

# Thinking Differently

Autism New Zealand Inc. Auckland Branch



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## Hello and Welcome to our August 2012 Newsletter

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### Committee and Branch News

#### "What a Woman Wants" Fundraiser Tuesday 14 August



Wow, what a fun evening we had! Lisa O'Neill was hilarious! We all agreed we hadn't laughed so much in a long time. And the funny thing was the next day in the office saw all of us in a bit more colour! Many, many thanks to those of you that came along - we had a great turn-out and raised over \$5800. We really appreciate your support - thanks again. Autism NZ would like to thank the following Companies for their support :

Farmers - The Edge - Eco Store - L'Oreal - Healtheries - Neville Jordan - BDM Grange - Neil Stuart - AFT Pharmaceuticals - Healthy Life Media - Sanitarium - Angela Scott Photography - Flowers On Onewa - Colleen Lloyd- Abes Bagels - Avon

### AUTISM NZ AUCKLAND BRANCH SUPPORT GROUPS

#### YOUTH WITH ASPERGERS/ HIGH FUNCTIONING AUTISM SOCIAL GROUP

We meet on the 1st Sunday of each month. 12.00-2.00pm at 642 New North Road Mt Albert.

Facilitator -Sushila Krishnamoorthy on [sjsk@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sjsk@xtra.co.nz) or 021 102 06 40 or Natasha Delgarno on [natasha.delgarno@autismnz.org.nz](mailto:natasha.delgarno@autismnz.org.nz) or 021 393 846

#### ADULT ASPERGER & AUTISM SPECTRUM SOCIAL GROUP

This is held on the 3rd Saturday of the month 3:00-5:00p.m., 642 New North Rd, Mt Albert.

Contact Natasha Delgarno on [natasha.delgarno@autismnz.org.nz](mailto:natasha.delgarno@autismnz.org.nz) or 021 393 846 or Jen Birch on [jenbirch@actrix.gen.nz](mailto:jenbirch@actrix.gen.nz)

#### ADULTS ASPERGER SYNDROME/ HIGH FUNCTIONING AUTISM DROP-IN

Venue: 642 New North Rd, Mt Albert.

Date: 1st Tuesday of every month.

Time: 12-2pm

Contact Natasha on [natasha.delgarno@autismnz.org.nz](mailto:natasha.delgarno@autismnz.org.nz) or 021 393 846

#### WOMEN WITH ASPERGERS GROUP

Meets 1st Saturday of every month (except January) 3.00-5.00pm at 642 New North Road, Mt Albert.

Facilitator Christine Lee [christine.mansford.lee@gmail.com](mailto:christine.mansford.lee@gmail.com) or Natasha on [Natasha.delgarno@autismnz.org.nz](mailto:Natasha.delgarno@autismnz.org.nz) or 021 393 846



### FANZ update

(Framework for Autism in NZ)

Following the success of the inaugural training programme in July, we are pleased to be able to present another FANZ programme in Auckland as follows:

**When:** Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 October from 9.30am to 3.30pm

**Where:** 642 New North Road, Mt Albert

**Cost:** \$250 per person (inc gst) for 2 days. \$220 for members of AutismNZ. Groups may be eligible for a discount

**Contact:** Pat Gluck on [pat.gluck@autismnz.org.nz](mailto:pat.gluck@autismnz.org.nz) or 04 470 7616

Comments from the first course participants:

*"great work, very clear, very practical examples"*

*"Neil and Tanya were fantastic. Great energy, humour and knowledge in delivery of content was amazing."*

*"Really good foundation course that explains autism wonderfully"*

*"The content is very flexible, it can be applied to each individual"*

*"so helpful for parents and educators, giving them illuminating insights and sharing experiences. Have got lots of practical advice and tips on understanding and managing children with autism".*

The FANZ programme is specifically designed for anyone who is involved with a child or adult on the Autism Spectrum and wants some understanding and practical strategies to enhance the lives and maximise the learning opportunities of those individuals.

**ASPERGERS PARTNERS GROUP**

Meets last Sunday of every month 3-5pm, at 642 New North Rd, Mt Albert. Facilitator Margaret Laird  
[Margaret@inspiringminds.co.nz](mailto:Margaret@inspiringminds.co.nz)  
or 021 048 6244

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**Autism NZ National Conference 2012**

The Autism New Zealand biannual conference takes place in Auckland from September 7<sup>th</sup> to September 9<sup>th</sup> in Auckland. We have Paul Taylor, Tony Attwood, Rita Jordan and Dennis Debbaudt as keynote speakers. The conference brings together people on the spectrum, families, professionals and those that support them to discuss some of the key issues affecting those with Autism and Asperger's. Don't miss this opportunity to catch up with the latest research and connect with other people in the Auckland ASD community. **Register now!** - go to <http://autism.eventsmart.co.nz> or contact Pat Gluck on [pat.gluck@autismnz.org.nz](mailto:pat.gluck@autismnz.org.nz)

