



# NorthAble

DISABILITY SERVICES

## NorthAble Information Update 18/10/2017

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:

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## Events – Seminars – Courses – Meetings

### OCTOBER

**19<sup>th</sup>**. Brain Injury Association Northland Kaitaia meet, 19th October. Email Vicky [northland@brain-injury.org.nz](mailto:northland@brain-injury.org.nz) for more.

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

**27<sup>th</sup> Art and Collectibles Auction.** Hospice fundraiser. Friday 27th October. 5.30pm – 10.30pm. Turner Centre, Kerikeri. Auction - Live music - Wine and canapes - Local artists and celebrities. Support your local hospice. All money stays within the Mid north community. MC Shane Jones, Guest Speaker Eric Rush. Tickets \$35, tables of 10, \$350, available at Hospice mid-northland offices, 464 Kerikeri Rd, Kerikeri or Phone (09) 407 7799 or email [fundraising@hospicemn.org.nz](mailto:fundraising@hospicemn.org.nz)

**29<sup>th</sup> Building the ADHDvantage.** Auckland, 29 October 2017 – an event during ADHD Awareness Month in October. Venue: Ellerslie Events Centre, 80-100 Ascot Avenue, Auckland. With the aim of advancing those in the ADHD community in New Zealand, ADHD NZ brings to you "Building the ADHDvantage" - a conference to support and inform parents and adults living with ADHD, teachers and specialists. Get current insights on ADHD from experts in education, clinical psychology, cognitive research and nutrition. [www.adhdnewzealand.co.nz/adhd-nz-awareness-month.html](http://www.adhdnewzealand.co.nz/adhd-nz-awareness-month.html)

**31<sup>st</sup>. Free FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder) Training** - Kaikohe 31st October, 9.30am-4pm - Memorial Hall. In response to the strong interest from health, community and the justice sector in the mid-north – Northland District Health Board are pleased to offer this FREE training in Kaikohe on 31<sup>st</sup> October. Offering this opportunity to as many as possible. [Click here to book.](#) Remember to include your name(s).

**Until 31<sup>st</sup>. Change Day 2017.** As part of Change Day 2017 Geneva Elevator's Client, Eilish Wilkes, encourages all Kiwis to join her #ChangeDayNZ to pledge to support children in need of care by gifting her book, *Hospital Happenings*, to a child in hospital or a child you know with health concerns. The book gives children the comfort of knowing they're not alone and helps them feel less afraid of hospital visits. Inspired by her own story, Eilish wrote Hospital Happenings from her experience as a two year old when she was diagnosed with an irremovable cancerous brain tumour. To order the \$20 book, go to [www.surveymonkey.com/r/MVGS5TG](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MVGS5TG) For change day information see [www.changeday.kiwi/](http://www.changeday.kiwi/)

## NorthAble News



**Closure:** With Labour weekend approaching, we wish to advise that EQ+ will be closed on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October, and Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of October – we wish you all a safe and enjoyable long weekend and apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.



NorthAble LYNKZ are selling glow products at the Toll Stadium fireworks display. This year the display will be held on Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup> from 5pm. Support LYNKZ – look out for them at their stall or walking through the crowds selling anything and everything that glows so you can glow and watch amazing fireworks!



**Disability Awareness Workshops** Following multiple requests from a number of organisations to provide information and Disability Awareness Training, NorthAble is excited to launch their Disability Awareness Workshops aimed at (but not limited to) staff within NGOs, service providers, allied health providers, government and community agencies. **2017 dates:** Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> November and Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December. Time: 9.00am – 12.30pm (morning tea included) Venue: NorthAble Disability Services, 40 John Street, Whangarei. Cost: \$65.00 per person, or \$50 per person if 3 or more attend from one organisation. For bookings/information, contact Raewyn Fowlie or Cheyenne Harris ph 09 4300988, email [northable@northable.org.nz](mailto:northable@northable.org.nz)

## In the news

**Universal design with urbanist Bill McKay.** Nine to noon – RNZ. 16 October 2017. Bill McKay is Senior Lecturer in the School of Architecture and Planning at the University of Auckland talks about universal design. Life is getting faster and more complicated but how easy are we making it to navigate the urban environment? [www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/ninetonoon/audio/2018618004/urbanist-bill-mckay](http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/ninetonoon/audio/2018618004/urbanist-bill-mckay)

