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Welcome

Welcome to the 2025 ATSNZ Disability Expo - Auckland.

On behalf of Assistive Technologies Suppliers New Zealand (ATSNZ - www.ATSNZ.org.nz), I would like to welcome you to the 2025 Disability Expo.

We are proud to bring to you our sixth Auckland exhibition of assistive technology, which is aimed at enhancing and expanding the lifestyles of people with disability and seniors across New Zealand.

We are pleased to welcome the exhibitors who have come together to support the Expo, including local small businesses, international organisations and a number of not-for-profit organisations. ATSNZ is honoured to be able to facilitate the Disability Expo as an event that supports all involved with disability of all ages.

The Expo is sure to have something of interest for everyone, whether you are a consumer, care giver, allied health practitioner, equipment funder or support organisation. Through this year's event, ATSNZ is committed to:

- Showcasing a broad range of assistive technology (AT) and lifestyle services to support choice and control for those with disability, seniors, and care givers.
- Educating our expo visitors about the latest advances in AT and related services, and to support the development of their technical skills and knowledge.
- Helping people improve their independence, dignity, health, and well-being through awareness of assistive technology options.

The world-class Seminar Program has only been made possible through the generous support of many companies and organisations, both local and international. ATSNZ wishes to pass on its thanks to the outstanding panel of speakers who will be presenting and the supporters of the Expo for making this program possible.

Thank you for taking the time to attend this exceptional event and I hope you will visit us again at future ATSNZ Disability Expos.

Ingrid van Rijn - *Executive Officer, ATSNZ*

Exhibitors

ABLE AXCESS

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Able Axcess Ltd is a New Zealand company that specialises in providing accessible mobility solutions for residential and commercial customers. Our products include: Aluminium Modular Ramps: These are reusable ramps that can be installed quickly and easily anywhere. They are designed and manufactured in our Palmerston North factory and installed by our trained technicians. Rubber Threshold Ramps: These are made from recycled tyres and help with access over small steps or doorways. They are wheelchair and walker friendly and can be ordered online and delivered to you door. Level Shower Insert: This is a product that converts most standard showers into accessible showers. It is installed by our technicians and does not require any alterations to the bathroom. We are committed to delivering high-quality products and services that improve the safety and mobility of our customers. We have a reputation for solving problems and standing behind our products.

ACCESS COMMUNITY HEALTH | URU ĀTEA

Stand 64
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We're all about meeting you in your space wherever that space may be. Since the 1920s, we've been right here in Aotearoa, offering disability support, nursing and home care. We work closely with MSD – Disability

Support, Te Whatu Ora, and ACC to lend a hand to over 40,000 people nationwide. Our skilled team of nēhi|nurses and kaiāwhina|support workers are here to help you live your best life. Whether it's reaching your goals or connecting with your community, we're with you every step of the way. A partnership with Access means you paddle your own waka, we come along for the ride. Trust us to be part of your journey and discover a better day, every day.

ACCESSABLE

Trestle Table 4
www.accessable.co.nz/

Accessable provides equipment, vehicle and housing modifications to support people with disabilities and injuries to lead mana enhancing lives.

ACTIVE HEALTHCARE

Stand 1
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Active Healthcare is a trusted provider of specialist healthcare equipment, focused on safe patient handling, mobility, and pressure care. With over 30 years' experience supporting New Zealand hospitals, aged care, rehabilitation services, and community care providers, we're committed to reducing injury risk and enhancing care through ergonomically designed solutions. Grounded in human-centred design, our products support both user wellbeing and caregiver safety—enhancing comfort, usability, and efficiency. We supply market-leading brands including Guldmann Ceiling Hoists, HoverTech Air-Assisted Devices, LINET Hospital Beds, and Care of Sweden Pressure Mattresses. By prioritising ease of use and clinical fit, we help teams deliver safer, more effective care.

ARA HARDWARE

Stands 21 - 22
www.ahs.co.nz/accessibility-made-easy/
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ARA Hardware have been servicing the building industry with architectural hardware for over 30 years. More recently, we have developed a range of hardware and software solutions to improve accessibility for all, specifically door operators for both sliding and swing doors. These great products have transformed lives for disabled people, by increasing their independence and access to their homes and other facilities. Whether you use a keypad, fob, remote, or sensor, getting in and out has become so much easier!

ALLIED MEDICAL

Stands 87 - 90
www.alliedmedical.co.nz
helpis@alliedmedical.co.nz or 0800 316 181

What we offer isn't just products crafted from high-tech metals, alloys, and wires but real solutions that enhance the quality of life for the people of Aotearoa. We provide our customers with freedom. And we're pretty passionate about it. Whether you're shopping for yourself or a loved one, researching products for a client or purchasing stock for your business we're here to help.

ARJO

Stand 23
www.arjo.com/en-au/

Founded in 1957 by Arne Johansson, in Sweden, Arjo head office, including a R&D function, is located in Malmo, Sweden. Arjo has approximately 6,500 employees worldwide and our products and services are sold in over 100 countries. The group has five product development

and production units worldwide. Empowering movement is at the heart of everything we do. It's at the centre of our product design philosophy. It's how we help care providers stay agile and efficient. It's about enabling caregivers to move freely and productively. And for patients, it's about enhancing mobility to promote healing, dignity and independence.

AVANOS

Stand 44
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Avanos is a medical device company that develops, manufactures and markets recognized brands in At Avanos, we share your commitment to helping patients get back to the things that matter. Our broad enteral feeding portfolio from neonates and pediatrics to adults—along with the dedicated education, service, and support you and your patients need—makes Avanos Enteral Feeding a vital lifeline. In the face of the global opioid epidemic, our growing Pain Management and Recovery portfolio provides non-opioid solutions for the management and treatment of chronic and post-surgical pain.

BEACHWHEELS NZ

Stand 19
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Beachwheels NZ's goal is to help change people's lives, by helping everyone get out and about, doing the things they love with the people they love. There are lots of benefits to mental and physical health by getting outdoors. And most of our products are outdoor all terrain wheelchairs that can go on trails, over gravel, on the beach, in the water. Wherever you want to go and whatever you want to do, we have a range of quality products to suit.

CARE ON CALL

Trestle Table 2
www.careoncall.nz/
Phone: 0800 664 422

Care On Call provides personalised home and community care services to support people to live independently in their own homes. We offer 24/7 support, with tailored care plans designed around each person's needs, preferences, and lifestyle. Our team takes the time to match you with the right caregivers and prioritises consistency of care to build strong, lasting relationships. Free in-home assessments are available with no pressure or obligation; just genuine care and a commitment to better outcomes through high-quality, person-centred support.

