

## INFORMATION STOP!!

Would you and your child like to attend Wilson Home ROCK N ROLL CHRISTMAS PARTY  
Friday 5 December 10:30am 2pm

This event is strictly by invitation only as it is essential that we know numbers attending in advance! Brothers and sisters are welcome parents / carers must stay with their children. Please contact Anne to receive an invitation on 488 4688 ext 5902 or email [anne@wilsonhometruster.org.nz](mailto:anne@wilsonhometruster.org.nz)

### EQUIPMENT / ACTIVITY FUND

The Wilson Home Trust has a limited discretionary fund for equipment and childrens activities. The purpose of the fund is to support families to acquire equipment or offer experiences that will enhance the life of their child who has a disability. Please call us to discuss your application.

### CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP

The WHT is delighted to support families to attend conferences, forums, disability events. Please apply if you require assistance with fees.

### TOY SALE @ WILSON CENTRE

Friday 21 November 11am 2pm in the Reception Hall  
Good Quality New Toys & Sensory Equipment available to purchase from toy suppliers directly.  
**\*Educational\*Robust\*Fun\*Colourful\*Suitable for ALL\***  
Logical Toys, Creative Toys, Medix 21, Able Me Ltd., etc

### CHECK OUT

[www.supportoptions.co.nz](http://www.supportoptions.co.nz)  
THIS IS A WEBSITE THAT PROVIDES  
INFORMATION ON DISABILITY  
SUPPORT SERVICES.

Muscular Dystrophy  
Movie Night Fundraiser

Movie Night James Bond  
Quantum of Solace  
Fundraiser for MDN \$15  
Ph: Denise 415 5682

Wednesday 3rd December  
@ 8pm Skycity Cinema,  
Westfield Albany

### SCS NEW ZEALAND HOLIDAYS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Northern Region Explorer: 20-28th January 2009  
Escape to Wellington, New Plymouth, Waitomo and Taupo.  
9-15th January 2009 South Island Scenic Circle.  
Cross the Canterbury Plains and climb into the stunning Southern Alps. Travel through Arthurs Pass arriving in Shanty Town. Travel to Fox Glacier, Lake Matheson and Queenstown.

For further information regarding both of these tours, and information regarding carer support and cost phone Don on 03 326 6802 or fax 03 326 6237.

### SENSATIONAL SIBLINGS

Final session for the year 2008 will be held on Friday the 5th of December 6.30-8.30pm at the PHAB building 8 Auburn Street Takapuna. This session will be the Sibs Christmas Party. For further information please call Barb at the 'yes' centre on 09 414 5360

# yes Ability News

November 2008

## The yes team welcome their new CEO Alan Blackburn



From Left to Right:  
Richard Mobbs, Barb France, Lisa Cramond, Meena Patel, Cam Calkoen (away at the time the photo was taken, Robyn Lyon)



Alan Blackburn

The team at 'yes' Ability Achievement Centre welcomed their new CEO Alan Blackburn back in August. Alan was the General Manager at The Wilson Home Trust and has an extensive background in the community sector. We look forward to working with Alan who has already had us busy promoting our centre at the Auckland Home Show and Seniors Day Out. He has also booked the team into Glenfield Mall for a week so that we can bring information out to the community.

Speaking of Busy!!! The team have enjoyed the challenge of giving the shop a facelift by increasing stock levels and rearranging the layout to enable customers to clearly identify items available. We have a new product catalogue which gives an overview of the assistive items we sell and this will also be available on-line in a few weeks.

**Meet the Team!!!!** Richard Mobbs is our Accessible Housing Manager, please ring Richard on 414 5360 for a brochure. You can read more about this service inside the newsletter on page 2. Barb France is an Information Consultant along with Lisa Cramond, Meena Patel and Robyn Lyon. Cam Calkoen runs the Carabiner Youth Mentoring Programme and would like to hear from all who are interested in becoming Mentors or Mentorees. The team are passionate about the 'yes' centre and are very keen for groups to come and visit us for a presentation and tour of our shop. So please come in and have a cuppa and a yarn!



## Yes! I would like to support yes Ability Achievement Centre

My email address is: \_\_\_\_\_

Please find enclosed my donation  
 \$10     \$25     \$50     Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to pay by  cheque (enclosed) or  credit card

Visa     MasterCard     Amex

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Gifts over \$5 are tax deductible. Please use this coupon and send your donation today.

