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Saying

**Judge your success,
by what you had to give up,
in order to get it!**

DPA's telephone messages

Thank you for leaving your messages.

Do not forget to leave **your telephone number first**, then your message as it certainly makes a difference as we can promptly return your call.

Co-ordinator's Comments

Note: Coordinator's Comments

Kia Ora Everyone,

Shortly we have a survey out just for you! What else as a member you need from DPA and would you like to be involved with further activities, it will be sent out in our next July 2010 newsletter, we really look forward to your replies! .

Appreciation if you attended the chilly day, with Health Services Rally on the Library side of The Square, Tuesday, 8 June 2010! Several individuals and Agency representatives spoke. Such as, Jeff Keenan from Multiple Sclerosis Society, Jean Hera Women's Health Collective, Peter Wheeler PN City Council, Geraldine Holmes Community Service Council, Lyn and Janet Webb from Manawatu Stewart Centre

There is still a lot of concerned dialogue and suggestions occurring at present around ways forward for the Hospital to be able to sustain these services given that they are so necessary for many! Whether it be for your friends, family or whanau –we still require your feedback on what these services mean to you! Check out Christine's message below and get your letters of concern into the DHB.

Talking about funding, we have extended the early bird prize and date to the 1st of July if you get your membership into DPA PN ASAP, you will go into the draw for an early bird prize.

Delysse Kennard DPA PN Coordinator

President's Corner

Note: President's Corner

Greetings to you all,

Winter has well and truly come with nights becoming colder and frosty morning now the norm.

Hot in the community presently are the proposed DHB service cuts which will affect not only people with disabilities but all people in the community as if the proposed cuts go ahead there will be a flow on effect on other services and families.

I have attended a few meetings over the past month regarding the proposed cuts and the same opinions are coming through loud and clear that people in our community are not happy. One of the major questions being asked is around the proposed District Nursing service night shift cuts and who will fill this need in the community if the service is no longer running? If families are required to take over the night cover the impact will be high.

DPA welcomes your views and sharing of stories regarding the proposed DHB funding cuts and I encourage you to write to the DHB with your concerns and stories.

Christine

Committee Dates

4.30pm Start

- June 10th
- August 12th
- October 14th **AGM**
- December 9th



NOTICE

The Volunteer Resource Centre Manawatu & Districts is holding their launching party on Friday, 25 June, 5.30-7.30 pm.

Venue: Sound & Vision Section of Palmerston Public Library.

RSVP: 22 June.

Janine 357 9340 or

info@vrcmanawatu.org.nz

Don't forget the early DPA PN & Districts membership prize drawn and extended to allow more members a chance to win-if you pay before 1st July 2010!

Subscription Rates

which are effective from 1 July 2010 for your information are:-

• Unwaged, Individual		\$ 15.00
• Waged, Individual	\$ 30.00	
• Organisations, up to 25 members or clients		\$ 40.00
• Organisations, 26 - 100 members or clients		\$ 80.00
• Organisations, 101 - 200 members or clients		\$120.00
• Organisations, 201 or more members or clients		\$150.00

Disabled Persons Assembly has a vision of a Society which provides both equity and maximum opportunity to participate for all people

Community Notices

Note: Community Notices

Important - DPA regional Leadership Forums coming up! 31 July -1 August

At Travel Lodge, 175 Cuba street, Palmerston North.

For anyone who has a passion for the rights of Disabled people and it is not restricted to just DPA members, but those that would like to be involved! DPA would love for you to contact the office on (06) 3579877 before the 1st July 2010 to register your attendance. Not essentially DPA members, but those that see the importance of joining DPA! If you know someone appropriate then get them involved with us. Do you have networking skills and a willingness to work with your Community? We would love to hear from you! Phone DPA if you would like further information!

"I would encourage anyone who is concerned about health cuts to attend a Grey Power-organised public meeting about the state of aged care in Palmerston North on 23rd June at 1.30pm. The meeting will be held at the Masonic Centre, 168 Fitzherbert Avenue."

HAND PEDALLED TRICYCLE: AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE WHEELCHAIR.

DPA PN Newsletter article; by Committee member: Angella Young-April 2010.

I happened to be in the Plaza Mall near the entrance of the ground level carpark and florists stall, returning to a cafe within. I saw a man sitting in his tricycle adapted wheelchair which he had bought off TradeMe NZ for a \$250.00 winning bid. He says second hand versions like his are hard to find and a brand new one costs about \$2,500.00 from the manufacturers.

