



## NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our August newsletter. This exciting new look email is full of the latest developments that will keep you up-to-date with our industry.

### ATSNZ DISABILITY EXPO 2021



The 2021 ATSNZ Disability Expo, which now was held a month ago, can be seen as a successful event for the industry. The venue was very suitable and impressed both those that exhibited and visited.

With more than 50 exhibitors participating, the event attracted visitors mainly from Auckland, but with a good proportion from elsewhere, as far away as Dunedin. There were over 1,000 attendees over the two days, including allied health professionals, suppliers, funders, people with disability, carers and families. The aisles were busy with many exhibitors reporting a steady stream of enquiries from end-users to funding agencies.

The education sessions were well attended and provided a good enticement to attend the event. There was keen interest in all sessions, amongst both the health professionals and the public.

The networking session, after the expo closed to the public on day 1, was well attended by exhibitors and invited guests. It provided a casual and friendly atmosphere to meet up with guests from the Ministry of Health, Enable and Accessable, fellow exhibitors and colleagues. Katie Noble spoke briefly at the start welcoming all to the event and highlighted the positive atmosphere of the event.

The next ATSNZ Disability Expo will likely be at the same venue in the spring of 2022. Dates will be announced once the details are finalised.

A photo gallery has been added to our expo website that includes over 100 shots taken over the two days. The photos will be ordered into tabs but a sneak preview is already available.

<https://atsnzexpo.co.nz/galler...>

## HEALTH & DISABILITY SYSTEM REFORM



Stephen McKernan Director –  
Transition Unit (TU)

### Recent update

"As you know, we have a bold and very large work programme ahead. Our ongoing focus on engagement helps us listen, and to gather information and feedback from a wide range of people and groups."

The latest update from Stephen McKernan highlights the milestone reached in the number of meetings that are being held throughout the country (over 100) and details the organizations and people included.

The next milestone will be the announcement of the interim Māori Health Authority and Health NZ Boards in September.

*"A key piece of work in the last month has been progressing thinking on the role, functions and make-up of Iwi Māori Partnership Boards (IMPBs). The rich discussions and feedback reflect keen interest in the strengthened role of IMPBs, alignment to traditional rohe, and how they may be supported to carry out their functions and responsibilities as Tiriti partners. There is more to work through, including IMPB membership, accountabilities back to Māori communities, and resourcing to support IMPBs to progress these matters over the coming months, ahead of formalising new relationships with Health NZ and the Māori Health Authority come 1 July next year."*

The next bit of news relates to the signing up to a joint work programme, called Partners in Care, with the [Health Quality & Safety Commission](#) to deliver the foundational elements of a consumer voice framework over the next 12 months.

The Partners in Care programme team joining the Commission will focus on building partnership and leadership between providers and consumers at all levels of health and disability services – for individuals, specific population groups and the wider system.

Stephen goes on to introduce two new members to the team with a focus on Pacific Health.



We had a look at the data in more detail in relation to Aids & Appliances, where its clear that the largest increase is in non-list equipment. We asked for a further breakdown of this category but ACC does not have that readily available. We've requested any reports that ACC has access to, that may give some further detail in this category. We hope to be able to update on that next time.

### MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBER



#### SEAN PATERSON – SA PLUMBING SUPPLY LTD

Sean Paterson is Director of SA Plumbing Supply Ltd and recently signed up to become a member of ATSNZ.

Some may have met him at our most recent expo. He represented his company on the stand next to Morton & Perry, across from Medifab. Others may already know him through working together on projects in the past few years.

We warmly welcome Sean and SA Plumbing Supply Ltd to ATSNZ.

Established in 1951 as Manufacturers representatives, this third generation family owned company, has a continuing policy of representing specialist manufacturers of quality products in the plumbing sectors.

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