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DISABILITY SERVICES

NorthAble Information Update 31/1/2018

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In the news

Disabled children 'front of queue' for government funding. RNZ Nine to Noon. 29 January 2018. Children with disabilities and behavioural problems are at the front of the queue for increased government funding, Education Minister Chris Hipkins says. That means putting more money into the learning support system," he said. www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/ninetonoon/audio/2018629781/disabled-children-front-of-queue-for-government-funding

Disability group seeks better disaster planning. Radio NZ. 29 January 2018. The head of the Pacific Disability Forum in Fiji says recent natural disasters highlight the need for aid agencies to consider how they help people with disabilities during emergencies. www.radionz.co.nz/international/pacific-news/349114/disability-groups-seeks-better-disaster-planning

A class act: In praise of teachers. NZ Herald. 28 January 2018. Ten years ago, completing school was a distant dream for Alexia Russell's son, Jackson. His autism seemed certain to see him labelled a problem child. But the family struck gold in a small Auckland school and thanks to the teachers there found dignity, hope and power. Today, Jackson's proud mum tells his story. www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=11980482

How Eisha Oberoi overcame depression to build an \$11 million business. Stuff. 26 January 2018. Oberoi, an Australian woman, overcame depression to found Afea Care Services in 2008. They provide personal care, social support, meal preparation, transport assistance and other services. www.stuff.co.nz/business/world/100943198/how-eshia-oberoi-overcame-depression-to-build-an-11-million-business

Woman with multiple sclerosis dies after overheating, sparking warning about heat from Chief Coroner. One News. 26 January 2018. "Following this death, I feel it is important to remind people of the dangers of overheating due to the high temperatures expected in the coming days and to take all necessary precautions," Judge Deborah Marshall said. www.tvnz.co.nz/one-news/new-zealand/woman-multiple-sclerosis-dies-after-overheating-in-christchurch-sparking-warning-heat-chief-coroner

Nothing off table for Govt's mental health inquiry. NZ herald. January 24 2018. The national mental health enquiry, to be headed by former Health and Disability Commissioner Ron Paterson, will look at issues related to mental health, such as poverty, family violence and media influence. This is one of 17 goals on the Government's 100-day plan.

LOCAL. Health provider seeks funding. Northern News, Kaikohe. 17 January 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

Events

JANUARY

NZSL Week 2018 is coming! Applications are now open for Taster Class Tutors! Hurry! Applications close soon, the deadline is today, 31 January 2018. Find out more and apply at www.nzslweek.org.nz

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. 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.

FEBRUARY

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, Kaitaia. Complete registration form and RSVP by Friday 2nd February 2018. E: nita.brown@stroke.org.nz P: (04) 815 8970. M: 027 556 9997.

NZ Human Rights Universal Periodic Review local opportunity **Kaitaia** 20 February 10am-12pm. Location TBC, New Zealand participates in a five-yearly Universal Periodic Review in the UN Human Rights Council for a report which will cover New Zealand's progress on a broad range of human rights issues. Seeking views from New Zealanders, with a strong focus on youth engagement, on New Zealand's progress on the human rights issues that are important to them. Contact UPR2019@mfat.govt.nz if you have any queries.

Outward Bound – course spaces available Outward Bound have spaces available on two of its upcoming eight-day Horizon's Course specifically designed for people with a disability aged 18+. This course includes various outdoor activities which are designed to provide different learning opportunities and help participants improve their confidence, independence and team work skills. **Course Dates:** Thursday 15 February – Thursday 22 February 2018, Sunday 20 May – Sunday 27 May 2018. Full funding is available to all Work and Income clients and internal sponsorship is also available. To find out more www.outwardbound.co.nz/courses/horizons/ or email: lhealy@outwardbound.co.nz

Northland Pasifika Fusion Festival 2018. Saturday 24 February 2018 10am-3pm. Accessible celebration of food, music, arts of the Pacific in Tai Tokerau. Join for the day with a line-up of local talent on the stage, a variety of stalls and information and services and a vibe you can't get anywhere else. www.facebook.com/northlandpasifikafusionfestival/

MARCH

Whangarei Youth Space Talks 2018. 12 March 2018 at Forum North, Whangarei. 12.30pm-5pm This is going to be an awesome afternoon for Youth Workers to hear directly from the Commissioner for Children and the Minister of Youth about their vision for youth in Northland. Don't miss out on starting your year with some inspiring thinking, save a spot by emailing WYSTalks@youthspace.co.nz Enquiries ph 09 972 7248. Tickets \$30 available from www.youthspace.co.nz

Ruakaka Surf day 2018. For people with disabilities Ruakaka Surf Lifesaving Club, Ruakaka Beach Registration essential—spaces are limited. Saturday 3rd March 2018, 10am until 2pm - Sign in starts at 9am For your registration form please contact: Arlene at Tiaho Trust 430-3406 or email arlene@tiaho.org.nz

information of interest

Pacific Mental Health and Addiction Scholarships. Le Va's 2018 Pacific Mental Health and Addictions Scholarships are open. These scholarships are part of the Futures That Work programme: growing and upskilling the Pasifika workforce. It includes mentoring, coaching and cultural support options. Apply on line at www.leva.co.nz/training-education/scholarships

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. 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.

Could your organisation benefit from a Social Work Student Intern? Massey University are offering the chance for organisations to take on a Bachelor of Social Work or a Masters in Applied Social Work student. Placements are scheduled for: **BSW (third and fourth Year students): 60 days between July - October (480 hours).** **MAppSW: 60 days between April - November (480 hours).** For more information, email M.Moffat@massey.ac.nz.

Pasifika Public Health Workforce Grants. The purpose of these grants is to grow the size and skills of the Pasifika public health workforce. If you work in public health, and want to upskill – or have plans to – then these grants could be for you. Receive support from Le Va to help with your fees or course related costs. www.leva.co.nz/training-education/publichealthworkforcegrants

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.

Newsletters

Parkinson's Northland Newsletter January 2018 has information on activities coming up including Parkinson's Northland Whangarei Morning Tea 2nd February 10.30 – 12 noon The Kamo Club Rooms, Meldrum Street, Kamo. This is an important meeting in regards to Restructure of Parkinson's NZ. See www.parkinsons.org.nz/our-divisions/northland