## yes to... Independence Inclusion Awareness

- Disability Information and Advisory Service
- Assistive products (available for hire or purchase) which can optimise everyday living
- Housing Accessibility Service, Carabiner Youth Mentoring, Sensational Siblings, Network Meetings, Community Presentations

# Accessible Design Service

Changing individual lives  
with excellent design

We offer 6 modules to combine and choose from. This enables us to provide the level of service required whilst maintaining the highest standards of care and expertise throughout:

Module 1: Planning service  
Module 2: Manufacture of kitchen units  
Module 3: installation  
Module 4: Project management  
Module 5: The end to end total service  
Module 6: Audit of existing facilities and suggested upgrades where appropriate.



Richard Mobbs

## Three simple stages to planning:

Stage 1: Our experienced surveyor will visit the clients home and take all the necessary measurements.

Stage 2: The surveyor will discuss clients requirements, provide technical advice and appliance recommendations if necessary.

Stage 3: A series of computer generated images that clearly show functionality of design will be provided to the client.

Contact us, or better still, come and visit our showroom and we will be pleased to demonstrate a variety of possibilities for your new accessible environment.

Change your dreams of independence into reality

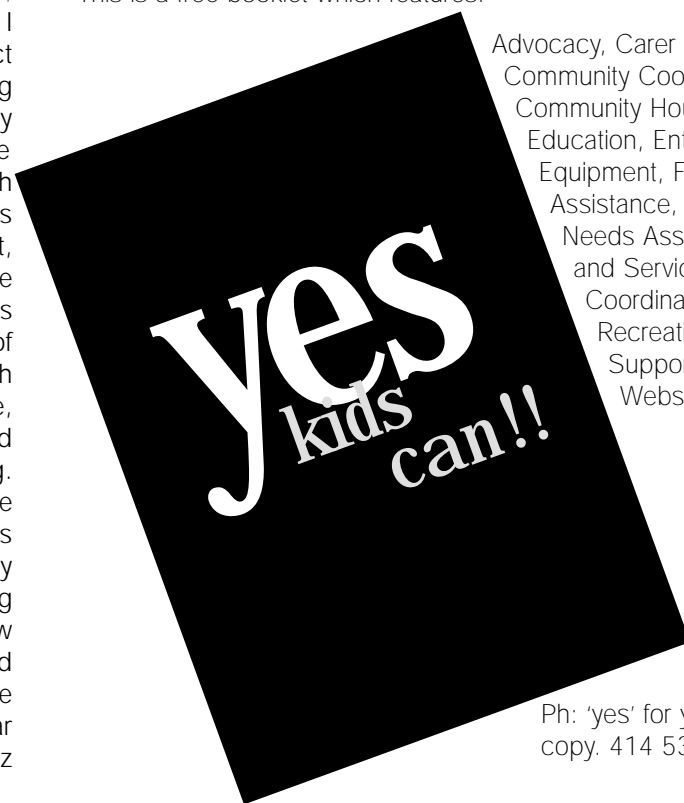
Phone Richard Mobbs on 414 5360 at the 'yes' centre.

## Carabiner

My disability isn't going to stop me from achieving my goals; I am prepared to do what it takes to become the best that I can be. This is the attitude that makes for the perfect Carabiner candidate. As a one-on-one mentoring programme Carabiner is an initiative of the Yes Ability Achievement Centre which aims to provide young people with disabilities the support and guidance they need to reach their own pinnacle of success. Whether the dream is academic, creative, career based or a personal achievement, Carabiner exists for people who have the passion to realize their dream. We develop relationships between mentorees and mentors that become channels for the passage of information, advice, opportunity, challenge, and support with the ultimate goals of achievement and fun. To date, Carabiner has linked mentors and mentorees with shared interest in Dance, Architecture, Radio and Marketing. Specific development plans are worked to which contribute towards the achievement of the mentorees goal. Individuals form meaningful relationships and networks that they may continue to tap into in future years. After successfully running a pilot programme on the North Shore, Carabiner is now available to candidates across greater Auckland and applications can be made at anytime during the year. We look forward to receiving an application from you in the near future. For an application form, e-mail [cam@yesability.org.nz](mailto:cam@yesability.org.nz) or contact Cam on 414 5360. **Dream big!**

## yes! kids can!!

This is a free booklet which features:



Advocacy, Carer Support, Community Coordinators, Community Houses, Education, Entitlements, Equipment, Financial Assistance, Health, Needs Assessments and Service Coordination, Recreation, Support, Websites!!

