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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 65 Morningside Dr.,
St Lukes.
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ADULT ASPERGER & AUTISM
SPECTRUM SOCIAL GROUP
This is held on the 3rd

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Hello

 **Branch News**

It is with sadness that we farewell two of our staff this month. Lumi, whom I am sure many of you have spoken with as our Information Co-ordinator, has decided to follow her other passion and is leaving us to return to work in the Real Estate industry. Lumi has done an amazing job of putting together the monthly newsletter and supporting the other Branch Staff. Christine Birrell, who worked as an Outreach Worker supporting our families, also left this month and is assisting her husband in the family business. We wish both Lumi and Christine well as they pursue new ventures. Also Jo Lloyd, the Branch Programme Co-ordinator has changed her office hours and is available Monday to Thursday 9.30am-2.30pm

 **School Holiday Programme**

It is hard to believe that the school holidays are nearly upon us again. With the change around of terms and the World Cup, they come round really fast. We will be running our fantastic School Holiday Programme based at Mt Richmond Special School, Otahuhu. We will be offering a combination of trips and centre based activities. The Holiday Programme will run from Monday 10th October-Friday 21st October 2011.

For further information and or enrolment forms, please contact Jo Lloyd on 8460913 or email jo.lloyd@autismnz.org.nz

 **Committee News**

We invite members to attend our AGM. The Branch and Committee have been working hard on completing our Business Plan and Budget for the next year. There are positions available on our committee for the upcoming year and we are looking for energetic and motivated people who are keen to assist us and the Branch Staff. No previous experience required, just a passion for assisting our ASD Community. For further details please [click here](#)

Respite Care Action

Many families with a disability will be accessing out of home respite. You may be aware this respite is divided into "under 17 year old or "over 17 year old" categories. We have heard anecdotaolly from families that accessing quality and relatively local out of home respite services can be difficult. For further information [click here](#).

 **Thank You's**

Saturday of the month 3:00-5:00p.m., 65 Morningside Dr., St Lukes. Contact Natasha Delgarno on natasha.delgarno@autismnz.org.nz 021 393 846 or Jen Birch on jenbirch@actrix.gen.nz ADULTS ASPERGER SYNDROME/HIGH FUNCTIONING AUTISM DROP-IN Venue : Rear of building. 65 Morningside Dr., St Lukes. Dates : 1st Tuesday of every month. Time : 12-2pm Contact Natasha on natasha.delgarno@autismnz.org.nz

021 393 846 WOMEN WITH ASPERGERS GROUP Meets 1st Saturday of every month (except January) 3.00pm-5.00pm at 65 Morningside Dr., St Lukes Facilitator Christine Lee christine.mansford.lee@gmail.com or Natasha.delgarno@autismnz.org.nz

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Autism N.Z. Inc Auckland Branch Staff

Karen Lonergan -
Branch Manager

Emma Cutts -
Team Leader
Service Delivery

Jo Lloyd -
Programme Coordinator

Natasha Delgarno -
Adult and Youth
Liaison Officer

James Holman and Pui Wong (both pictured below) are keen volunteers for Autism NZ. [Read more.](#)



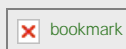
A big THANK YOU also to our member Janet Rossiter, who kindly donated the book "Asperger's Syndrome and Sexuality - from Adolescence through Adulthood" by Isabelle Henault (Foreword by Tony Attwood). Our library certainly looks happier now, so thank you, Janet!

Thomas and Friends Big Day Out

Thomas and his friends are coming to Glenbrook Vintage Railway soon. We know many young children affected by ASD love Thomas and his friends. Auckland Branch will be at the event collecting donations; if you want a fun day out and are able to assist for an hour

If you are able to help on both or either dates below please email the office Auckland@autismnz.org.nz with a subject heading of Big Day Out Thomas.

When: 12 & 13th November 2011
Where: Glenbrook Vintage Railway Station



Beauty and the Beast Pantomime

Southern Stars Charitable Trust Presents: Beauty and the Beast. A live performance Pantomime in aid of the Burns Support Group.

When: 15th October 2011 at 10am.
Where: Logan Campbell Centre, ASB Showgrounds, Greenlane West Auckland

1 ticket entitles 1 adult and 2 children 1-14 years of age.

We have a limited number of tickets available please email your contact and postal address details to Auckland@autismnz.org.nz

Seminars

Behaviour Support Seminar

Sue Larkey is a highly qualified special educator in mainstream and special schools. She is currently working toward a Doctorate of Education, focusing on inclusive education.

She has authored several books and resource materials. Sue is unashamedly passionate about her mission - to inspire parents and educators and teach them how to Make it a Success.

Course content:

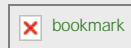
Behaviour Support: What are ASD behaviours? Preparing child and staff. Common playground issues. Meltdowns and anxiety. Transition strategies for school and home. Repetitive and obsessive behaviours.

Teaching Strategies: What is ASD? Autism learning style. Visual strategies. Social skills. Teaching play. Classroom Strategies. Transitions. How to motivate and use special interests.

For a Registration Form or for further information [click here](#).

School Transition Seminar

With the end of the school year approaching I thought it was a good time to discuss some strategies to support your child's transition to the next school year. Even if your child is staying in the same school and just changing class it's still important to prepare them for these changes. We will discuss specific resources and strategies that you can use with your child. To register please [click here](#)



National Conference Papers

Submissions are invited for contributions to the programme for the National Conference on Autism Spectrum Disorders "Challenging the Myths: Leaving behind the stereotypes" hosted by Autism New Zealand Inc. [Click here](#) for further information.

Free Book Offer

IHC has secured funding to offer a free book to all New Zealand families with a child with autism or an intellectual disability aged up to 12 years old. There are three books available and they can be ordered at <http://www.ihc.org.nz/GetInformation/FreeBook/tabid/1762/Default.aspx> (order on the right-hand side of the page).

Harcourts supporting Autism NZ

Sell or Rent Your Property with Harcourts and Support Autism NZ!

Call **0800 harcourts** or email referral@harcourts.co.nz when you are thinking of selling or renting a property.

Harcourts will donate 10% of the commission or 3 months of the Property Management Fee to support Autism NZ! A proportion of this will be linked back to local branches.

This will cost you nothing but will make a huge difference to those living with Autism in your community.

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Library Update

We have a number of overdue library books. If you have any overdue books please urgently return and no questions will be asked. All current overdue books must be returned before the AGM on the 26th October 2011. Members will be invoiced the replacement cost of any overdue books after this date.

As from the 1st of November members wishing to borrow books from the Library will be required to pay \$25. An overdue notice will be sent and if books are not returned promptly an invoice will be issued.

National Board Elections

Please remember that National Board Elections are coming up. Anyone over the aged of 16 is eligible to vote. If you require additional voting forms please contact National Office on (0800 AUTISM (288 476) or email info@autismnz.org.nz

Funny Things in the World of Autism

Out of the mouths of children, they can really make us laugh and make us take a lighter look at life. To read [click here](#) If you have some humor you wish to share please email your story to Auckland@autismnz.org.nz Thanks to those who contributed this month.



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