



**NorthAble**  
DISABILITY SERVICES

## NorthAble Information Update 4/10/2017

NorthAble receives information from our many networks, which we disseminate through this Electronic Weekly Update. Feel free to share and use this information. For further information or to place a notice:

Phone: 09 430 0988 / 0508 637-200.

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/NorthAble](http://www.facebook.com/NorthAble)

Email: [drc@northable.org.nz](mailto:drc@northable.org.nz).

Web: [www.northable.org.nz](http://www.northable.org.nz)

## Events – Seminars – Courses – Meetings

### OCTOBER

**2nd-6<sup>th</sup>. Stroke Awareness Week** [www.stroke.org.nz](http://www.stroke.org.nz)

**6<sup>th</sup> Parkinson's Meet Up:** 10am Guest Speaker Nancy Kareroa-Yorke, Red Cross. Venue Kamo Club Rooms, Meldrum Street, Kamo, Whangarei.

**6<sup>th</sup>. World Cerebral Palsy Day** [www.cerebralpalsy.org.nz](http://www.cerebralpalsy.org.nz)

**7<sup>th</sup>: Kaitia represents.** NorthAble client Hikairo Collins who lives with autism, leaves NZ to compete at the 2017 World Kick Boxing Championships in Spain and the 2017 ICO World Cup in England. Go Hikairo! See [www.givealittle.co.nz/cause/autisticboyfromkaitiatakesontheworld](http://www.givealittle.co.nz/cause/autisticboyfromkaitiatakesontheworld)

**7<sup>th</sup>: Kowhai Sunrise Walk** for Hospice Mid-North. Meet at Hospice office 464 Kerikeri Rd, Kerikeri at 5.30am, for start time of 6am. Information Flyer see [www.sporty.co.nz/asset/downloadasset?id=03f452ba-de0e-4790-a637-6be9f347f489](http://www.sporty.co.nz/asset/downloadasset?id=03f452ba-de0e-4790-a637-6be9f347f489)

**6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. The Blind Week street collection** this Friday and Saturday will raise vital funds for the Blind Foundation. Please donate – look out for the orange buckets in your local area – or donate online at [www.blindweek.org.nz](http://www.blindweek.org.nz)

**6-8<sup>th</sup>.** Team Northland at the 2017 Halberg Junior Disability Games, a three-day sports competition for physically disabled and visually impaired young people held in Auckland. [www.juniordisabilitygames.org.nz/](http://www.juniordisabilitygames.org.nz/)

**10<sup>th</sup>.** World **Mental Health** Day [www.mentalhealth.org.nz](http://www.mentalhealth.org.nz)

**12<sup>th</sup>.** World **Arthritis** Day [www.worldarthritisday.org.nz](http://www.worldarthritisday.org.nz)

**20<sup>th</sup>.** World **Osteoporosis** Day [www.bones.org.nz](http://www.bones.org.nz)

**24<sup>th</sup> United Nations Day** [www.un.org.nz](http://www.un.org.nz)

**26<sup>th</sup>. Parenting Tween & Teens** Course: 12.30pm, 6 weeks. At Jigsaw North, 25 Otaika Road, Whangarei. Contact [cara@jigsawnorth.org.nz](mailto:cara@jigsawnorth.org.nz) or Ph 09 438 8852.

## Fundraising



**DONATIONS WANTED!** Northable Equipment Plus are fundraising to purchase an All-Terrain Buggy to have available for families with children that have a health or physical disability. We still have \$1,500 to raise. If you would like to support this fantastic cause, please email [equipment@northable.org.nz](mailto:equipment@northable.org.nz) or phone Dianne on 09 430 3469.

Read news and information of interest, over....