Ph: 'yes' for your free copy. 414 5360

## Massey University Speech and Language Clinic

Massey University now has a Speech and Language Clinic at Albany on the North Shore which is part of the Speech and Language Therapy Programme at Massey University. This SLT clinic provides a variety of services for communication and swallowing disorders. We offer services to children (and their families) that may have: disorders or developmental delays in speech and language development, hearing loss, voice problems, fluency or stuttering difficulties. We also assess and treat adults who may have communication and swallowing disorders, such as: apraxia of speech or dysarthria, aphasia, cognitive deficits after traumatic brain injury, fluency or stuttering difficulties, voice problems and swallowing difficulties. We charge a nominal fee for assessment and therapy (a flat rate regardless of time).

Contact Details: Please contact the clinic reception for appointments and / or referrals. Phone (09) 414 0800 ext 41289 / Fax: (09) 443 9717 /

Email: [l.coles@massey.ac.nz](mailto:l.coles@massey.ac.nz)

For more information about our therapy services contact: Yvonne Cope, Clinical Director, Phone: (09) 443 9716 / Email: [y.cope@massey.ac.nz](mailto:y.cope@massey.ac.nz) for information about speech and language therapy at Massey University: <http://study.massey.ac.nz>

## Points of Transition for Young People 14-21yrs

Parent & Family Resource Centre are pleased to present a seminar to parents of young disabled people aged 14 to 21 years and who are looking at options for when their son or daughter has left school and who are planning for that now.

When: Tuesday 25th November 2008

Where: CCS Disability Action Building, 14 Erson Ave, Royal Oak (new building down drive)

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Speakers: Taikura Trust and Anna McNicol National Contracts Advisor at Ministry of Social Development

### Who should attend?

Parents of young disabled people aged 14 to 21 years of age. Especially for parents who are thinking about transition over the next couple of years.

### The purpose of the seminar.

- Who funds what when their son or daughter leaves school.
- Provide information needed to make decision and plans for the future.
- Know and understand the processes around transition and the role of Ministry of Social Development.
- Access to Disability Support Services through NASC (Taikura Trust) post school.

RSVP to Lavinia by phone or email. Ph: 09 636 0351  
Email: [welcome@pfrc.org.nz](mailto:welcome@pfrc.org.nz)

## Term 4 JM Recreation Programmes

### BOOK NOW FOR TERM 4 & JAN 09

Always WHEELCHAIR friendly

Mob: 021 211 9882 (Kerrie)

Email: [jm.recreation@ihug.co.nz](mailto:jm.recreation@ihug.co.nz)

### December 2008

5th 7th December All Ages Orewa Weekend  
8th 12th December Senior Holiday Programme  
12th 14th December Motu Moana Scout Camp (have ago weekend) water slides, flying fox, projector DVD night, art & much more  
15th 19th December Holiday Programme All Ages

### January 2009

ROAD TRIP DOWN UNDER Monday 5th Friday 16th January 2009 (7 days) All Ages  
Travelling down the East Coast of the North Island starting in Auckland and making our way down to Wellington visiting places such as Splash Planet Hastings and Te Papa Museum in Wellington.

### Holiday Programme:

Monday 12th Friday 16th January 2009  
School Holiday Programme All Ages Papakura and East Auckland Pick Ups  
MERC Camp Monday 19th Friday 23rd January 2009 All Ages  
Orewa Beach Camp Friday 30th Monday 2nd January 2009 All Ages

## Life Coach Associates (LCA)

Hear what a holistic life coach is about and what LCA courses have to offer you!

You are invited to attend a FREE information evening at the Glenfield Community Centre.

The evening will start at 7pm and conclude with supper by 9pm

During the evening you will hear about a range of personal development courses that LCA Auckland provide as well as hearing about a personal journey from someone who has already attended the Diploma in Holistic Life Coaching course.

Glenfield Community Centre  
Bently Ave, Glenfield

Tuesday December 2nd 2008 7-9pm

Ph: Dairne Kirton: 09 443 7402

Mobile: 021 443 642

Email: [dairne@lifesabilities.co.nz](mailto:dairne@lifesabilities.co.nz)

Please phone or email to secure your seat.

## Deverton House RestHome Browns Bay

Long Term and Respite Care Vacancies

We are a small family oriented home providing very personal care for the elderly.

Currently we have long term and respite care vacancies.

Please call Mary or Kish on 479 7312 for more information

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DISABILITY INFORMATION