**Autism NZ Coffee Morning Groups 2012 - please note change of day**

642 New North Road, Mt Albert  
The coffee groups will run monthly till the end of the year on the first Thursday of the month, 10.30am to 12noon at 642 New North Road, Mt Albert. All are welcome - we'd love to see you. If you are interested in attending please contact Jo Lloyd on [jo.lloyd@autismnz.org.nz](mailto:jo.lloyd@autismnz.org.nz) or 8460913.

**MARMITE!**

We know some families use Marmite to hide medication and if you are in need of supplies contact [sharonbain@autismnz.org.nz](mailto:sharonbain@autismnz.org.nz)

**GRANNZ**

**Grandparents Autism Network New Zealand**  
Next meeting Thursday 27 September 10.30am to 12 noon  
For more information please contact Robin Greenfield on [pandrgreenfield@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pandrgreenfield@xtra.co.nz) or Mary Inomata on [mary@jnz-ent.co.nz](mailto:mary@jnz-ent.co.nz)

**Local Events**

**Teen Sexuality Programme 2012 - with John Hibbs**

October 13th - December 8th - [read more](#)

**Free Tickets!**

**The Kids Foundation Proudly Presents**

**RAZZAMATAZZ**

- a magnificent 90 minute family-orientated cavalcade of comedy featuring outstanding international performers

**Where:** Logan Campbell Centre, 217 Greenlane West, Auckland

**When:** Saturday 15 September 2012

**Time:** 11.00am or 2pm

AutismNZ have been given a limited supply of tickets for the above shows. Tickets admit one adult or child. If you would like to go please email [auckland@autismnz.org.nz](mailto:auckland@autismnz.org.nz) and include your full address and post code on the email.

**KNOW HOW EXPO 2012**

**Free Information Day Friday 14 September 9.30am to 2pm - [read more](#)**

**ASD Behaviour and Communication Specialists Service (Idea) 2012 Workshop Schedule - [click here](#)**

**Sue Larkey is coming to Auckland!**

*Sue is a popular and inspirational speaker on ASD*

**Tuesday 6 November 2012 - [read more](#)**

**Sue's ezine has information on Reading & Hyperlexia as well as 9 handy hints for teaching children with an ASD to read - [click here](#)**

**Thank You!!**

A belated thanks to the Ara Lodge for their generous donations. Thanks to Kevin Penney of Pukekohe for his kind donation from his TradeMe auction.

Thank you to Altrusa for their donation following their fundraising fashion show - here is our Karen (on the left) receiving the cheque from

Kathie Hawkins!



And a huge thanks too to Pub Charity for approving our application for our staff and committee to attend the AutismNZ National Conference in



## Book Corner

"What Men with Asperger Syndrome Want to Know About  
Women, Dating and Relationships"

by Maxine Aston - go to [www.jkp.com](http://www.jkp.com)

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## Activity Corner

Aspergers Tip of the Week by Dave Angel:

"How Can I Teach Good Manners To My Son With Aspergers?" [click here](#)

## Caregivers Available

Does It All Get a Bit Much Sometimes?

We would like to help with the load and try to remove some of the stress. Whether it is 2 hours twice a week, after school care or you need a weekend away, HomeChoice Family Care would like to give you a helping hand. Our caregivers have had training from AutismNZ and are wanting to come and help your family. Call us today on 966 0011 to see how we can be of assistance. WE REALLY DO CARE!

[www.homechoice.co.nz](http://www.homechoice.co.nz)

## Support Person Available - member recommendation

Niki is in her final year at university studying speech therapy and is available to help on a casual or routine basis. Contact Niki on [nicole.basel@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.basel@gmail.com)

## Family Wanted - a message from CCS Disability Action

We are currently supporting a wonderful 8 year old boy who has a diagnosis of Autism who loves music, DVDs and lots of stories and cuddles. He is currently learning to communicate using PECs and is picking this up well. He really is a delightful young man. What we are looking for is a family in the East Auckland area who would be interested in being a shared care family for him for a couple of nights per week with a view for a long term placement. There will be specialists available to support the family to enable this young man to feel as comfortable as possible in your home. Contact Sarah Ward, CCS Disability Action on 09 950 5675 or 021 784 150.

## Disability Support Services

August Newsletter - [click here](#)

## Parent & Family Resource Centre

Trusts and Welfare Guardianship Seminars - [click here](#)

ASD Support & Social Groups - [click here](#)

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