## In the News

**Rest homes at risk of job cuts, closures:** Nine to Noon on RNZ. 2 October. Rest-home providers claim the knock-on effects from aged care workers' pay equity settlement could lead to job cuts, and closures. [www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/ninetonoon/audio/201860765/rest-homes-at-risk-of-job-cuts-closures](http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/ninetonoon/audio/201860765/rest-homes-at-risk-of-job-cuts-closures)

**'It's quite disheartening'** – teacher frustrated by lack of opportunity in workforce for people with disabilities. TVNZ. 1 October. A community centre in Tauranga is pleading with local businesses to give its students a chance at employment as they say young people with disabilities are constantly being turned away due to the perception of being a safety risk. [www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/its-quite-disheartening-teacher-frustrated-lack-opportunity-in-workforce-people-disabilities](http://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/its-quite-disheartening-teacher-frustrated-lack-opportunity-in-workforce-people-disabilities)

**LOCAL. Special torch to light up Olympic Whangarei.** Northern Advocate. 29 September. Whangarei police will join some of the region's top Special Olympics athletes on Sunday to carry the Special Olympics Flame of Hope through Whangarei's Town Basin. [www.nzherald.co.nz/northern-advocate/sport/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1503448&objectid=11927388](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/northern-advocate/sport/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503448&objectid=11927388)

**David's battle:** 'Who is supposed to take care of him?' RNZ. 28 September. An Auckland mother fears her four-year-old son will be confined to the corner at his crèche, unable to learn, because of what she says is a lack of teacher aides for disabled children. [www.radionz.co.nz/news/national/340392/david-s-battle-who-is-supposed-to-take-care-of-him](http://www.radionz.co.nz/news/national/340392/david-s-battle-who-is-supposed-to-take-care-of-him)

**When your baby has a disability, small triumphs mean the world.** Stuff.co.nz. 28 September. When Jackson was born I thought he was the most beautiful boy I had ever seen. I had no idea that there was anything different about him, and nothing during his first few days gave any reason for concern. He was a few days old when I noticed he seemed to have feeding difficulties. I spoke to Plunket and my GP on multiple occasions, bringing it up again and again as I knew in my gut something was wrong, but I could not get anyone to take me seriously. [www.stuff.co.nz/life-style/parenting/97333860/when-your-baby-has-a-disability-small-triumphs-mean-the-world](http://www.stuff.co.nz/life-style/parenting/97333860/when-your-baby-has-a-disability-small-triumphs-mean-the-world)

**Exclusion of autistic children at school a growing problem - Autism NZ.** Stuff.co.nz. 26 September. Five schools, in five years - and that's just one child with autism. A support group is angry that autistic children are increasingly being excluded from school and wants to see change. [www.stuff.co.nz/life-style/parenting/97269786/exclusion-of-autistic-children-at-school-a-growing-problem--autism-nz](http://www.stuff.co.nz/life-style/parenting/97269786/exclusion-of-autistic-children-at-school-a-growing-problem--autism-nz)

**Autistic Auckland boy left in the cold after multiple exclusions.** Newshub. 26 September. A 10-year-old Auckland boy with autism is stuck at home after being excluded from three schools in the past five years. Advocates say he's just one of hundreds of students living with autism being let down by the education system. [www.newshub.co.nz/home/health/2017/09/autistic-auckland-boy-left-in-the-cold-after-multiple-exclusions.html](http://www.newshub.co.nz/home/health/2017/09/autistic-auckland-boy-left-in-the-cold-after-multiple-exclusions.html)

**'I want to find another school and make friends again' – autistic boy's heart-breaking plea.** TVNZ1. 26 September. The 10-year-old is struggling to get an education, after being excluded from three schools because of behavioural issues. "I just want to find another school and make friends again," Ethan told 1 NEWS. [www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/watch-want-find-another-school-and-make-friends-again-autistic-boys-heart-breaking-plea](http://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/watch-want-find-another-school-and-make-friends-again-autistic-boys-heart-breaking-plea)

## Information of Interest

**Medical pedicures:** Experienced mobile pedicurist offering toenail cutting, corn treatment and care advice. Quality care and service for the housebound, sight impaired, unwell, injured and beneficiaries. Very reasonable rates. Phone Glenys Pinney for an in-home consultation. Ph 09 438 0249 or 0211 542 211.

**Visiting service:** Feeling isolated? Sharon McLeod organises visitors for anyone who is lonely or feels isolated, so if you would like to help or have a visitor please phone Sharon on Tuesdays or Wednesdays. Ph 09 438 8043.