northland@parkinsons.org.nz Ph 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, call 09 430 3469, 0508 637 200.

27th, 28th: Safeguarding children roadshow will be held in **Whangarei** on June 27th and **Kaitaia** on June 28th. Child Matters and Community Networks Aotearoa are jointly delivering presentations to volunteers and volunteering organisations. Understand roles and responsibilities when engaging with children and get access to resources to assist in developing safe child protection systems and environments. Enrol at www.tfaforms.com/4605186 For more information contact Ros Rice 04 4723364 or eo@communitynetworksaotearoa.org.nz

Situations Vacant

Whangarei Rape Crisis vacancy: Service Coordinator. We are looking for a woman with outstanding people skills, high levels of enthusiasm, strong personal ethics, excellent time management and organizational skills, flexibility, and a determination to deliver high quality services that benefit people in need. The successful applicant will have previous experience working in social service and/or Business Management and/or background in Philanthropic services. Full support (induction, teaching materials etc.) will be provided. This is a role offering 20 hours per week, with a degree of flexibility on your starting hours and days. If you wish to apply for this role, or would like more information please visit our Facebook page. Alternatively contact Maria Vulecich or Rosanna Shortcliffe at Whangarei Rape Crisis for a position description and an application form. Email: whangaireirapecrisisjobs@gmail.com Phone (09) 4386221.