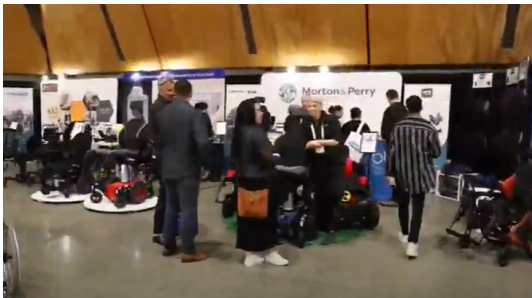




Welcome to our October 2023 newsletter. This newsletter is full of the latest developments that will keep you up-to-date with our industry.

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### ATSNZ DISABILITY EXPO – 1 & 2 November 2023



We're less than two weeks away from setting up for our 4th ATSNZ Disability Expo. We are hoping it will be our best one yet.

We have 50 exhibitors joining us across a range of products and services. We have 20 quality

presentations lined up in our seminar programme. The funders are coming to the party, presenting at the final session on the first day and joining us for the networking session following that. We have over 600 pre-registrations (this does not include exhibitors and expo staff), which is ahead of where we usually are two weeks out.

OTNZ, PTNZ, Enable (<https://www.enable.co.nz/news/...>) and Accessable are helping us to promote the expo amongst health professionals. User organisations are helping us to promote the expo amongst users. We're running a digital campaign which is getting good reach.

Our exhibitors are also reaching out to their databases and using their social media outlets to promote the event. We expect to see this ramped up right up to and during the event.

At 4 PM on Wednesday 1 November, we will be gathering for drinks and nibbles, to which all exhibitors and funders/administrators and members are invited. The first drink is on ATSNZ and there is the option to purchase subsequent drinks. Fork food will be served during the session. We hope to see many of you there.

## Elections 2023 Disability Scorecard



In the lead up to the 2023 General election, CCS Disability Action and Disabled Persons Assembly asked seven main political parties where they stand on key disability policies.

They sent each party nine questions about policies that have been top of mind for disabled people recently.

They also asked each party if they would like to share a short statement with the disabled community.

The results of this can be viewed via: <https://www.infoexchange.nz/el...>

We await the full results of the General election on 3 November, but its looking very likely that we should concentrate on National, ACT and possibly New Zealand First to see in which direction we will be moving.

## Whaikaha – Ministry of Disabled People



Whaikaha is inviting expressions of interest from disabled people and tāngata whaikaha Māori to join the Transformation Management Board.

In Budget 2022, Cabinet approved a tagged contingency “to extend Enabling Good Lives to more of the disabled population and their whānau, progressing towards a national rollout of the Enabling Good Lives approach”.

In September 2023, the Government announced that Whaikaha could access \$73.7 million over the next four years and an additional \$40.5 million each year in the following years to support their disability system transformation work.

Whaikaha is establishing a Transformation Management Office which will oversee and support the implementation of these initiatives. The Transformation Management Board will provide governance over this work programme and ensure disabled people and tāngata whaikaha Māori are at the decision-making table.

The initial priority is to create the infrastructure needed so that the foundations necessary for change are in place.

The Board will be made up of three disabled people, three tāngata whaikaha Māori and three senior Whaikaha leaders including the Chief Executive. Board members will bring their leadership skills, personal experience and subject matter expertise to guide the transformation programme.

## ATSNZ AGM – 31 August 2023



Our 2023 AGM, held on the 31st of August at the Jetpark Conference Centre, Mangere, Auckland, was well attended with 17 representatives of our member companies and the Executive Officer.

A new committee has been elected, with restanding members Aaron

Morgan (Medix21), Andrew Short (Permobil) and Phoebe Mascull (Medifab) joined by new members Chris Ross (WS Medical), Jeremy Glasier (Able Axxess), Levi Murray (Cubro) and Wayne Turner (Allied Medical).

Special thanks were expressed to departing committee members Katie Noble (Allied Medical), Tania Bowkett (C1 South) and Jason Clare (Cubro) who, as founding members of ATSNZ, have been very active in establishing the organisation and committing their time and expertise to the benefit of all members over the past five years.

A new constitution for ATSNZ was approved at the 2023 AGM.

At the close of the official part of the AGM, Sophie Malthus spoke to our members about her experiences and future plans. She was left paralysed after a horse-riding accident in 2016. Sophia suffered a C5 spinal cord injury leaving her with minimal movement below the neck.

Following Sophie's talk we all enjoyed a light lunch together.

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