CCS DISABILITY ACTION

Trestle Table 6
www.ccsdisabilityaction.org.nz/

CCS Disability Action is Aotearoa New Zealand's largest pan-disability support and advocacy organisation. We've worked alongside disabled people of all ages and impairment types, promoting choice, control, and inclusion for over 90 years. We lead in service provision, advocacy, and information sharing across the disability sector. Our vision is for every disabled person and whānau hauā to be fully woven into their communities. In addition to direct support, we administer the mobility parking scheme and offer a free national Library and Information Service. Learn more at www.ccsdisabilityaction.org.nz

CLAYBEDS LTD

Stand 3
www.claybeds.co.nz/
Phone: 021 0279 4439

At CLAYBEDS LTD, we specialise in designing safe, sensory-friendly beds for children with disabilities, particularly those on the autism spectrum. Our products are born from personal experience — inspired by our own son who has Level 2 Autism — and thoughtfully developed to meet the unique sensory, behavioural, and safety needs of neurodiverse children.

CLIFFY HILLS HYGIENE

Stand 2
www.cliffyhills.com/
Phone: 021 153 9813

Cliffy Hills Hygiene is a New Zealand-based provider of high-quality adult diapers designed for aged care, home care, and hospital use. Our range includes various sizes and absorption levels—from light to ultra-absorbent—for day and night protection. Made with skin-friendly and eco-conscious materials, our products ensure comfort, dignity, and sustainability. Trusted by care professionals, we deliver reliable hygiene solutions that meet the highest standards.

CUBRO

Stands 6 - 12
www.cubro.co.nz
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Cubro is proud to be part of the 2025 ATSNZ Disability Expo, showcasing a wide range of innovative equipment designed to support better outcomes for clients and their support teams. This year, we invite you to test, try, and trust it. Get hands-on with solutions like the mighty 450kg capacity Big Bounder 1000 powerchair, the versatile VELA Tango independence chair, and R82 bathing aids for children, alongside a broader selection of assistive technology on display. Our team will be on hand for product demonstrations, clinical discussions, and to help you explore equipment that supports safe transfers, everyday mobility, and complex care needs. While you're there, scan the QR code at our stand to go in the draw to win a $250 Prezzy card. See it in action. Ask questions. Try it for yourself. See you at stands 6 - 12.

DRAKE MEDOX

Trestle Table 10
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For over 50 years, Drake Medox has been the health and community care recruitment arm of Drake New Zealand, providing quality healthcare workers to hospitals, aged care facilities and for individuals. We are also a specialist provider of support for those with complex needs to live safely and independently in their place of choice with our skilled homecare support workers.

DRY FLUSH

Stand 57
www.dryflush.co.nz/
Phone: 027 381 9290

Dry Flush was the ATSA Winner of 2025 Best New Product. They are New Zealand based company that provide an innovative toilet as a alternative to standard bedside commodes or other in-home waste solutions. The Laveo Dry Flush toilet is an all-in-one odourless & waterless toilet solution. An innovative solution that's clean, convenient and hygienic for both users and carers.

ENABLE NEW ZEALAND

Trestle Table 1
https://www.enable.co.nz/

GOLDFERN MOBILITY

Stands 71 - 74
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Goldfern Mobility takes immense pridein being 100% New Zealand, family owned & operated. Our mission is clear - to offer top-of-the-range products that make daily tasks more manageable for individuals living with mobility challenges. The Goldfern Mobility range has been carefully curated with safety & affordability, front of mind. Doing so creates a transparent and connected partnership with those in the industry who issue our product, and with those using our product.

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Stand 66
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HEALTHVISION

Stand 45
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0508 733 377

Healthvision – At the centre of everything is you! Whether you need support recovering from an injury, need wound care, in-home help, or rehabilitation, we're here for you — with quality care that fits your life.

Why Healthvision?

- 25+ Years of Experience – A trusted, family- owned provider offering services across New Zealand.

- Support that works for you – We'll do our best to adjust care within the guidelines of what's available to meet your needs — from personal care to complex rehabilitation.
- Free ACC Nursing – We're an approved provider of free ACC services, including wound care, burns, and in-home rehab.
- Allied Health Team focused on your recovery and independence – Work with physios, OTs, dietitians, psychiatrists, rehab coaches, and more.
- Local, Friendly Team – We work with you and your whānau for the best outcomes.
- Help Navigating Support – We'll explain how to get started, what funding is available, and what support you're eligible for.
- Private Care Options – Looking for flexible services? Ask us about our private care offerings.

Our Values:

- Arohatanga (Compassion) – We treat you with kindness and respect, every step of the way.
- Manawanui (Dedication) – A highly trained team who are committed to quality care.
- Mahitahitanga (Collaboration) – We value your voice, your goals, and your independence.
- Auahatanga (Innovation) - continuously improving the way we support people

Let's Talk! Pop over to the Healthvision stand at ATSNZ for a friendly chat, take home some useful info, and learn how we can support you or a loved one to stay well, safe, and independent at home.

INDEPENDENT LIVING CHARITABLE TRUST

Stand 26
https://ilsnz.org/
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For over 42 years, Independent Living has been the trusted source for disability advice and equipment NZ wide, via our 3 retail stores, online store and as a direct importer and wholesale provider to other disability equipment stores nationwide. We have a wide range of mobility, bathroom and bedroom equipment for short- and long-term hire and purchase. A not-for-profit organisation, we also provide FREE advice on all things related to disability and helping you to maintain your independence. We work with you or your family to understand your situation, concentrating on what your abilities are. We then find solutions for the areas that you need assistance with.

INVACARE

Stands 76 - 81
www.invacare.co.nz
Phone: 027 238 3052

Invacare manufactures and distributes a comprehensive range of personal assistance products to help their users enjoy a comfortable, safe and active lifestyle. Invacare's mission is embodied in our company motto to "Make Life's Experiences Possible". Today, Invacare is a global leader in the worldwide market for medical products and services used in the home. Invacare designs, manufactures and distributes an extensive line of innovative home and long-term care medical products and services that promote recovery and active lifestyles. Invacare is committed to understanding their customer's needs and exceeding their expectations to help rebuild and maintain active lifestyles.

