



NorthAble
DISABILITY SERVICES

NorthAble Information Update 1/11/2017

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Events – Seminars – Courses – Meetings

NOVEMBER

1-7th. Parkinson's Society Awareness and Appeal Week www.parkinsons.org.nz

1-30th. Epilepsy NZ 'Talk about it' campaign month www.epilepsy.org.nz

4th. NorthAble LYNKZ at the Toll Stadium fireworks display selling glow products. This year the display will be held on Saturday November 4th 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!

6th. The Northland Division of Parkinson's New Zealand are proud to be presenting a seminar "200 years, is it too Long to discover a cure for Parkinson's?" With Guest Speakers Barry Snow - Clinical Neurologist and Parkinson's Disease authority & Adele McMahon - Movement Disorder Nurse Specialist. Venue: Forum North, Exhibition Hall, Rust Avenue, Whangarei Central. Time: 2.30pm – 3.15pm Afternoon Tea 3.30pm – 4.30pm. Monday 6th November Entry by gold coin Donation for Parkinson's Northland Society. Fundraising raffle, & calendars for sale. Please RSVP to Trisha Ryan, Co-ordinator for the Northland Division Email; northland@parkinsons.org.nz or phone 09 437 6878.

8th: Kaitaia Seniors' Expo. Wednesday November 8. Te Ahu Centre Kaitaia. 10am-2pm. Everyone welcome. Donation entry. A one-stop information expo for seniors. Ph 0800 430 3406 or 09 408 2997.

7th. Living with epilepsy? Come along and meet others. Brenda Gardner Lounge Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB), 71 Bank Street, Whangarei. 10.30am to 12 noon. Phone (09) 4385498 or 0272916869. Email: northland@epilepsy.org.nz

8th. Age Concern Senior's expo. Kaitaia 8th November 2017. A one-stop information shop for seniors. Donation entry. Held at the Te Ahu Centre, Kaitaia from 10am until 2pm. Contact Age Concern Kaitaia and District 09 408 2997.

8th. Epilepsy - parent's support group in Whangarei. Every second Wednesday of the month in 2017. Come along and meet other families living with epilepsy. Morning tea provided, toys available for your children to play with. Lounge 3, (next to the Toy Library), Central Baptist Church, 202 Bank Street, Whangarei. 10.30am to 12 noon. Contact Margaret Dunn Phone (09) 4385498 or 0272916869 or email: northland@epilepsy.org.nz

8th & every Wednesday. Agewell. 9am to 12pm at Senior Citizens Hall, Kaikohe. Expect a speaker and activities and trips. Lions van will pick people up. Contact Diane 09 405 2248 or 027 7140430 dianekathleen18@gmail.com

9th. Disability Awareness Workshops. NorthAble is excited to launch the first of their Disability Awareness Workshops aimed at (but not limited to) staff within NGOs, service providers, allied health providers, government and community agencies. Thursday, 9th November. 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

9th. Epilepsy Information Seminar Kaikohe: contact Margaret Dunn 09 438 5498 or northland@epilepsy.org.nz

10th. Kaikohe Stroke group meeting 10th of month, 10.30am, Malahi Café, Kaikohe. Stroke people, families and carers.

10-11th. NorthAble EQ+ display at Bay of Islands A&P Show Waimate North. See you there!

16th. Understanding Autism' and 'Social Skills' workshops. Children's Autism Family Consultants, Arletta van den Bosch (Child and Family Counsellor), Christine Farquharson (NZROT) and Gera Verheul will be in Whangarei to present our 'Understanding Autism' and 'Social Skills' workshops. In this interactive 3 hour workshop, you will gain knowledge about the autism spectrum and how you can best support a young person, as a parent/carer or a professional. 16 November, 9am – 12 pm at NorthAble, 40 John St, Whangarei. FREE for families and carers that register or \$40 for professionals (unless you bring a family with you). enquiry@autism.org.nz

30th Nov- 5th Dec. Disability Pride Week 2017 is happening around New Zealand this year from November 30 to December 5 2017. Disability Pride Week is about bringing disabled people together to celebrate their common humanity through a variety of activities, sharing our stories and our creativity. Contact nick@ruane.co.nz for more information, to register your event, have it promoted on the web and receive resources. Facebook: Disability Pride Week Aotearoa.

