

## NETWORK NOTES

The year is up to February already and it is hard to remember the pleasure of Christmas as I swing into the workload for 2007.

This newsletter has focussed on fund raising a subject very important to all of us and I have noted both Auckland and Waitakere City Councils regularly have workshops that assist providers in this field. These are free and I encourage you take advantage of them. Don't forget Fundview is an excellent source of information.

The up and coming forum for which a flyer is inserted is on leadership, something that needs encouragement and fostering within the sector. It is hoped that after attending this forum you will go away inspired to encourage and develop leadership within your own organisation, and develop and nurture the talents of your clients.

The Network is considering a name change as we find the present title very cumbersome and not catchy or appealing to supporters or sponsors. All ideas are welcome, so get your thinking caps on. Platform used by Mental Health is an example of something we think very appropriate and relevant to the organisation. At the upcoming forum we will float a couple of ideas past you and ask for your reaction.

The ADPN is very grateful to Rod Wills and Sheldon Brown. Rod who facilitated the planning day the ADPN had in October, and Sheldon who led the ADPN through the planning of a marketing,

promotional session for the ADPN. It is people like this in our sector that make the work all worthwhile.

The year is beginning with a hiss and a roar for the ADPN. Another workshop on Kia Rangatu is planned for March 21st. A flyer for this day and registration is inserted. Register quick as we are limiting the numbers to ensure you get the best value out of the activities and information used. Debbie Espiner of the Faculty of Education at the University of Auckland will lead the workshop. Look forward to seeing you all there.

As the ADPN moves into yet another busy year I look forward to working with you all again and your support of the various activities we undertake. For example on Monday I will be working with a team on the next Without Limits Expo in the morning and in the afternoon on a submission to the Auckland Regional Transport Authority to ensure disabled peoples' needs are considered. Transport always arises of one of the major concerns of your clients and it is very important that people with disabilities are represented in transport planning and facilitation committees.

Best wishes for another busy year and I look forward to meeting lots of you at the various occasions the ADPN facilitates

*Judith*

## UP AND COMING CONFERENCES:

### Family Governance and Self Directed Services:

Hamilton 26th and 27th March,  
Waikato Stadium

Christchurch 29th and 20th March,  
Holiday Inn

For more information go to [www.imaginebetter.co.nz](http://www.imaginebetter.co.nz)

### IHC Seminar Series:

Seminar 1: Introduction to the Rights  
of the disabled Child

Seminar 2: Including Children in the Community  
of all Children

Seminar 3: Disabled Children's rights to Education –  
Equal Rights or Different Rights

Seminar 4: Lobby for Inclusion

Watch the web sight for more information

**Muscular Dystrophy North:** The new address and contact details for MDA Northern who have now moved into their new premises which are totally accessible are as follows:-

North Shore Life Centre, 3 William Laurie Place, Albany  
PO Box 300 429 Albany

Phone: 415 5682 Email: [support@mdan.org.nz](mailto:support@mdan.org.nz).

**Charities Commission:** Registration with the Charities Commission is going to be essential for everyone, to maintain donee status. To obtain the A guide to the Charities and Registration Pack, Free Phone 0508 242 748. For more information visit [www.charities.govt.nz](http://www.charities.govt.nz)

### Auckland Disability Providers' Network Dates

FORUMS FOR 2007: March 9th, May 11th,

AGM August 10th, October 12th

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS: Friday April 13th, Friday June 8th,

Friday July 13th, Friday September 14th,

Friday November 9th, Friday December 14th

NEWSLETTERS DUE IN: February, June and November



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ASB Community Trust

Te Kaitiaki Patea o Tamaki o Tai Tokerau

supported by ASB

## ASB Community Trust – offering support for your organisation

For years ASB Community Trust (or ASB Trusts, as it was formally known) has been the region's "bricks and mortar" trust. Got a big building project? Go to the Trust. Buying an important piece of land? Put in a funding application.

The figures back that up. Total grants are now worth around \$45 million a year and, since 1988, 66 of its 11,600 grants have been worth over a million. The Trust has been a major player in building regional infrastructure.

But recently that has changed. Yes the Trust still funds major building projects, but trustees and staff have recognised that what many organisations need is help with programme and running costs.

"While we will still fund major projects, we want to make sure our grants work for the sustainability of the organisations inside the buildings, as well as the external structure," says Trust CEO Jennifer Gill. "This means ensuring they have the best organisational structure possible to grow their business."

The Trust is now moving toward partnerships with organisations that are able to find creative solutions. As a strategic funder it is willing to make sizeable investments over a long period. As an innovative funder, its focus is turning toward supporting organisational development and capacity building.

"Trustees and staff have begun to actively identify problems, such as educational achievement levels in low-decile schools, and look for partners who can help fix them," says Ms Gill.

The key to these relationships is partnerships and mutually agreed objectives. The Trust wants to work with community groups to identify the best ways to support the communities they serve.

In addressing the needs of the community as a whole – and in particular those who have least access to resources – it seeks a balance between social and economic needs and broader recreational, cultural and environmental requirements.