LOUNA MOBILE BATHROOMS

Stand 29
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With over 30 years experience in the building and occupational therapy industries, LOUNA Mobile Bathrooms bring expertise and knowledge to their custom-built mobile bathrooms so our clients can experience the highest level of independence and dignity with their Bathroom needs and requirements.

MEDIFAB PTY LTD

Stand 35
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Our mission is ‘Shaping Better Lives’ Medifab make a positive difference to the lives of persons with a disability, therapists and carers globally by providing leading-edge postural support solutions for a wide range of special needs. We specialise in Complex Rehab Technology (CRT) Medifab is a team of specialists dedicated to helping children and adults who have significant disabilities and medical conditions. CRT products enable these individuals to deal with their daily physical, functional and cognitive challenges and play a critical role in addressing the complex medical needs of these children and adults and in keeping them active and functional within their homes and communities.

MEDIX 21

Stands 13 - 14
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Medix21 is a leading supplier of high quality assistive technologies that meet the needs in the patient handling, disability and rehabilitation areas. We have extensive experience, operating since 1987, in hospitals, aged care facilities, community environments, schools and homes, working closely with funders, assessors, therapists and other health professionals to deliver solutions for our clients and their families. Our product offering extends to the areas of ophthalmology and podiatry. Our product advisors are energised and trained to deliver excellent service and advice, backed by strong clinical and technical expertise. Collaborating with clients, families and health professionals we are committed to helping you move ahead.

MELROSE KIWI CONCEPTS CHAIRS

Stand 5

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Melrose Kiwi Concept Chairs is a company that designs and fabricates custom-made wheelchairs, both for everyday use and sports, and offers a variety of related products and services. We have a strong focus on custom fitting and optimizing wheelchairs for individual needs. Melrose Chairs has been operating for over 30 years and is a New Zealand family- owned company.

MOBILITY CENTRE

Stand 84
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Mobility Centre is New Zealand's largest mobility equipment retailer with stores in Hamilton, Tauranga, Hastings and Wellington and a vast online store at www.mobilitycentre.co.nz. Mobility Centre is part of Your Way | Kia Roha a not for profit founded over forty years ago and with operations nationwide in support of people with disabilities.

MOBILITY ENGINEERING

Stand 4
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Mobility Engineering, your trusted partner in delivering innovative and reliable accessibility solutions across Australia. We take pride in providing local solutions through our extensive nationwide network of dedicated solutions specialists and partners. Whether you're located in a bustling city or a remote area, our network is committed to delivering top-notch service and convenience right to your doorstep, helping you expand your world and live more independently.

At Mobility Engineering, we recognise that every individual's mobility needs are unique. That's why our team of solutions specialists is ready to unlock your potential with expert advice, personalised recommendations, and hands-on clinical trials. We are here to help you find the perfect solution, whether you need a vehicle modification, wheelchair hoist, or advanced driving controls.

Contact us today to book a trial and experience our tailored approach

NESST SOLUTIONS AND SOUND FOR LIFE

Stand 30
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Soundsory® and Forbrain® are educational neurotechnology tools by Sound for Life Ltd, supporting sensory, motor, and cognitive development. Forbrain is a bone-conduction headset that enhances speech, attention, and memory through real-time voice feedback. Soundsory is a 40-day music-and-movement program using rhythmic, filtered sound to boost sensory integration and coordination, motor coordination and cognitive function, opening hearing pathways. In New Zealand, both tools are available through NESST Solutions in Auckland. NESST Solutions is partnering with Sound for Life in showcasing these products at the ATSNZ Expos. Both tools are used extensively by speech therapists, occupational therapists and educators, and at home worldwide. For Int'l Supplier - Sound for Life - please go to https://shop.soundforlife.com/

NEW ZEALAND HEALTH GROUP

Stands 67 - 69
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New Zealand Health Group (NZHG) is Aotearoa New Zealand's largest nationwide provider of home and community support services, disability support, rehabilitation, mental health and behavioural support, health staffing, workplace support, sector training, private care and medical alarms. Our team of over 10,000 carers, support workers, nurses, and other health professionals provide more than 100 specialist services across Aotearoa to tens of thousands of New Zealanders every day. With the purpose of achieving equitable wellbeing for everyone, NZHG works in collaboration with government, health authorities, local iwi, and communities to ensure people are supported with the care they need to live their best lives.

NZ SPINAL TRUST

Trestle Table 9
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For over 30years NZ SpinalTrust have supported positive futures for individuals and their whānau living with the effects of spinal cord impairment. We are a charityand exist on donations, grants and fundraising to provide our three key services free of charge - Peer and whānau support, VocationalRehabilitation and many resources.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BOARD OF NEW ZEALAND (OTBNZ)

Trestle Table 3
www.otboard.org.nz/

PERMOBIL NEW ZEALAND LTD

Stands 48 - 54
www.permobil.com/en-nz
Phone 0800 115 222

Permobil's founder Dr. Per Uddén believed that helping individuals achieve the greatest level of independence is a basic human right and for over 50 years, that has been the driving force behind our innovative assistive technology. We are passionate about understanding our users' needs and helping them live life to the fullest. We are a global leader in trusted healthcare solutions for power and manual wheelchairs, seating and positioning products, and power assist. Permobil is part of Patricia Industries, a subsidiary of Investor AB and is headquartered in Sweden. For more information about Permobil, and our complete product line visit: New Zealand: www.permobil.com/en-nz | Tel: 0800 115 222

PRIDE MOBILITY | THEOREM

Stand 85-86
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Pride® Mobility Products is the world's leading innovator and manufacturer of personal mobility products. We are dedicated to helping those with mobility needs live the highest quality of life. Pride® Mobility Products Australia provides an extensive range of Go Go® travel scooters, Pride® scooters, Jazzy® power chairs, and VivaLift® powerlift recliners to cater to diverse needs. Theorem Power Lift Recliners are designed to be a functional and fashionable addition to your living space, delivering customised comfort for years to come. We're constantly updating our range with all types of consumers in mind, which is why we can offer uniquely beautiful furniture tailor-made for you. After a long day, enjoy the benefits of inclusions, such as lay-flat positioning, power lumbar support, hidden cup holders, smart device charging, and more.

QUINN LIFTS & ELEVATORS

Stand 83
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Quinn Lifts & Elevators are designers, manufacturers and installers of domestic and commercial passenger elevators and short rise mobility lifts. Our short rise lifts can rise to levels of both 1m and 1.5m, are designed to be free standing and portable while being durable and stable. Proudly New Zealand owned & operated Quinn has been designing, manufacturing, installing and maintaining lifts throughout the South Pacific Basin since 1990. Our reputation has been built by the fact that we stand behind our locally built products and service standards, we pride ourselves on being the most customer-responsive player on the field. Visit www.quinnlifts.co.nz or call our team on 07 867 6712 to find out more.

