



## Welcome

Here are some upcoming events and services that can support people whose lives are affected by a disability. Please let me know of any topics you would like included in future editions.

Regards Liam Butler

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[www.nmdhb.govt.nz/supportworks.aspx](http://www.nmdhb.govt.nz/supportworks.aspx)

A Quote of note... “ Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall. -Ralph Waldo Emerson

[www.nmdhb.govt.nz](http://www.nmdhb.govt.nz) Has Earthquake related Public Messages, DHB Services and general advice to people who experienced the Christchurch Earthquake

### Are you concerned about a person's ability to drive due to their disability or frailty?

1. It's often useful to involve the person's medical practitioner, who can assess their fitness to drive and, if necessary, take appropriate action if they don't agree to stop driving. The medical practitioner will advise the medical guidelines and refer to appropriate agencies for further assessment.
2. You can also advise the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) that you have concerns about their driving. [info@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:info@nzta.govt.nz). ph 0800 822 422.
3. You can report a traffic incident to the police and ask a member of your local Police Traffic Unit may to speak to the person.

The person may voluntarily stop driving or be asked to undertake a Occupational Therapy Driving Assessment which the persons doctor can review to determine if someone is safe to drive or needs vehicle modifications. The NZTA provides Fact Sheets on older drivers; vision; dementia and various disabilities. [www.nzta.govt.nz](http://www.nzta.govt.nz)

Ramazzini provide Occupational Therapy driving and passenger assessments in the Nelson Marlborough area and can be contacted on 035457267 for further information or assistance.

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**A new companion driving service has been launched in Nelson. The following is an excerpt from [www.drivingmissdaisy.co.nz](http://www.drivingmissdaisy.co.nz)...**

**Frances Kemble Welch and Craig Fraser  
Franchise Owners – Nelson Phone: 03 547 2133  
Or 0800 948 432 Or 021 319 397  
[nelson@drivingmissdaisy.co.nz](mailto:nelson@drivingmissdaisy.co.nz)**

Call Driving Miss Daisy and ride with a friend!

- Driving Miss Daisy is a safe, friendly and reliable companion driving service - you'll be surprised how cost-effective we are.
- The Driving Miss Daisy service is perfect for:
- Senior citizens who would like to maintain their independence
- Parents who need children to be delivered to/from after school activities
- Organisations who need to deliver people to/from appointments or engagements
- People who don't drive

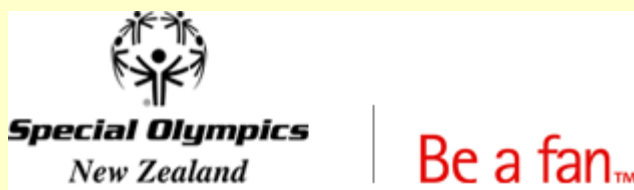
We provide a caring, safe and reliable driving service. The point of difference over other transport providers is the physical accompaniment assistance offered. For example, if required, we will attend doctor's appointments with the client and transmit relevant information back to family members. We can assist with shopping and special needs are catered for including assisting with a walker or wheelchair. Travel to appointments, social engagements and shopping.

Do you want to keep up to date with the goings on in the Marlborough Region?

Email [Lyne.Johnson@marlborough.govt.nz](mailto:Lyne.Johnson@marlborough.govt.nz)  
And ask Lyne to put you on her distribution list of emails of upcoming events.

Do you want to keep up to date with the goings on in the Nelson Region?

Email [css@ts.co.nz](mailto:css@ts.co.nz) and ask Bernie to put you on the Community News and Views email distribution list.



[www.specialolympics.org.nz](http://www.specialolympics.org.nz)



Aim: To provide sports training and competition for people with an intellectual disability

In **Nelson** Contact: Lois Aitkenhead  
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In **Marlborough** contact: Phyllis Heard  
[marlborough@specialolympics.org.nz](mailto:marlborough@specialolympics.org.nz)



Age Concern Marlborough Inc.

### Secretary and Committee Member Required

The Committee of Age Concern here in Blenheim are looking for a Secretary on a volunteer basis to join them. We also need volunteer committee members including someone, preferably with some marketing skills, to assist in raising our profile here in Marlborough, and to help us continue to promote all the services and information that we offer to the older members of our community.

For more information please contact Jane Laing or Helen North on 579 3457.

We look forward to hearing from you.

[ageconble@extra.co.nz](mailto:ageconble@extra.co.nz)



Age Concern and other community organisations welcome voluntary help in all sorts of roles, from labouring to governance

Consider becoming a volunteer visitor with Age Concern's Accredited Visitor Service and make a new friend as well as helping someone else. Or if you can't get out and about maybe Age Concern can send a visitor to you. Offer your time to a local school. Volunteers are always welcome for walking school buses, hearing children read, or helping in the library. Churches have health and social service groups. Many rest homes welcome volunteers and visitors can become friends and help relieve the isolation that some residents feel. [www.ageconcern.org.nz](http://www.ageconcern.org.nz)

**Find out Whats Available to  
Older People in our  
Community**

**Free Entry, light  
refreshments &  
entertainment**

# **The Seniors Expo**



**Find out about:**

- \* Hobby and service groups to join
- \* Free legal assistance
- \* Government Assistance
- \* Seniors support groups
- \* Health advice and support
- \* How to keep yourself safe
- \* Plus Lots more!!!

**Wednesday 23 March 2011**

**10am to 3.00pm**

**Marlborough Lines Stadium 2000**

TRANSPORT: The Blenheim Bus will be operating as usual free to Gold Card Holders. A van will pick up people from the Countdown bus stop to transport to and from the Stadium during the day. This will fit in with the normal bus timetable.



# Free Professional Development Workshop

Public Trust is hosting a workshop for health care providers to enhance their understanding of Enduring Powers of Attorney; the impact of recent changes in legislation; and the resources available to assist those who are impacted by deterioration in health or circumstances.

- Where:** Harcourts Auction House (situated next to 623 In the City)  
Buxton Square Carpark, Nelson
- Date:** Thursday 31 March 2011
- Time:** 3.00 pm
- Covering:** Information on Protection of Personal and Property Rights Act, Enduring Powers of Attorney, Supporting those unable to manage their finances & opportunity for general questions from attendees

Light refreshments will be provided

This workshop provides the opportunity for attendees to network with their industry colleagues whilst enhancing their knowledge of this challenging topic.

We wish to extend the invitation to both you and members of your team therefore would appreciate you conveying this opportunity to them and advising us of the numbers who wish to attend. **A Certificate of Attendance will be provided upon completion.**

**RSVP:** Monday 21 March 2011  
Phone Dianne Clarke 03 989 3704  
Email [dianne.clarke@publictrust.co.nz](mailto:dianne.clarke@publictrust.co.nz)  
Fax 04 9785340

Please tick and complete where appropriate and RSVP:

Yes we wish to attend the workshop ..... (insert number attending)

..... (Insert contact name)

.....(Insert contact phone/email)

We are unable to attend your workshop but would like the opportunity to meet and discuss at an alternative date:

..... (Insert contact name)

.....(Insert contact phone/email)