New policies are being developed that are responsive and flexible, while staff are developing a strategy to recognise the needs of Maori and Pasifika communities. In short, the Trust aims to be proactive and identify areas where it can take a leading role in achieving positive social outcomes.

What that means is that the Trust is receptive to applications that build capacity and that have positive community outcomes. When assessing applications, staff will be looking for evidence that a project contributes to the enhancement of equity and the enrichment of society.

The Trust wants to work with the diverse peoples of Auckland/Northland to address social issues, meet educational and community needs, improve equity between groups and reduce poverty through innovative educational, social and economic programmes.

To find out more, visit [www.ASBCommunityTrust.org.nz](http://www.ASBCommunityTrust.org.nz), or give the Trust's office a ring on (09) 360-0291 or 0800 272 878.

### THANKS TO:

The Southern Trust, Lotteries Commission,  
Perry Foundation and the Lion Foundation  
for their financial support

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# Assistance with rent and salaries available from Lion Foundation

One of the major challenges facing many members of the Auckland Disability Providers Network is finding funding for administrative costs such as salaries and rents. There are many avenues for fundraising for projects and equipment, but it's often difficult to find support for the office expenses. But the good news is that The Lion Foundation will consider grants in this area. In fact, The Lion Foundation is one of the few charitable trusts to provide funding to assist with the payment of salaries and rent.

"We understand that community organisations can't function without effective administration, and that means salaries and rent have to be paid somewhere along the lines," says Phil Holden of The Lion Foundation.

Along with grants for administrative costs, The Lion Foundation also provides funding for a wide range of projects. The main rules about funding from The Lion Foundation are:

Funds available for distribution will be applied to any charitable, philanthropic or cultural purpose, or any other purpose that is beneficial to the community or any section of it. This includes but is not limited to:

- The provision, or assistance in the provision, of facilities, equipment or playing/training uniforms for sporting clubs and amateur sporting teams affiliated to the appropriate regional or national body, playing in recognised, published leagues or competitions, and/or
- Grants for charitable purposes including the relief of poverty, or welfare assistance through donations to recognised social service or welfare agencies, and/or
- Grants to educational or training organisations for scholarships or equipment that is administered by the recipient educational organisation, and/or

- Grants to recognised cultural or philanthropic activities or groups.

Grants are mainly distributed within the local community in which they are raised. Of the 175 venues throughout New Zealand where The Lion Foundation has gaming machines, there are 43 in Auckland, so all members of the Auckland Disability Providers Network should be covered by The Lion Foundation distribution area.

Application forms for a grant from The Lion Foundation are available at any of the hotels and taverns where the Foundation's gaming machines are installed, or a copy can be printed from the website.

When making an application, be aware that The Lion Foundation is committed to ensuring that its funding decisions are fair, sensible and responsible. This means recipients are required to provide receipts for how their grant is spent, to help ensure that everything is done properly.

"We pride ourselves on being a highly responsible provider of funds to the kiwi community, and that way we ensure that a wide range of local organisations get a fair go," says Phil Holden.

In the past year, more than 16 disability organisations have benefited from Lion Foundation grants, totalling more than \$733,855 including the Auckland Disability Providers Network, Disability Resource Centre Hawke's Bay Inc and N Z C C S South Canterbury Inc.

Members of the Network are also welcome to apply for funds, and can submit applications at any time during the year as grants are considered on an on-going basis.

## Taxation and Generosity

As many of you are aware Philanthropy New Zealand the federation for Voluntary Welfare organisation, the Community Sector Taskforce and a number of Sector organisations have been working with IRD this year following a commitment of the Labour led government to the development of a tax rebate regime for Charities. The potential changes to the tax rebate regime for charities are part of the Labour led Government's confidence and supply agreement with the United Future and are aimed at encouraging philanthropic giving in New Zealand.

A discussion paper was released from IRD, which sought to stimulate discussion about Taxation and Generosity and was open for submissions. The proposed changes contain a range of options for New Zealand charities. Philanthropic trusts, registered charities, corporate donors, Maori authorities and private givers could all be potentially affected by the proposals. Consultation hui were held in Auckland, Hamilton and Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin during the submission period where the implication of the document was discussed – these meetings were Chaired by the Tangata Wheneua, Community and Voluntary Sector and Charles Ngaki from IRD where on hand to discuss the document, as was someone from the Tangata Whenua, Community and Voluntary Sector working group.

Over the past few years Philanthropy New Zealand has undertaken a lot of research into giving in New Zealand. There is little

data available and this has been an attempt to provide some information to inform. Also during the last 5 years there have been many initiatives world wide to promote giving. Available from Philanthropy NZ is a paper prepared by Saints Information that was prepared for Philanthropy NZ that seeks to reflect the key findings from the extensive research on generosity commissioned by Philanthropy NZ since 2002, reflect the key findings from other related research, and reflect the initiatives that have occurred internationally with the aim of stimulating generosity.

We hope this paper was really a really useful tool to assist you to develop a submission in response to the document when it is released. Submissions ended in November but the release of the final document will be interesting to all Not for Profit organisations. It is just the start in many instances for information gathering and has easy to use web links throughout for ease of use.