REHASENSE (NZ) LIMITED

Stands 75 and 82
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Rehasense is a global healthcare company offering a comprehensive portfolio of mobility and care solutions that reflect our passion for innovation. We aim to enhance our customers' levels of freedom and independence so they can fully enjoy their day-to-day lives, whether it be with family, socialising with friends or at work.

REID TECHNOLOGY LTD

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Reid Technology (https://assistivetechnologies.reidtechnology.co.nz/) is one of New Zealand's leading suppliers of assistive technology, offering equipment choices for people who impaired hearing, sight and cognition. We will be displaying equipment as follows; Bellman & Symfon - Alerting equipment for the hearing impaired, including smoke alarms, alarm clocks and flashing devices to inform people that there is an event happening around the home Bellman & Symfon – Personal Listening devices, for some people these are a viable alternative to hearing aids Oricom – A range of alarm clocks, amplified phones, 4G mobile phones, baby monitors and digital photo frames. Abilia – Cognitive assistance devices, including the Cary Base, which reminds the user of events coming up for each day such as going to the shops, breakfast/lunch/ dinner, taking medicine, birthdays and anniversaries. The Cary Base can be programmed from mobile phones, tablets and computers over the internet. Emfit – Mat kits for under bed use, alerting caregivers to someone having a tonic-clonic seizure, or simply getting out of bed.

ROLAPAL LTD

Stands 46-47
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Rolapal Ltd is a leading provider of wheelchair seating solutions, offering a diverse range of products to cater to individual needs and preferences. Our vision is to create revolutionary Assistive Technology products which are easy to use, have outstanding comfort & versatility, without requiring maintenance. Our range includes the renowned Dreamline brand, as well as Ignite, Splash, Snooza, and Woven Air, each offering unique features and benefits. Rolapal Ltd continues to revolutionize the wheelchair seating industry, empowering individuals to lead fulfilling and independent lives. For more information on Rolapal and our product lines visit www. rolapal.co.nz

SENSORY CORNER

Stand 15
www.sensorycorner.co.nz/
Phone: 09 271 0951

Sensory Corner specialises in equipment to help regulate the senses for all ages and stages from primary school to aged care. With 19 years creating and supplying sensory products, our vast range recognises the differing needs of individuals. Take some time to visit our stand full of calming and engaging sensory products. We have some new and exciting products to showcase alongside our popular favourites; Fidget packs, Weighted Animals and Weighted Blankets, and so much more. We look forward to seeing you.

SPECIALIST REHAB SERVICES

Testle Table 7
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Specialist Rehab Services Ltd (SRS) is a community-based rehabilitation provider with a large multidisciplinary team delivering high-quality, client-centered services across Aotearoa. Our clinicians include registered professionals in Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Speech-Language Therapy, Physiotherapy, Dietetics, Social Work, and Psychology. We are committed to evidence-based practice, cultural safety, and working collaboratively with clients to achieve their goals. SRS delivers a wide range of services, primarily under contracts with ACC, as well as the Ministry of Education, Oranga Tamariki, Ministry of Health, District Health Boards (DHBs), and private clients. We are proud to have an exceptional team of professionals, and as a company, we prioritise strong internal support and ongoing training to ensure our staff continue to grow and deliver the best possible care. At SRS, we are passionate about making a meaningful difference in the lives of the people we support, empowering them to thrive in their everyday environments

TE WANA LTD

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Te Wana Supply a range of Assistive Technologies - Epilepsy Alarms that alert for a range of nocturnal seizures - Care Sensors to alert carers and keep those they support safe - Pill Dispenser to support self-management of medication - Memory aids to support routines, independence and orientation - Medical Alarm to support Independence by connecting directly with Whanau.

THE DISABLED CITIZENS SOCIETY INC

Stand 56
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Originally founded in 1943 to support wounded war veterans, The Disabled Citizens Society Inc has grown into a place where individuals with disabilities come to engage in meaningful work. Alongside employment, we offer practical life skills training and foster genuine social connection, creating a well-rounded experience that supports each person's development, confidence and well-being. At DCS, every member is valued, supported, and given the opportunity to succeed on their own terms.

TLC4U2 IN HOME CARE & RESORT BEACHLANDS

Stand 70
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When you can't do it on your own… tlc4u2 is here to support you and your whānau/family with professional, quality, and fully-personalised home care services throughout the Northland and Auckland regions. tlc4u2 is an industry leader in the way we provide our care. Our level of investment and attention in each and every kiritaki/client is second to none. However complex the condition, whether you require short-term, long-term or ongoing care, tlc4u2 is committed to developing a customised care plan, in coordination with multi- disciplinary teams, to support you to live your best life. Our support workers receive client-specific training to ensure they know exactly what YOU need, and we take great care in pairing our clients with compatible support workers they can count on. Our priority is your hauora/health and wellbeing. It is extremely important to us that clients participate in their care and feel

valued, and that their decision-making right is honoured at all times. We work in consultation with clients, their whānau/family, and support workers to develop and continuously tailor services to meet the needs of the client. We provide a range of tailored home care services including: • Aged Care • Dementia Care • Overnight & Hourly Care • Palliative Care • Respite Care • Serious Injury & ACC Funded Care • Restoration Care

Rehabilitation At tlc4u2 Resorts Beachlands, accessible respite accommodation is an all-inclusive destination holiday. Ideal for people needing respite care, housing modifications, or a holiday. Te Whare Āio - Fully Accessible Accommodation We provide quiet, peaceful and spacious rooms within a private property. Featuring all modern amenities and relaxed shared spaces. We also accommodate clients whilst they are having housing modifications. Qualified Care Don't have a care team? tlc4u2 Resorts can provide professional, qualified support workers to assist you with all your personal care needs during your stay. Tender Loving Care Tailored to You If you require specialised care during your stay, tlc4u2 can arrange this for you. We cater for clients who ae fully independent, through to clients needing 24/7 care.

U-PLAN SYSTEMS

Stand 31
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At U Plan Systems, we are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for New Zealand's elderly, disabled, and unwell individuals. With over 28 years of experience in the medical furniture and equipment industry, our New Zealand owned business is dedicated to enhancing the quality of care while meeting the evolving needs of healthcare providers and those they serve.

