

Manawanui News

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Kia ora kotou. Spring is officially upon us and we can't wait to welcome the warmer weather!

Speaking of welcome, it gives me great pleasure to introduce our new Northland Coach [Tahi Tait](#). We're delighted that Tahi has joined the Manawanui team - he brings a wealth of healthcare, community and social service experience to his role, as well as a personal interest in the Northland community.

Keep an eye out over the coming months for more on your local coaches and the wider team. We'll be introducing you to the people behind the scenes who develop the portal, answer your calls and process payments.

I would like to thank those who came along to the Hamilton Network Meeting. We hope you enjoyed hearing from Disabled Persons Assembly President, Gerri Pomeroy, QSM, and got some great takeaway notes from her speech.

We're currently planning future [Network Meetings](#) and keen to hear if you'd like us to visit your region – let your Coach know or email our [Communications Team](#)! Network meetings are your chance to meet with the CEO and Management at Manawanui and hear what's going on both at Manawanui, and in the disability sector. We listen to your feedback and suggestions for improvement, and use these to provide you with a better service.

Marsha & the Manawanui Team

Coaching Update

Know your Coach - Introducing Tahī Tait



Tahī has a background of working in different roles across health, community and social services in the Government and not-for-profit sectors.

His role as a Manawanui Coach involves supporting customers in the Northland region to lead an independent and fulfilling life by offering them freedom of choice and complete control of their funding. Described as a people's person, Tahī loves interacting with customers and engaging with families.

He enjoys a full range of outdoor activities in the far northern

beaches and the Kauri forest and loves fishing and gardening. He also coaches basketball, plays the guitar and sings with friends and whānau.

Tahī believes in the power of learning. He says, "Learning is a lifetime pursuit; different cultures beliefs and practices are of interest to me. I am always studying and read about two hours every day."

Connect with your Coach

North Island

- Tahī Tait
- Janelle Greenall
- Maude Maxwell
- Yvonne Halliday
- Karen Jeffrey

South Island

- Lynne Johnston
- Peggy Aerts
- Conny Joling

Network Meetings

Auckland

Thursday **12 September** 2019
5:00pm - 7:00pm

Albany Community Hub
575 Albany Highway
Auckland

Greymouth

Monday **23 September** 2019
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Tai Poutini Polytechnic
73-87 Tainui Street
Greymouth

Westport

Tuesday **24 September** 2019
11:30am - 1:30pm

Pulse Energy Recreation Centre
Cnr Pakington & Domett Streets
Westport

Building Community

making social connections

Palmerston North Dancing Queen



Lucy Brunn is an absolute dance enthusiast. She recently finished school but continues to have a busy schedule attending dance classes and leading her own sessions. Join Lucy in action every Tuesday at Dean McKerras School of Dance in Palmerston North.



e-Mploy

Do you use e-Mploy, our online recruitment platform? We'd love to hear about your experiences, stories, ideas and suggestions.

Events

Citizen Advocacy is running an advocacy skills workshop on **13 September** in Epsom.

This training is for whanau and staff of disabled people and for people working in advocacy roles in disability services. Relevant articles from the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will be used as a bridge to the practical application of advocacy. Visit their [website](#) for more information.



Download Now

Use your Portal login details

Disability Pride Week. In the run-up to Disability Pride Week (16 – 22 September), the Human Rights Commission (HRC) is sharing stories of disability pride on their [website](#) to help raise the voices of disabled people. If you are interested in sharing your story, please email [Jac Lynch](#).

Manawanui supports iLead. Manawanui is proud to support the iLead conference - NZ's first-ever youth with disabilities conference. iLead is a power packed 2-day session from 3-4 September in Wellington where young people with disabilities from across New Zealand come together and make their voices heard on the issues they face and what barriers they come up against, as a young person living with a disability. For details visit their [website](#).



Live Web Session

General Feedback

Thursday **26 September** 2019
Starts at 5:30pm

Join our team in real time to ask any questions or provide feedback about our service.

If you'd like to know more about these sessions, please get in touch with [Jade](#).