



NorthAble Information Update 26/07/2017

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Events – Seminars – Courses – Meetings

JULY

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

27th: Schizophrenia Workshop for Family/ Whanau. FREE workshops for family/ whanau on 'Schizophrenia' during the month of July. First workshop will take place Thursday 27th July @2pm up at Multicultural Centre, level 2 of Municipal Building, 71 Bank Street, Whangarei. These take place every consecutive Thursday in July: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th. Contact Supporting Families' Francil – 0800 732825 francil@sfauckland.org.nz

AUGUST

1st: Asberger Syndrome. Partner support group. Whangarei library 10.15 1st Sunday of month Next meeting 1st August. Ph 09 9748025.

1st: Epilepsy Support Group. Whangarei, first Tuesday of each month, next meeting 1st August. 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

In the News

Bill Wrightson, Access Advocate, Has Passed Away, The Dominion Post 22nd July 2017. "He was a leading contributor to the discourse and advocacy of access issues in New Zealand, his premise being that access for disabled people was a human right."... He went on to work initially for Crippled Children's Society (now CCS Disability Action) running its Barrier Free programme, which he directed for eight years. He was behind the conception of the Barrier Free New Zealand Trust, which he chaired for seven years till his death. [A Life Story - Bill Wrightson, disability advocate, dies, 67](#)

Awards for Contributions to the Blind, Massey University Press Release. 21st July 2017. Professor Emeritus Steve La Grow has been awarded the Suterko-Cory Award, for contributions to the field of orientation and mobility for the blind, beyond the borders in which one lives and works. [Professor honoured for contribution to mobility for blind](#)

New Disability System Welcome, IHC Press Release 20th July 2017. "As a service provider (IDEA Services) we are also very keen to find new models of working that provide more flexibility and allow us to continue to tailor services to directly meet people's needs for natural and formal support." [IHC Welcomes Moves Towards a New Disability System](#) "Disabled people are experts in their own lives. They've been the driving force behind this transformation and instrumental in its design. This is a great example of 'nothing about us, without us'." [New disability system a step closer](#)

Terri Johnstone Now Statutory manager for Deaf Education Centre, New Zealand Herald, 22nd July 2017 Ministry of Education deputy secretary Katrina Casey said Christchurch-based human resources consultant Terri Johnstone has been appointed limited statutory manager for the Kelston Deaf Education Centre. [School for deaf put under statutory management](#)

Noell Ratapu is Moving Forward, Gisborne Herald 20th July 2017 "After my visit, I talked to the school and they basically said my being in a wheelchair would make it too hard to cope. ... "It made me feel useless and I gave up on continuing with any type of make-up tuition." [Not letting obstacles hold back her future](#)

Lachlan and his Lady, The Press 24th July 2017. Getting an assistance dog changed 8-year-old Lachlan Carnahan's life "overnight", his dad says. The Christchurch boy has lowtone cerebral palsy, global developmental delay and autism... Its annual Lend a Paw appeal, held from August 6 to 13 this year, aims to raise \$100,000 to provide two more families with an assistance dog. ['Lady' lending a helping paw](#)

Funding Report Released, Press Release Nikau Foundation 20th July 2017. What charities are applying to what grant makers for which projects and who is being funded? The Wellington Funding Mapping Project (WFMP) has released an initial report covering the numbers of successful and unsuccessful grant applications according to sector, project type and target beneficiary group. [Ground-breaking funding research for Wellington](#)

Total Mobility changes in 2017

The Northland Regional Council is implementing the Ridewise system (electronic swipe card system), September/October, replacing the yellow and blue vouchers. By the end of September you should receive your personalised ID swipecard. When you receive your card, please check the card, to ensure your photograph and details are correct. You will be able to use the card as soon as you receive it. The next time you book a journey, please take your swipecard instead of your vouchers. You must present your card at the beginning of your journey. The driver will need to see your card to check your details. At the beginning of the trip the driver will swipe the card through a terminal in the vehicle. At the end of the journey the driver will stop the meter and calculate the subsidy. You will need to pay the remaining taxi fare as you currently do.

Children 11 years and over who meet the Total Mobility criteria are now eligible for the Total mobility scheme. The Whangarei urban boundary restrictions will be lifted and replaced with a maximum subsidised fare.

For more information contact: anitac@nrc.govt.nz

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Equipment Plus News:

Changes to Opening Hours:

The EQ Plus team wish to advise that their opening hours have changed, effective from Tues 18th July.

Mon, Weds, Thurs, Fri 8:30am – 5:00pm

Tues 10:00am-5:00pm (This change to our opening time is to allow for staff meeting and training).

Sat 9:00am-12:00pm

Not open public holidays and long weekends.

Fee Changes:

As from 1st July 2017, we have introduced a 2.75% credit card surcharge fee, to recover bank charges. We are happy to accept standard debit cards, cash, and cheques without any additional charges.

We appreciate your understanding of these changes, and thank you for your ongoing custom.