WAY FINDERS

Trestle Table 8
www.wayfinders.org.nz/
Phone: 0800 273 030

We believe everyone deserves clarity, confidence, and fairness in navigating complex systems like ACC, so they can feel informed and supported throughout their journey. We provide free, independent advice so that you can understand what is happening with your claim and your ACC entitlements or any other query relating to ACC.

WILSON HOME TRUST

Trestle Table 5
Phone: 0800 948 787

The Wilson Home Trust is a private Trust based in Takapuna, Auckland. The Trust provides grants and support to physically disabled children and young adults in the top half of the North Island.

The grants offered are:

- Equipment / Activity
- Holiday
- Counselling
- Young Adults – (17 – 21 year olds)

For more information please go to our website – www.wilsonhometrust.org.nz or call 0800 948 787 or email info@wilsonhometrust.org.nz

WS MEDICAL

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Professional Seminar Series Programme

Wednesday 06 August 2025

Room 1

TIME	ABSTRACT
9.00am - 9.45am	**Manual Mobility for Paediatrics – Reducing Barriers and Enabling Function** **Tracee-lee Maginnity** The concept of on time mobility and early exploration mobility to support development are well understood by many. When do we consider a mobility base to support destination mobility? The considerations when prescribing manual wheelchairs for Paediatrics are more than just providing a sized down mobility base. There are some unique considerations when identifying the best options for paediatrics. This workshop looks at an overview of the different types of manual wheelchairs specifically designed or prescribed for paediatric populations, from standard entry level chairs through to active manual wheelchairs for independent mobility and for the more complex children the considerations of manual tilt in space. We will identify numerous considerations specific to this population group and addresses concepts such as sustainability and growth, supporting transfers, and managing parental expectations.
	Break in Expo Hall

TIME	ABSTRACT

10.15am - 11.00am

Wheelchair Access and Securement for Safe Vehicle Transportation

Amin Akbarian

From our experience in the mobility vehicle transport industry we have found that most wheelchair occupants being transported are incorrectly secured in the vehicle. We believe this is due to a lack of education and training around the correct procedures for transport and use of their associated restraints.

In this presentation I will detail the best practise guidelines for wheelchair vehicle transport as well as the Australian and New Zealand standards and regulations that apply to wheelchair transport. This presentation will also cover the occupant safety restraints necessary to reduce the amount of injuries during vehicle transport.

Learning Objectives:

1. Understanding the forces that come about in a vehicle accident.
2. Understanding the laws, regulations, and best practises for wheelchair transport within vehicles.
3. Identifying the correct method of wheelchair securement in a vehicle.
4. The correct type of wheelchair for vehicle transport.
5. Understanding the selection of wheelchair occupant safety restraints available

Morning Tea in Expo Hall

TIME	ABSTRACT
11.45am - 12.30pm	**Prescribing Power Standing Wheelchairs - Implementing Best Practice** **Tracee-lee Maginnity** Feeling nervous or overwhelmed when determining if standing is right for your client? Or maybe you have made the decision, but where do you start? This session is designed to help build your confidence in all things power standing wheelchair related. From a brief review of the current evidence through to planning and facilitating a success outcome - we will provide you with practical hints and tips that you will be able to implement in your practice when prescribing power standing wheelchairs.
	Lunch in Expo Hall
1.45pm - 2.30pm	**Bariatric Considerations and EMS Funding** **Cara Lockie** In the last decade, the prevalence of obesity and related functional loss in our general client population has increased exponentially. Also, there is increased demand for bariatric equipment. Bariatric equipment, designed for larger individuals, often requires increased weight capacities, larger dimensions, and more durable construction. The fit between client need, carer need, equipment solutions, and the environment must be carefully considered. The presenter will explore the above and discuss these considerations related to Disability Support Services, Equipment and Modification Services (EMS) funding criteria and process.
	Afternoon Tea in Expo Hall

TIME	ABSTRACT
3.00pm - 4.00pm	**DSS Session** **Chris Bunny** In 2024 the Government, after the latest review into Disability Support Services (DSS), transferred responsibility to the Ministry of Social Development and established a Taskforce. The immediate focus of the Taskforce was to respond to the recommendations of the Independent Review and stabilise DSS. This session will provide and update on progress so far and share the work ahead to make DSS fair, sustainable, transparent, and sustainable.

Room 2

TIME	ABSTRACT
9.00am - 9.45am	**Beyond Gel-Acid Batteries: How LiFeP04 Lithium Batteries Enhance Power Wheelchair Performance for Bariatric Users**

Henry Bertulfo

Power wheelchairs are indispensable for individuals requiring mobility assistance, yet bariatric users often encounter limitations with traditional gel-acid batteries due to increased weight demands and higher energy consumption. This abstract investigates the significant advantages of Lithium Iron Phosphate (LiFeP04) battery technology in addressing the specific needs of this demographic. Compared to conventional gel- acid batteries, LiFeP04 technology offers compelling benefits, including superior energy density, markedly longer cycle life (typically 2,000 – 5,000 cycles versus300 – 700 for lead-acid), and a considerable reduction in overall battery weight.

For bariatric power wheelchair users, these characteristics translate into tangible improvements in performance and usability. The higher usable capacity of LiFeP04 batteries extends operational range, while their lighter weight contributes to improved wheelchair maneuverability and reduced strain on the drive components. Furthermore, the enhanced depth of discharge tolerance and the integration of sophisticated Battery Management Systems (BMS) contribute to greater longevity and reliability-critical factors for users who rely profoundly on their mobility devices. Consequently, LiFeP04 batteries empower the design of more durable, dependable, and feature-rich power wheelchairs, substantially enhancing the mobility and quality of life for bariatric individuals.

Break in Expo Hall

TIME	ABSTRACT
10.15am - 11.00am	**Custom vs. Off-the-Shelf Sleep Systems: The Big Ws: What, When, and Why?**

Claire Grey & Ana Pacheco

A Lying and Positioning Assessment is a crucial part of a therapist's work when involved with clients with Mobility Needs. During the assessment, the therapist can understand the client/whanau's needs, limitations, preferences and goals.

With the information gathered at the assessment, the therapist can move to selecting the products that assist the client to achieve their main goals, be this improved sleep duration, increased comfort, reduced pain or pressure relief.

Aotearoa has a large variety of equipment available, and while this is hugely beneficial, it can also be confusing to know where to begin.