How lucky was this man? At the end of the day the man has much needed mobility which better suits his needs, although he still has some changes to make. He still needs to find the right handles for his hands to grip, so at present finds it difficult to pedal with only his fingers on the grips.

Seems so simple to change a pair of handle bars but for this man it is a bit of a mission to get the funding for the pieces and installation.

How many of us are making do with what they have, whilst in search of much needed improvements to our disabled lifestyles? Too many I say and no-one is sure of how fortunate we may or may not be in this lifetime.



Note: example pic of handcycle

Specialist Education Services for Deaf and Hearing Impaired Children.

The Ministry for Education is seeking feedback on a discussion paper about the service delivery arrangements to better meet the needs of deaf and hearing impaired children. This will be of interest to parents, schools, advocacy groups and service providers with an interest in deaf education.

The closing date for submissions is 5 pm Monday 28 June 2010.

For more information:

<http://www.minedu.govt.nz/theMinistry/Consultation/DeafEducationDiscussion.aspx>

Message from Hon Tariana Turia, Minister for Disability Issues.

The Ministerial Committee-Our meeting of the Ministerial Committee on Disability Issues on 18 May showed keen interest from Ministers and senior officials for government to step up its performance to improve disabled people's lives.

It was pleasing to hear Peter Hughes, Chief Executive of the Ministry of Social Development, report on meetings of the Chief Executives' Group on Disability Issues. As chair of that Group, Peter will attend each Ministerial Committee meeting.

The group is working with agencies to get a better co-ordinated work programme across government on disability issues. They also aim to identify where better action can be prioritised. As the Social Services Select Committee inquiry into the quality of care and service provision report noted in 2008, while there has been lots of activity by government agencies on disability issues, disabled people and their families say they are not experiencing significant improvement in their lives.

Note:pic of scales.



Budget initiatives

Ministers were pleased to note that Budget 2010 prioritised initiatives supporting disabled people. These include three initiatives that will strength New Zealand's leadership role on disability issues.

Over three years, funding is provided for:

- ✓ \$1.5 million to help promote design standards for homes that are accessible over a person's lifetime
- ✓ \$2.34 million to help promote, protect and monitor the rights of people with disabilities in line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (involving the Human Rights Commission, the Ombudsmen, and disabled people's organisations)
- ✓ \$3 million for a public awareness campaign to change attitudes and behaviours that limit opportunities of disabled people.

More information at: www.odi.govt.nz/whats-happening

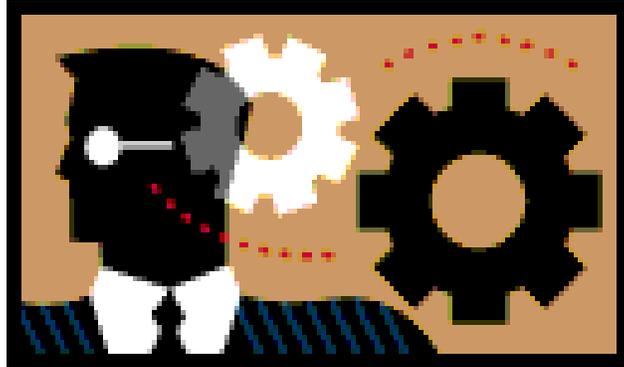
Also, I was pleased to announce an extra \$93 million for Health-funded disability support services over the next four years. This includes:

- ✓ \$25.5 million for home and community support services
- ✓ \$3.4 million for other disability support services
- ✓ \$21 million for residential services for people with intellectual disabilities.
- ✓ \$7.9 million for supported independent living.

✓ \$2.7 million for respite care.

More information at:

www.beehive.govt.nz/release/93+million+more+disability+support+services



Other points of interest

Two other items, the Ministerial Committee discussed, show interesting and practical action happening to improve services for disabled people and families.

One is the Ministry of Health's new model for disability supports. It responds to several recommendations in the Government response to the Social Services Select Committee inquiry report, such as increasing disabled people's choice and control over disability supports, allowing more flexibility in how funding is allocated, and introducing a local area co-ordination type service.

The other is the Review of Special Education. We heard how there has been a large number of submissions received during the consultation round. Government will consider recommendations from the Review later this year.

The Ministerial Committee will be following both initiatives, and looking at how there can be more alignment and consistency in approaches for disability supports.

I am committed to having disabled people's organisation part of every Ministerial Committee meeting, where possible. At this meeting, we heard from disabled people's organisations who are leading a programme to monitor rights of disabled people (this is being funded as one of the Budget 2010 initiatives).

Mauriora! Na Tariana