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DISABILITY SERVICES

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Events and information of interest

Business as usual. After the Christmas and New Year break, NorthAble's main office, the EQ+ shop and the EQ+ shop have returned to normal work hours.

New website seeks ideas from users. A new national website is asking users what they want to be able to find out about when it comes to disability in a new campaign called #AskFirstport. The recently launched Firstport website currently provides information, tips and advice to users about a whole range of topics including funding assistance, education, grants and subsidies and support groups. But the site wants to widen its offering by asking users what else they want to know about and what topics they want to see featured. The campaign is running from the 11th January until the 12th February. To get involved you can go to @FirstportNZ on Twitter or Facebook and take part using the hashtag #AskFirstport. You can also visit www.firstport.co.nz/askfirstport for more information about how you can contribute.

Medico pak. Do you or a loved one have a lot of medication to take? Have trouble remembering when to take your medication? Right medicine, right dose, right time, with Medico Pak. See www.medicopak.co.nz or ask your pharmacy.

Have your say on transport. The Regional Transport Committee for Northland, is seeking feedback on a three-year review of the region's land transport plan – effectively the blueprint for transport spending across Northland and our bid for central government transport funding assistance. The plan details local roading projects proposed by Northland's three district councils, state highway projects put forward by the NZ Transport Agency, and strategic projects and public transport matters dealt with by Northland Regional Council. Next 'Have Your Say' events are: Kaitiāia: Wednesday, 17 January, 10am–12pm, Te Ahu Centre. Kerikeri: Wed, 17 January, 3pm–5pm, Kingston House. To find out more – and to have your say – visit www.nrc.govt.nz/transportplan. If you need help, call us on 0800 002 004. Feedback closes 4pm, Wednesday 31 January 2018.

Situation Vacant: Jigsaw North Family Services in Whangarei is looking for a self motivated and experienced social worker to join our dynamic and friendly team. A part time (21 hours) social work vacancy at Jigsaw North Family Services – Manaaki Whanau. Applications close next Monday 22 January. Awesome place to work, role is Lead Professional Children's Team as well as other family social work. Contact contact@jigsawnorth.org.nz for a job description, application form and further information. Applications must include C.V., application form and cover letter. Closing date Monday 22 January 2018 midday.

NZSL Week 2018 is coming! Applications are now open for Taster Class Tutors! Find out more and apply at nzslweek.org.nz Be quick, applications close January 31st!

Māori stroke prevention needs assessment. The Stroke Foundation of New Zealand invite you to contribute to the Māori stroke prevention needs assessment for the Far North region. Date: Tuesday 13th February 2018. Time: 9.30 – 12.30pm. Venue: REAP Far North. 33 Puckey Ave, Kaitiāia. Complete registration form and RSVP by Friday 2nd February 2018. E: nita.brown@stroke.org.nz P: (04) 815 8970. M: 027 556 9997.

In the news

Disabled man assaulted, waits six days for cops. Radio New Zealand. 16/1/18. A disabled man who says he was assaulted in his own home waited six days to be formally interviewed by police - and even then he had to make the hour-long drive to the nearest station. www.radionz.co.nz/news/national/348182/disabled-man-assaulted-waits-six-days-for-cops

Attitudes to young disabled 'must change'. NZCity-11/01/2018 The case of an autistic boy moving schools to escape bullying shows attitudes towards children with disabilities must change, the Human Rights Commission says. <http://home.nzcity.co.nz/news/article.aspx?id=262344>

Black Ferns speedster Portia Woodman finalist in Halberg Awards. New Zealand Herald.11/01/2018 Portia Woodman is up for yet another award after being named as a finalist at the 55th Halberg Awards. The Kaikohe winger is in the running for the High Performance Sport New Zealand Sportswoman of the Year after a superlative year of rugby. www.nzherald.co.nz/northern-advocate/sport/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503448&objectid=11973163

Community services provider seeks funds. Stuff.co.nz. 10/01/2018. An organisation which provides services for people with mental health issues, disabilities and gaining employment is seeking community support. Northpoint Services Trust general manager Mark Turner says the Ministry of Social Development who fund the organisation increased their focus on clients being out and about in the community. www.stuff.co.nz/auckland/local-news/northland/100504186/community-services-provider-seeks-funds

Your letters: Laziness is not a disability. New Zealand Herald-10/01/2018 As a legitimate, fee-paying, card-carrying disabled park user, I find myself more and more annoyed to find fit, able-bodied motorists parked in the disability carparks. www.nzherald.co.nz/wanganui-chronicle/opinion/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503423&objectid=11972800

Woman with intellectual disability reported missing in Auckland. One News Now. 8/1/2018. Elisapeta Soli was last seen January 6 at 7am at her home in Pakuranga Heights. www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/woman-intellectual-disability-reported-missing-in-auckland

Kush Coffee removes ableist 'joke' about women in wheelchairs. NZ Herald. 6/1/2018. A cafe owner has come under fire for a chalk sign message meant to be a joke, but which has instead attracted criticism. The message at Kush Coffee in Nelson read: "My girlfriend left me after I sold her wheelchair... but she'll come crawling back". www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11970625

NZ squad for inaugural Physical Disability Rugby League test. Scoop.co.nz-4/01/2018. The inaugural New Zealand Physical Disability Rugby League team has been selected for a three test series against Australia and Commonwealth All Stars at the Commonwealth Championships 2018. This is the first time physical disability has been included. www.scoop.co.nz/stories/CU1801/S00016/nz-squad-for-inaugural-physical-disability-rugby-league-test.htm

LOCAL. Renowned doctor dies. Northern Advocate. 3/01/2018. Renowned former paediatrician and longtime Whangarei resident Donald Beasley has died. Mr Beasley died on December 27, aged 97, at Jane Mander Retirement Village, Whangarei. He was a former international president of IHC New Zealand and a powerful advocate for the intellectually disabled. Mr Beasley was former chairman of the Northland Hospital and Northland Area Health Boards. He was also foundation chairman of the elderly persons' housing scheme, Abbeyfield Whangarei Inc. www.nzherald.co.nz/northern-advocate/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503450&objectid=11969106