At times, a client with complex needs cannot have their goals achieved by an off-the-shelf product, necessitating the use of a customised or custom product fabrication.

For the sake of comparison and greater understanding, a few examples will be provided of clients using different ranges of equipment, including adjusted or custom-made options.

This talk aims to inspire greater confidence when prescribing 24-hour postural supports to assist therapists when prescribing the correct equipment, be that off the shelf, modified or custom.

Morning Tea in Expo Hall

TIME	ABSTRACT
11.45am - 12.30pm	**Beyond Standard: Clinical and Technical Considerations for Scripting Bariatric Wheelchairs** **Jacelyn Goh** As the demand for bariatric mobility solutions continues to rise, healthcare professionals face increasing challenges in prescribing wheelchairs that meet the complex and individualized needs of users with higher body weights. This presentation explores the critical clinical, biomechanical, and functional considerations involved in scripting bariatric wheelchairs. The session explores an overview of current bariatric wheelchair categories, including manual, power, and tilt-in-space models, followed by a discussion on common pitfalls in equipment selection. Attendees will learn how to assess and accommodate for factors such as weight distribution, seat width and depth, turning radius, frame durability, and propulsion efficiency. Special attention will be given to pressure management, postural support, and the impact of comorbidities such as lymphedema, joint instability, and cardiopulmonary limitations. Using case studies and evidence-informed guidelines, the presentation will provide a practical framework for interdisciplinary collaboration in the scripting process, from initial assessment to long-term outcomes.
	Lunch in Expo Hall

TIME	ABSTRACT
1.45pm - 2.30pm	**Housing Modifications for Safe Access and the changing relationship between Able Axcess and Occupational Therapists**

Teena Marlow

Over the years, the relationship between Able Axcess and Occupational Therapists (OTs) has undergone significant transformation. This evolution reflects broader changes within the healthcare setting, technology, and societal attitudes towards accessibility and inclusion.

As an Occupational Therapist with Able Axcess, I bring experience, clinical expertise, and an understanding of the access needs of individuals living with disabilities. This seminar will focus on housing modifications that enable safe, independent access - specifically, the assessments and measurements required to prescribe our modular aluminium ramps and rubber threshold ramps.

I will share practical insights and real-life experiences of individuals whose lives have been transformed through improved accessibility. This session will combine research-based clinical instruction with current best practice guidelines, highlighting the critical steps involved in conducting thorough access assessments.

Attendees will gain an understanding of how to identify environmental barriers, complete accurate measurements, and apply solutions that are both functional and client-centred. Join me as we explore the intersection of clinical reasoning, lived experience, and innovative product solutions in achieving safer, more inclusive environments.

By working together, we are driving systemic change towards a more inclusive society. As we continue to adapt and innovate, the future of accessibility in New Zealand looks promising

Afternoon Tea in Expo Hall

Thursday 07 August 2025

Room 1

TIME	ABSTRACT
8.45am - 9.30am	**Navigating Differently: Lived Experiences of Alternative Wheelchair Access Solutions** **Jacelyn Goh & Steve Burgess** For clients with complex physical needs, standard joysticks often aren't viable for powered wheelchair control. Fortunately, advances in technology and AI now provide diverse alternative access options— such as head arrays, switches, and smart glasses—that empower users to move and interact more independently. This session supports therapists in confidently prescribing special controls through a blend of evidence-based practices and real-life case studies.
	Break in Expo Hall

TIME	ABSTRACT
10.00am - 10.45am	**When does safety become restraint & does restraint become damaging when we just need sleep?**

Claire Grey

This session aims to discuss the role of safety and restraint in healthcare, specifically what the Ministry of Health guidelines advise, why these guidelines exist and why they must remain important in day-to-day practice.

How as assessors do we make sense of and ensure we address restraint when requesting and providing equipment for the use of harm reduction in clients who demonstrate challenging and self-harming behaviour to themselves or others throughout the daytime and during the night.

Working through examples when restraint and safety can be seen to overlap and become hard to quantify.

How do we ensure we explore all solutions to minimise restraint and always keep the user safe overnight, as well as supporting whanau through difficult situations while answers are being sought. Reviewing the role of high sided beds and enclosed sleeping rooms and their part in promoting function with children and adults in homes, schools and care facilities.

One the solution is in place; how do we continue to ensure it is being used appropriately and if its use should be discontinued.

Morning Tea in Expo Hall

TIME	ABSTRACT
11.15am - 12.00pm	**Transition Expo 2025 - Supporting disabled young people as they prepare for life beyond school** **Denise Hoffman** Disability Connect proudly presents an overview of Transition Expo 2025, a flagship event supporting young people with disabilities as they prepare for life beyond school. Held at the Auckland Netball Centre on 3rd September 2025, this annual expo is a cornerstone in the transition planning calendar for families, schools, and professionals across Auckland. Now in its 18th year, Transition Expo connects disabled youth and their families with a wide range of service providers, educational institutions, vocational training organisations, and community support networks. It is a one-stop event that empowers attendees with practical information, resources, and personal connections to support decision-making around post-school pathways. Disability Connect will highlight the structure, purpose, and impact of Transition Expos'. We will discuss our collaborative approach with community, schools, disability sector stakeholders, the value of early transition planning, and the growing diversity of options for disabled young people. Attendees will gain insights into how this event continues to evolve to meet community needs, plays a crucial role in supporting inclusive futures and opportunities for disabled school leavers to know more about your products/services. Join us as we share how Transition Expo helps bridge the gap between school life and adulthood for Auckland's disabled youth.
	Lunch in Expo Hall

TIME	ABSTRACT
1.00pm - 1.45pm	**Beyond Pavement: Empowering Lives with Off-Road Power Mobility**

Kathleen Sodder

Off-road power wheelchairs are transforming what's possible for individuals with mobility impairments—but are we, as clinicians, fully prepared to support users venturing beyond traditional environments?

This session dives into the clinical landscape of prescribing off-road power wheelchairs, presenting a comprehensive and practical framework for assessment, trial, and implementation. We'll explore how to tailor equipment to diverse terrains, manage complex clinical presentations, and address the real-world functional goals of users—like tending to livestock, accessing beaches, or navigating rural properties.

Grounded in evidence and brought to life through powerful case studies, this session will equip you with tools to match the right technology to the right person and environment. You'll walk away with actionable insights on drive systems, seating, alternative controls, programming, and safety—all through the lens of clinical reasoning and goal-oriented care.