**'Special' Kiwi grandparents raise disabled teen.** Newshub. 15 October 2017. At first, Ms Herbert and her husband didn't know they had a grandson. They found out after a phone call telling them Ryan was in hospital. The eight-month-old baby had been "shaken" by someone outside the family. Bruce Hopkins started walking the length of the country on Sunday to raise the money. He's hoping to give back to grandparents like Ms Herbert. [www.newshub.co.nz/home/new-zealand/2017/10/special-kiwi-grandparents-raise-disabled-teen.html](http://www.newshub.co.nz/home/new-zealand/2017/10/special-kiwi-grandparents-raise-disabled-teen.html)

**Starship children's hospital celebrates 25 years of life-saving magic.** NZ Herald. 15 October 2017. Kylie says she and husband, Simon, were really grateful to the ED staff who "took the time to investigate - and how lucky we are they did." [www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1&objectid=11930616](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11930616)

**Accommodating the disabled an 'untapped' market: tourism experts.** Stuff.co.nz. 15 October 2017. Sudima Hotel and Resorts director of operations Les Morgan said it would benefit everyone if tourist destinations became more accessible including better wheelchair access, making information more accessible online or catering for the hearing or sight impaired. [www.stuff.co.nz/business/97747189/accommodating-the-disabled-an-untapped-market-tourism-experts](http://www.stuff.co.nz/business/97747189/accommodating-the-disabled-an-untapped-market-tourism-experts)

**A new app is being tested in Wellington and Christchurch.** TVNZ1. 13 October 2017. A new app is being tested in Wellington and Christchurch, allowing the public to report those illegally parked in mobility spaces. A new survey shows 17% of drivers used a mobility carpark when they had no mobility impairment. [www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/new-app-report-abusers-mobility-car-parks-great-says-disabled-man](http://www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/new-app-report-abusers-mobility-car-parks-great-says-disabled-man)

**New tech improves daily life for blind community.** RNZ. 13 October 2017. The reader is about the size of a modem and has been around for some time but this one will cost around \$700 instead of thousands. The Blind Foundation has worked alongside international organisations to come up with the cost-effective solution to read online material. [www.radionz.co.nz/news/media-technology/341470/new-tech-improves-daily-life-for-blind-community](http://www.radionz.co.nz/news/media-technology/341470/new-tech-improves-daily-life-for-blind-community)

**Vibration therapy trial offers hope.** New Zealand Herald. 13 October 2017. A vibration-based therapy being trialled in Auckland could help people with cerebral palsy. [www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1&objectid=11932326](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11932326)

**Interview with Spectrum Playgroup representative.** Radio NZ. 12 October 2017. After an autism diagnosis, parents asks 'What next?'- often the answer is 'Waiting list', says Cat Noakes-Duncan who set up a playgroup with a difference. [www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/ninetonoon/audio/2018617601/spectrum-playgroup-a-special-place-for-kids-with-autism](http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/ninetonoon/audio/2018617601/spectrum-playgroup-a-special-place-for-kids-with-autism)

**LOCAL! Bench Press: Katrina Barrett among Northlanders to lift strong at national champs.** NorthAble NASC Service Coordinator Katrina Bennett showed her lifting chops by taking out the open 84+kg category with her 100kg bench. [www.nzherald.co.nz/northern-advocate/sport/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=1503448&objectid=11931149](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/northern-advocate/sport/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503448&objectid=11931149)

**LOCAL! Course helps those with a disability into the work force.** Whangarei Leader. 10 October 2017. Krissy Gain, national coordinator of the programme for IHC's IDEA services, says like any other teenager, those with an intellectual disability also need support to transition to the workforce. "The paid aspect is so important because it provides participants with some much needed independence and sense of being valued for the work they do." [www.stuff.co.nz/auckland/local-news/northland/97610408/course-helps-those-with-a-disability-into-the-work-force](http://www.stuff.co.nz/auckland/local-news/northland/97610408/course-helps-those-with-a-disability-into-the-work-force)

**Kids excluded from school 'crying for help'.** Radio NZ. 10 October 2017. Children with high needs, such as autism, are being denied a full and fair education due to a lack of specialised teacher training and resources, parents and educators say. [www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/checkpoint/audio/2018617358/kids-excluded-from-school-crying-for-help](http://www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/checkpoint/audio/2018617358/kids-excluded-from-school-crying-for-help)

## Situations Vacant

**Equipment & Information Sales Consultant.** 0.75FTE (30 hours p/wk) [www.seek.co.nz/job/34608074](http://www.seek.co.nz/job/34608074)

**Contract Navigators for the Kaipara & Mid/Far North** First, email Raewyn.Fowle@northable.org.nz for information prior to submitting an expression of interest and your CV by Friday, 20th October. An information forum and training day will take place in Whangarei on Thursday, 26th October. Ph (09) 430 0988 or +64 27 4300 167. See [www.ens.nz](http://www.ens.nz)