



## Executive Officer Update

1 August 2023

### ATSNZ Disability Expo 2023

- Call for Abstracts out – closed 31 July.
  - Tania heading the seminar selection committee to develop the programme for the Expo.
  - Cath Williams – Whaikaha – Anushka Nand ACC & Enable and Accessable will all join the last session of Day 1.
- All booths in the main hall sold, so we opened up the area in front of the rear Conference rooms.
  - Hope to have an update on booths sold soon.
- Adding a “Have a Go” area, where the products can be tried out outside the main hall, down the side corridors.
- Asked for bag Donations.
  - Invacare able to donate. Still looking for further donations.
- May, June and July Newsletters distributed.
- Conversation about future expos:
  - Auckland - 6 & 7 November 2024
    - Pencil booking.
  - Christchurch - 5 & 6 March 2025
    - Phoebe checking venues.
  - Auckland - 5 & 6 November 2025 (suggest moving to 17-18 September)
    - OSS Rotorua 3-6 November

### Therapeutics Products Bill

- Bill passed without much recognition of the input we provided in our submission.
  - Min Verrall – Grandfathering the existing medical devices in the market won't be happening.
- Teams meeting with the “7 Samurai” as the joint team of MTANZ, DHA, Medicines NZ, NHP NZ, CHPNZ, BiotechNZ and ATSNZ like to call themselves. Next steps around OIA requests on size and budget for the new regulatory body (estimated \$70 MLN with 350 staff), the kind of system they intend to develop, etc. DHA setting up a Teams Channel to share information, as it becomes available.
  - MTANZ setting up a Regulatory Affairs Group (8) where they will ask for Assistive Technology experts on regulatory affairs to join, from within their membership.

### Trials Improvement Process

- Meeting with Whaikaha, ATSNZ, Enable, Accessable, and a delegation of OTs on 16 June 11:00 AM via Teams, sharing the process map and giving all meeting participants the opportunity to refine the process steps and discuss barriers.
  - Next step: 1-2 people from each group to attend next meeting where timeframes and further process input will be discussed – Katie and Jason to attend.

### Membership/assistance

- 23/24 membership invoices sent out.
- Rehacare-Pro membership shifted to a Rehasense Ltd membership.
- Sent out AGM notice, notice of motions, nominations forms and draft constitution.
  - Received 1 nomination to date.

### Communications

- ATSNZ June newsletter sent out to members.
- Request from Disability Connect for sponsorship of their conference bags.
  - Asked members to respond directly to Michael Claydon at Disability Connects.

### Relationships

- Show Your Ability: used the occasion to meet and speak with many organisations.
- Whaikaha
  - Conversation regarding Expo presentation.
  - Scheduled meetings on equipment trial process improvement
- ACC
  - Follow up with Anushka Nand about Expo seminar presentation, due this week.
- MTANZ
  - Continued TPB collaboration.
- Enable
  - Email to Gavin regarding payments
- NZ Federation of Disability Information Services - Receiving & reading emails
- NZ Disability Services Network - Receiving and reading emails.
- Te Whatu Ora – receiving and reading emails.
- Access Matters – receiving and reading emails.