Whether you're new to power wheelchair prescription or seeking to expand your scope into more adventurous terrain, this session offers inspiration and practical strategies. Join us to discover how off-road power mobility can break down barriers, restore independence, and empower users to truly go where they want to go.

TIME	ABSTRACT
2.00pm - 2.45pm	**Functional Independent Powered Mobility for Complex Outcomes - Alternative control considerations**

Tracee-lee Maginnity

Regardless of cognitive capacity, not all end users will have the physical capacity to independently access a standard joystick to mobilise a powered wheelchair. It may require a simple solution such as an alternative or modified joystick knob through to an alternative control method. How do we assess for best access…what are the options available? How can programming and input methods provide the best opportunity for an end user?

This workshop will provide attendees an overview of input access options from proportional through to complete switching and beyond. We will work through the considerations for controller selection based on the individuals capacity and mobility related goals as we discover and implement sustainable outcome solutions. Practical opportunities to get “hands on” using different input methods will assist us in understanding some of the crucial elements of training set up and programming to consider.

Room 2

TIME	ABSTRACT
8.45am - 9.30am	**Managing Lower Extremity Contractures: The Role of Supported Standing** **Britta Schwartzhoff** Course Learning Objectives: • Discuss the mechanisms that contribute to changes in LE range of motion • Describe how supported standing addresses LE range of motion • Identify the indications and contraindications for LE range of motion of available standing technology Individuals with disabilities frequently remain in static postures throughout their day. These static postures contribute to the development of contractures. Research has shown that children with Cerebral Palsy consistently lose LE range of motion from the ages of 2 to 14. Without the ability to independently change positions the body adapts to the sustained posture. This course will explore how supported standing technology provides positional changes and prolonged stretch to the lower extremities and trunk that can have a positive effect on range of motion
	Break in Expo Hall

TIME	ABSTRACT
10.00am - 10.45am	**The importance of early interventions - Paediatrics** **Kine Huseby Michelsen** The human brain needs stimulation from the baby is born and all the way through life. Within the first 2 years of life it is extremely important that the baby is stimulated, and given the opportunity to develop and grow. Babies that are born with disabilities does not always get this chance. Often, they have long stays in the hospital, their parents are exhausted from worrying, or they are not believed in by their caregivers. Too often we see children that have had to wait for years to receive a technical aid that can help them move around by themselves, and they are delayed more than necessary in their development. This slows down their brain development, their motor development and their ability to develop social skills. All children with disabilities are able to develop, and it is our job as providers and caregivers to give them this experience. They need to learn what happens in their environment when they move around, when they move towards a person, when they knock over an item or when they don't adjust their speed. All of this is nutrition for the brain to thrive and learn new things.
	Morning Tea in Expo Hall

TIME	ABSTRACT
11.15am - 12.00pm	**Recommending Complex Rehab Technology Early After SCI: Supported Standing Devices Course**

Kristen Cezat

Course Learning Objectives:

- Describe two physiological effects of a spinal cord injury on an individual.
- Identify two evidence-based reasons to use and recommend supported standing early after an individual's spinal cord injury.
- Discuss three evidence-based clinical predictors for functional expectations following spinal cord injury and how that affects the function and design of a supported standing device.

Course Description: First, this course will review the types and secondary effects of spinal cord injury on an individual. Secondly, we will discuss evidence related to supported standing devices and recommendations for use early after spinal cord injury. Lastly, we will discuss functional prognosis for the different types of spinal cord injuries and how this relates to supported standing device recommendations.

Lunch in Expo Hall

TIME	ABSTRACT
1.00pm - 1.45pm	**Making Sense of the Numbers - Using ISO Test Data to Guide Cushion Selection**

Terri Davies

Choosing the right wheelchair cushion is a critical part of pressure care and postural management, but clinicians can be left to interpret technical data with little guidance. This session explores how ISO 16840 testing is used to assess many properties of wheelchair cushions. It can be a valuable tool in clinical decision-making.

We'll break down what this data actually tells us, why standardised testing matters, and how to critically interpret manufacturer-provided results. We will use Rolapal Woven air cushions as an example case to show the various test standards and result interpretation.

The University of Pittsburgh, home to the Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center (RERC) on Wheelchair and Seating Mobility, plays a key role in developing and conducting ISO standards like 16840-2 and 16840-6. We will translate technical specifications from this testing into clinical relevance and attendees will be better equipped to select cushions that meet individual user need.

This should assist them to get beyond trial and error or marketing claims. Whether new to seating assessments or an experienced prescriber, this session offers practical insight into integrating ISO data into everyday practice.

TIME	ABSTRACT
2.00pm - 2.45pm	**Beyond The Transformative Power of Wheelchair Rugby: Beyond the Court**

Dr Cherie Harris

Unleashing Potential, Building Independence, and Fostering Community
Wheelchair rugby stands as a dynamic and compelling sport, renowned not only for its fierce physicality, speed, and strategic play on court, but also for its profound impact on the lives of athletes beyond the boundaries of competition. This abstract explores the dual role of wheelchair rugby: as a stage for physical prowess, agility, and tactical brilliance, and as a catalyst for personal empowerment and social connection off court.

On court, wheelchair rugby is characterized by its intensity—athletes collide with controlled force, navigate rapid gameplay, and make split-second strategic decisions to outmaneuver opponents. The game's structure demands not only physical strength and resilience but also mental agility, fostering an environment where confronting challenges head-on is the only path to victory. Players continually refine their tactical insight, learning to anticipate, adapt, and execute under pressure. These moments—fierce, confronting, and at times overwhelming—forge a spirit of determination and grit that resonates far beyond the final whistle.

Off court, the transformative power of wheelchair rugby becomes even more apparent. Within teams, athletes share more than tactics; they exchange stories, support, and lifeskills essential for navigating daily life with a disability. The sport's community is built on empathy, mutual respect, and the shared pursuit of independence. Players mentor one another, fostering an environment where experience is valued and vulnerabilities are addressed collectively. This camaraderie empowers individuals to break barriers, enhancing self-confidence and independence in all facets of life.

Wheelchair rugby is more than a sport—it is a vibrant ecosystem where physical contests and strategic mastery are inextricably linked with personal growth, mutual support, and the continual pursuit of greater independence and community inclusion.

