



NorthAble
DISABILITY SERVICES

NorthAble Information Update 7/03/2018

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In the news

LOCAL. Plea to change 'how people are treated'. Northern Advocate. 6/3/18. For almost 20 years, families of the severely disabled have been fighting to look after their loved ones at home, and to be paid for it. Now, the battle is going beyond the courts. What the families really want is a law change, and a fairer policy, so no one else has to go through what they have endured. Case studies of Sushila and Royd Butt, Kaitaia; June Rameka and Maraea Waitoa, Taupo.

www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12005044

Caregivers going to court for disabled care pay. RNZ. 6/3/2018. Another group of caregivers is going to court to be paid to care for their disabled adult children or spouse. The King case dates back to 2008 and involves 13 plaintiffs from seven families who cared for their disabled child or spouse without being paid between 2002 -2012.

www.radionz.co.nz/news/national/351944/caregivers-going-to-court-for-disabled-care-pay

National claims disability access issues will undermine nationwide census results. Stuff. 6/3/2018. The Opposition claims the results of the 2018 census are likely to be "skewed" because of difficulties disabled people are having accessing the online forms. www.stuff.co.nz/business/102013374/national-claims-disability-access-issues-will-undermine-nationwide-census-results

Mother who took Health Ministry to court refuses offer. RNZ. 5/3/2018 Mrs Moody rejected an offer to pay her for 17 hours a week at the minimum wage and took the Ministry of Health to court, seeking the maximum of 40 hours a week. www.scoop.co.nz/stories/HL1803/S00027/mother-who-took-health-ministry-to-court-refuses-offer.htm

Using music to develop skills. RNZ. 27/2/2018. In a few days it'll be World Music Therapy Day - no idea what that is? It's a field of study dedicated to using music to help those with learning or mental disabilities.

www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/afternoons/audio/2018633895/using-music-to-develop-skills

Events

MARCH

Registrations for FREE NZSL Taster Classes are open... now! These classes will run throughout May this year at a venue of your choosing, and are for businesses, healthcare providers, organisations, clubs, marae and more! Click the link below for more information and to register: www.nzslweek.org.nz

Intimate Encounters - until March 24th. The Shutter Room in association with the Tiaho Trust is proud to announce the opening of an important exhibition: Intimate Encounters: Disability and Sexuality, featuring the photography of Belinda Mason-Lovering, whose work highlights the fact that disability does not prevent or preclude sexuality. Selected images from this internationally critically acclaimed exhibition will be on display at The Shutter Room Gallery, 7 Rust Avenue, behind the Old Library Community Arts Centre to March 24th.

Stroke Club Ten Pin Bowling. Wednesday, 7 March, 1.30pm-3pm. Ten Pin Bowling center at 129 Port Rd, Okara, Whangarei. Come along for some fun with Special Olympics. We meet regularly on the first Wednesday of every month. Meet at 1.30 for 2pm start. \$8 shoe hire.

Young Enduring Social Support. Wednesday, 7 March, 2.30pm-5pm. Arthritis New Zealand office, 1st floor, 25 Rathbone Street, Whangarei. Support Group for anyone aged 20 - 40 or close to who has a long-term condition. Tea and coffee provided. We look forward to meeting you. Venue is wheelchair accessible.

Dargaville Brain Injury Assn Northland. Thu, 8 March, 10am-midday. Meeting Room, Public Health, Dargaville Hospital/ Brain Injury Association Support Group Meeting for people living with the effects of brain injury and their whanau/families/carers and friends. For information contact The Brain Injury Association Northland on (09) 459 5013.

Alzheimers Society Northland: Whangarei Support Group. Thu, 8 March, 12:30–2.30pm. YWCA, Rust Ave, Whangarei. Information, ideas and hints that may make your caregiver role more effective and less stressful. The purpose of this group is to provide an educational function, a social function and a self help function.

MS Northland: Whangarei MS Exercise Classes. Mon, 12 March, 11am-midday. Kensington Gym Whangarei, Studio 2. Free to MS Northland members thanks to the Oxford Trust. Carers are welcome to join in. Please contact Gaye or Wende for further information if required on 09 438 3945

Whangarei Youth Space Talks 2018. Date: 12 March 2018. Time: 12.30pm - 5pm. Forum North, Whangarei. 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 some inspirational thinking. Save a spot by emailing WYSTalks@youthspace.co.nz or enquire at ph 09 972 7248. Tickets \$30, available from www.youthspace.co.nz

MS Yoga Classes. Tue, 13 March, 11:3 –12:30. Yoga Central, 69 Bank Street, Whangarei. All Equipment is supplied, just wear comfortable clothing. Free for current MS Members thanks to a grant from The Oxford Charitable Trust.