In the news

Golden Kiwi sportsman switches code to push his limits in New York marathon. NZ Herald. 1 November 2017. Gold-medal winner Dan Buckingham is taking a break from wheelchair rugby, to have a crack at the New York Marathon. Buckingham, 37, general manager of television production company Attitude Pictures, was a member of the Wheel Blacks, the New Zealand wheelchair rugby team, when they won gold at the 2004 Athens Paralympics. www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11939026

'When my mum died I blamed myself a lot' – Liam Malone. TVNZ. 29 October 2017. Before he was the successful athlete we know today, he too battled anxiety, starting when he started getting teased about his artificial legs. www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/watch-my-mum-died-blamed-myself-lot-liam-malone-opens-up-his-battle-anxiety-and-personal-challenges

Waterboy aims to grow participation. Maori TV. 29 October 2017. A non-profit organisation called The Waterboy which aims to help New Zealanders of all backgrounds to seek the benefits of participating in sport, took their message to NZ's largest marathon. www.maoritelevision.com/news/regional/waterboy-organisation-aims-grow-sports-participation

Parking company apologises after woman, 80, fined in parking permit mix-up. NZ Herald. 29 October 2017. A private parking enforcement company has apologised to an 80-year-old woman after they ticketed her for parking in a mobility space - even though she has a valid permit. www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11937517

LOCAL. Culture Club. Jonny Wilkinson for Northern Advocate. 28 October 2017. Last week I was a judge at a talent show run by the LYNKZ programme, a Northable quality day programme for people with disabilities and impairments. I have been a judge at this annual event for a number of years. I am always humbled by the passionate supportive culture on display at these events. One needs to be there to see this different, relatively new phenomenon of disability culture. www.nzherald.co.nz/northern-advocate/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503450&objectid=11938596

Visually impaired painter sheds light on 'invisible disability'. NZ Herald. 27 October 2017. "Growing up I wished I was fully blind because then people would understand...because I can see a little people don't understand." But earlier this year when she moved back to Whanganui disability support service AccessAbility cut her funding and all her support tumbled and she fell into a dark hole. www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11937090

LOCAL. Council to consider parking for elderly. Northland Age. 26 October 2017. The position and number of disabled parking spaces in all the district's townships were under review, in liaison with Disability Action Group and the council's road safety engineer to ensure that there were sufficient appropriately positioned and formally scheduled spaces. www.nzherald.co.nz/northland-age/news/headlines.cfm?c_id=1503402

Changes to Whangarei Total Mobility Scheme. Northland Regional Council Press Release. 26 October 2017. A new electronic swipe card system dubbed 'Ridewise' will be introduced locally in November to replace the existing labour-intensive and paper-based system. It will make things easier for both users and drivers, make administration more efficient and data collection better. www.scoop.co.nz/stories/AK1710/S00523/changes-to-whangarei-total-mobility-scheme.htm

Move to deport disabled Fijian man put on hold. RNZ News. 26 October 2017. "Whilst the officials are preparing that information there is no risk of Sagar being deported. Once the case file has been prepared then we'll have an opportunity to review the decision. www.radionz.co.nz/news/national/342433/move-to-deport-disabled-fijian-man-put-on-hold

New government ministers revealed. RNZ. October 25 2017. Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern, announced the Cabinet line-up. Portfolios include: Minister for Social Development and Minister for Disability Issues, Carmel Sepuloni; Minister of Health, David Clark; Minister of Education, Chris Hipkins; Minister for Children, Tracey Martin; Minister for Community and Voluntary Sector, Youth and Whanau Ora – Peeni Henare (Outside of Cabinet); Minister of Employment, Willie Jackson (Outside of Cabinet). www.radionz.co.nz/news/political/342329/new-government-ministers-revealed

Parking warden act of kindness draws praise. Northland Age. 12 October 2017. A parking warden who assisted an elderly gentleman in Kerikeri has drawn praise. He had driven to town for a doctor's appointment and could not remember where he had parked. www.nzherald.co.nz/northlandage/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503402&objectid=11932152