The paper is a really comprehensive piece that clearly summaries what we know about giving and what is evident from initiatives that have occurred overseas to promote giving.

**Philanthropy NZ Wellington <http://www.giving.org.nz>**

*Adapted and updated from and article by Robyn Scott. Executive Director of Philanthropy NZ*

## RNZFB - Talking Technology

**Did you know that you can download a free screenreader from the internet? Or that the RNZFB's Adaptive Technology team can help you learn how to use TradeMe more effectively? And That the Foundation sells mobile phones adapted with speech software?**

The Foundation employs highly experienced Adaptive Technology experts. These AT experts communicate with blindness agencies worldwide and regularly liaise with technology designers to routinely include adaptive features. These features include programmes for mobile phones, GPS devices and computers. The Foundation is also partnering with Vodafone to get affordable deals on the latest mobile technology that's adapted for use by members.

### MOBILE PHONES:

Mobile phones are becoming a key to personal technology – they are computers, music players, TVs, DVD players and cameras. And, you can also make phone calls with them!. "We'll be doing all sorts of things such as shopping on our mobiles soon," says the Foundation's Adaptive Technology Manager Neil Jarvis. "The newest mobile phone is like an iPod with a hard drive." In partnership with the Foundation, Vodafone sells mobile phones and speech software at cost price. The Foundation then loads the speech software. The software accesses all the standard features of new mobile phones, including text messages, address books and email. Call Hilary Bush, our Talks Technology specialist, on 0800 24 33 33 to find out more.

### ADAPTIVE TECHNOLOGY FOR COMPUTERS:

Technology is finally getting cheaper. Microsoft and Apple Mac are including some accessibility features as standard in their new computers. Independent organisations are developing free or relatively cheap software that you can download direct from the Internet.

Apple Macs now come with a basic screen reader and screen magnification programme. They are not as advanced as JAWS but if you just use your computer occasionally for basic tasks such as sending emails, this option may be enough.

If you prefer to stay with a PC, there are two options for Windows. At [www.screenreader.net](http://www.screenreader.net) you can download a free screenreader

programme called Thunder. It won't magnify your screen but it will load talking software. Again, this is a good basic option. Go to [www.freedombox.info](http://www.freedombox.info) for a more funky, sophisticated option.

FreedomBox is a device to control your PC, using a keyboard and a specially designed menu format similar to TIS. You type the number you want and press "enter" for online feature such as email, chat, shopping, news, financial services or movies.

### GPS TECHNOLOGY:

GPS stands for global positioning systems. A New Zealand company called Navman was one of the first to develop these sophisticated locating devices for marine and car use. GPS read digital geographical maps that contain a database of useful information about locations in the vicinity where you are, such as petrol stations, restaurants and banks. In North America and Europe these nifty maps are also being developed for pedestrians. GPS units are becoming commonplace in imported cars in New Zealand but our small population means that pedestrian maps haven't been developed here yet. And Neil Jarvis, who is blind, adds that "While GPS is a wonderful invention, it will never take the place of a guide dog or a cane."

### TRAINING AND SUPPORT OPTIONS:

The Foundation provides flexible support for members to learn adaptive technologies. This ranges from a 10-week, on-site course with an NZQA qualification at the end, to short task-centred learning. Our partnership with Vodafone includes \$800,000 of funding over three years to develop training programmes. "The Adaptive Technology team is willing to offer whatever members ask to learn," says Neil. "We're finding that people want to do the same things as other family members, like make CD compilations, use Skype or Instant Messenger (MSN). They also want to find out about online grocery shopping and how to use TradeMe." While these are popular leisure options, the Foundation also supports members to find employment by enhancing their computer knowledge.

*Whatever level of experience or need you have, call 0800 24 33 33 during work hours and ask for the Adaptive Technology unit or email [ats@rnzfb.org.nz](mailto:ats@rnzfb.org.nz).*

## BADMINTON OPPORTUNITIES GROUP

Sessions for children with disabilities/specific needs  
Bring your child to Badminton North Harbour

A great way to get children of all abilities active and enjoying sport in a safe and supportive environment.  
Run by top coaches.

Time: Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30pm during term time

Venue: Badminton North Harbour Bartercard  
Badminton Centre, Bond Crescent, Forrest Hill,  
North Harbour

Cost: \$5 per session includes racquets, shuttles and coaching, or \$30 per school term

Come down to observe a session first if you prefer

For more information please contact  
Jody Moran, Halberg Trust on (09) 415 4650 or  
Dean Nuttall, Badminton North Harbour  
on (09) 410 1771

## MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE FOR DISABILITY PROVIDERS

PATHWAYS TO INCLUSION –  
FOCUS ON THE FUTURE

Thursday and Friday 3rd and 4th May  
at Waipuna Conference Centre Mt Wellington

Registrations close on Friday 30 March

For further details for this free conference  
contact Penny Bailey 09 446 0725  
or email [Penny@4am.co.nz](mailto:Penny@4am.co.nz)