Kaiwaka Outreach and Workshop Day - 13 March. A full day of Outreach consultations and a two-hour 'Understanding Autism' workshop in Kaiwaka. FREE for families and carers who live or work with children on the Autism Spectrum. Tuesday, 13 March, Kaiwaka Sports Association, 2 Gibbons Rd, Kaiwaka. Understanding Autism Workshop, 11:30am – 1:30pm. Outreach Consultations, 9-11am and 2-5pm. Parents and carers may book a one-hour Outreach appointment with a CAF Family Consultant. Appointments available between 9-11am and 2-5pm. Spaces are very limited. Register [here](#) for the workshop, and [here](#) to book a consultation.

Alzheimers Society Northland: Kerikeri Support Group. Wed, 14 March, 10am Herb Murray room at the Kerikeri Village Trust, Ruatara Drive, Kerikeri. Contact Riah Leef-Smith on 0273 921 220 or ria.leef-smith@alzheimers.org.nz.

Age Concern Seminar. March 15, 9.30-11.30am. What entitlements are available for you from Work & Income? What you need to know about Work & Income. Speaker: Lorna Child Services for Seniors Manager Work & Income. Registrations essential. Please contact Age Concern Whangarei Inc. (09) 438 8043. Fee: \$5 donation for seniors & unemployed; \$25 for waged. At Age Concern, Whangarei. Free parking, Age Concern Car Park. Avoid staff parks!

Parkinsons Northland. 15th March 11am–1pm. Kerikeri Luncheon, St Johns Ambulance Station. Guest Speaker; tba.

Parkinsons Northland. 16th March 10am–Noon. Morning Tea, Waipu Presbyterian Church Hall. Speaker; Tiana Edney.

Mental Health and Addiction Whanau Support Group. 19th and every 3rd Monday each month: Supporting Someone with a mental illness or addiction? Supporting Families offer a safe place to share experiences, gain practical resources and strategies, and hear from guest speakers. 3rd Monday of every month, 10.30am – 12pm, 7 Donald Street, Regent, Whangarei. FREE. Contact: Francil, 0800 732825. Francil@sfauckland.org.nz. www.supportingfamilies.org.nz

Alcohol and Drug Whanau Support Group. 19th and every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month: A group for people who have whanau with alcohol and drug issues to come together to talk about their experiences, be provided with information and offered support. First and Third Monday each month 4pm – 5.30pm. Alcohol & Drug Service 5 Three Mile Bush Road Kamo Group Room. Tea and Coffee Provided: Steve (09) 470 2706, Northland DHB Alcohol and Drug service, Cath 027216383 or Francil 0800732825. Supporting Families Northland.

Forum on “Focusing on Child Mental Health”. This is an event for Primary Care, NGO's and new practitioners to ICAMH/AODA. Topics: Core concepts in child mental health, Developmental perspective, Engagement with children and whanau, Childhood disorders. Date: Friday 23rd March 2018. Venue: Venue information will be provided once registrations have closed. Location: Whangarei/Kaipara. Phone number: 09 923 1267. There is no cost for attendance. Registrations will close Friday 16th March 2018. For queries regarding this forum contact l.barker@auckland.ac.nz To view the flyer click [here](#) See www.worryworkforce.org/professionals/training-and-events/Regional-Forum-MAR-2018

ASID Conference – call for papers. This year's [Australasian Society for Intellectual Disability \(ASID\) Conference](http://www.asid.org.au) is all about Building Partnerships that Enrich Lives and will be held at Rydges Hotel during the 2 -3rd of July, 2018. Registrations will be opening soon. However, ASID are now calling for papers on specific topics.

Entries open for 2018 Diversity Awards NZ™. It's time to celebrate the New Zealand organisations championing diversity and inclusion in the workplace. Entries are now open for the 2018 Diversity Awards NZ™. Entries close on Friday, May 11. Find out how to enter or read about previous winners and entrants at www.diversityworks.nz/diversity-awards/
