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DISABILITY SERVICES

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Information of Interest

Disability support system transformation workshop update. Minister for Disability Issues Nicky Wagner came to meet members of the co-design team, the second time the Minister has been to these workshops. See www.enablinggoodlives.co.nz/system-transformation/transformation-papers/system-transformation-updates/june-7-workshop/.

In the News

Interview with Grant Wilson, coaching director, Table Tennis NZ. Breakfast TVNZ. 12 June 2017. Tame says a six-week beginner's programme designed to get more disabled children taking part in table tennis is on in Christchurch. Tame says Wilson said there some promising players who emerged from the programme. www.tvnz.co.nz/shows/breakfast/episodes/s2017/e101

Fiji ratifies UN disability convention. RNZ. 10 June 2017. Fiji's Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama has supported ratification for the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. www.radionz.co.nz/news/pacific/332701/fiji-ratifies-un-disability-convention

\$2 billion pay equity settlement bill passes into law. New Zealand Government Press Release. 8 June 2017. This legislation means from 1 July eligible workers will receive pay rises of between 15 and 50%. www.soop.co.nz/stories/PA1706/S00155/2-billion-pay-equity-settlement-bill-passes-into-law.htm

LOCAL QSM honours for Northlanders. Whangarei Leader. 7 June 2017, p3. Ann Muir who lives in Whangarei is acknowledged for her services to bowls and the community. The excited recipient who is in Australia now says she "still can't believe it. I feel very humbled and thank whoever it was that nominated me. However, she continues to teach special needs children part-time, assists with a school lunch programme and provides financial and emotional support to disadvantaged students and their families." www.neighbourly.co.nz/e-edition/whangarei-leader/18239

Teen's death in drain: 'Someone's got to take responsibility'. RNZ. 7 June 2017. Mr Collins said Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board has previously raised the issue of missing drain lids with Auckland Council. He said that should have been a warning sign that something needed to be done. "This is an avoidable tragic accident, it should not have happened in the first place and it's unacceptable that it's happened at this stage for this young person," Mr Collins said. www.radionz.co.nz/news/national/332487/teen-s-death-in-drain-someone-s-got-to-take-responsibility

Young woman's death in Mangere prompts safety questions over Auckland Council drains. NZHerald. 4 June 2017. The fatal accident in Mangere on Saturday has sparked a safety probe from Auckland Council into the drain covers, with questions from the young woman's family over why they were not bolted down. A close relative, who did not want to be named, said the 17-year-old - Violet - was gentle and kind. She was also autistic. www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=1186950

Events – Seminars – Courses – Meetings

JUNE

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. Halberg and Parafed Northland invite people and organisations to come down and have a look at the Northland Junior Disability Sports Day, Friday 16th June from 9am-2pm at both the ASB Stadium and Trigg Arena in Kensington, Whangarei. Range of sports on offer in the morning and then athletics events in the afternoon. A record number of participants registered with over 45 across a range of physical and vision impairments from around Northland.

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 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.

24th: Community Matariki dinner. Ringa Atawhai Trust. Celebrating whanaungatanga. Whangarei Terenga Paraoa Marae, 10 Porowini Ave. Powhiri at 5pm. Saturday 24th June. \$15pp. Dinner & Entertainment! Bookings, Christine Frost 021 209 2794 or Christine@ringaatawhai.org.nz

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. Enrol at www.tfaforms.com/4605186 For more contact Ros Rice 04 4723364 or eo@communitynetworksaotearoa.org.nz

JULY

4th: Epilepsy Support Group. Whangarei, first Tuesday of each month, next meeting 4th July. Come along and meet others living with epilepsy. The Northland Epilepsy Educator available to provide information and support. Brenda Gardner Lounge, Citizens Advice Bureau, 71 Bank Street, Whangarei, 10.30am to 12 noon. Phone (09) 4385498 or 0272916869 Email: northland@epilepsy.org.nz

7th: Whangarei Parkinson's Support Group 1st Friday monthly, next meeting 7th July 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.

19th-20th: Altogether Autism Conference. Transitions #Breakthrough2017 19-20 July. Holiday Inn Auckland Airport. Supporting and empowering autistic people to make successful transitions through sharing. Register at www.altogetherautism.org.nz/conference

27th: Understanding Epilepsy. Free seminar July 27. 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