Speakers

Tracee-lee Maginnity

Tracee-lee Maginnity joined Permobil Australia in July 2019, as a clinical education specialist. Originally from New Zealand, she graduated Auckland University of Technology with a BHSc (Occupational Therapy) in 2003 and has since worked in various roles related to seating and mobility including assessing, prescribing and educating. After gaining experience as an assessor and prescriber at Seating To Go / Wheelchair Solutions prescribing for both disability and injury, she moved to Australia in 2011 to take on the Senior Occupational Therapist role in a custom moulded seating service. She then worked in clinical consulting and education roles until joining Permobil.

Tracee-lee is passionate about maximising functional outcomes with end users and the importance of education within the industry. She has mentored many therapists interested in AT. Her experience includes working with individuals with complex postures to achieve customised client focused outcomes.

Henry Bertulfo

An occupational therapist, specialising in wheelchair and seating assessment, and for the last six years has practiced as product solution consultant / specialist focusing on wheeled mobility and seating products.

Amin Akbarian

Amin Akbarian is the CEO at Mobility Engineering and is focused on delivering high quality, tailored mobility solutions all over Australia and New Zealand. Amin is passionate about providing independence to all road users no matter their ability. His passions are for safe and accessible transport for people with disabilities, ensuring the gapes between safety regulations are bridged to be the same as those for able bodied passengers.

Claire Grey

ClaireGrey has been working as an Occupational Therapist for over 22 years, gaining extensive experience in the UK and Australia, working in hospitals, special schools, community teams, and NGOs including Whizz Kidz (UK). Claire is fortunate to volunteer with the Altus Pacific Aid team to participate in wheelchair clinics in Tonga.

Relocating to New Zealand 12 years ago, Claire worked in a wheelchair and seating team and joined Medifab in 2022. Today, she works closely with therapists and clients, offering practical solutions and advising on seating, 24 hr. postural management and providing education sessions throughout NZ.

Ana Pacheco

Ana Pacheco is a dedicated Occupational Therapist with over 15 years of experience, specializing in 24-hour Postural Management for the past nine years. Originally trained in Brazil, Ana graduated in 2008 and has since built a career focused on improving mobility and comfort for individuals with complex needs.

For the last two years, Ana has been working as an Educator and Product Consultant for Medifab, bringing the latest advancements in postural care and equipment to therapists across New Zealand. Passionate about knowledge sharing and clinical excellence, Ana is committed to supporting professionals in making informed decisions that enhance their clients' quality of life.

Jacelyn Goh

Jace is a highly experienced occupational therapist with a strong clinical background in neurological rehabilitation. A 2008 graduate of La Trobe University, she has worked across a range of healthcare settings and countries, gaining valuable international experience across diverse healthcare systems.

In 2021, Jace joined Linds Rehabilitation as a Product Representative and Clinical Educator, specialising in complex wheelchair seating and prescription. In this role, she provides expert consultations and delivers targeted educational sessions to support occupational therapists in enhancing their clinical decision- making and prescription processes.

With her deep expertise in mobility and postural care, Jace plays a pivotal role in ensuring clients receive the most appropriate mobility solutions while empowering fellow clinicians through education and knowledge-sharing.

Cara Lockie

Cara Lockie is a Professional Advisor at Accessable with over 7 years clinical experience in adult, physical care settings, over 18 years of experience with the EMS advisory space.

Teena Marlow

Teena Marlow graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Occupational Therapy from Auckland University of Technology in 2001. Teena has had a varied career; working as an OT in England for various London boroughs in the community /social services setting. She has worked as an OT for the Ministry of Education at a special needs school and recently worked as a community Occupational Therapist at Te Whatu Ora Waikato for 10 years. Teena currently works as an Occupational Therapist for Able Axcess and is passionate about providing safe, sustainable, and effective access solutions for clients.

Chris Bunny

Chris leads the DSS group at MSD. His focus is to stabilise disability support services, so they are fairer, more consistent, more transparent, and sustainable into the future.

Chris joined DSS from his Group General Manager – System Leadership position at NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi.

With a strong financial management background and experience running large complex systems and services, Chris has also held senior management roles at MBIE and Treasury.

Britta Schwartzhoff

Britta Schwartzhoff, PT, DPT, ATP/SMS earned her Doctorate of Physical Therapy from St. Catherine University in St. Paul, MN. She is a RESNA-certified Assistive Technology Professional and Seating and Mobility Specialist. Throughout her career, Britta has worked as a physical therapist and clinical educator across various settings, specialising in working with individuals with complex rehab needs. She also has extensive experience providing collaborative care in a custom seating and positioning clinic and is passionate about promoting independence, function, and health optimisation across the lifespan. She currently serves as a Clinical Education Specialist with Altimate Medical and is an active member of the Clinician Task Force, St Catherine DPT Alumni Advisory Board, APTA member, and a board member for her local United Cerebral Palsy chapter.

Kine Huseby Michelsen

Kine is a physical therapist from Norway with a special interest in working with children and assistive technology. She now works as the Export Manager for Technical Aids at Hepro.

Denise Hoffman

I am a Community Information Advisor with Disability Connect. As part of the team at Disability Connect, I help to co-ordinate the event that is Transition Expo.

Kathleen Sodder

Therapist with a specialised focus in complex and custom wheelchair prescription, and a strong background in clinical education. Her career spans a wide range of healthcare settings, including assistive technology prescription, home modifications, aged-care and rehabilitation, where she has consistently delivered person-centred, outcome-driven solutions.

In her previous role as a Wheelchair and Seating Specialist, Kathleen provided advanced mobility interventions across Australia, supporting individuals with complex needs and guiding therapists through clinically demanding cases. Her work has been instrumental in bridging the gap between evidence-based practice and real-world application, empowering clinicians to approach assistive technology with greater confidence and clarity. In her current leadership role, Kathleen leads with both expertise and compassion—facilitating high-quality clinical education, mentoring therapy teams, and championing meaningful outcomes for clients and their families.

Kathleen's professional mission is rooted in personal experience. Having witnessed the profound impact of assistive technology through her brother's journey with Cerebral Palsy, she brings deep empathy and purpose to her work. This lived insight continues to shape her advocacy for enhancing clinical reasoning and delivering interventions that not only meet functional needs but also transform lives.

Terri Davies

Terri Davies brings over eight years of experience in the Assistive Technology sector, with a strong focus on seating and positioning. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Public Health from Brigham Young University, alongside qualifications in health science and rehabilitation.

Her early career in neurological rehabilitation sparked a deep interest in pressure care and complex seating. During her time working in the United States, Terri developed a broad clinical perspective, particularly around pressure injury prevention and the role of seating in long-term health outcomes.

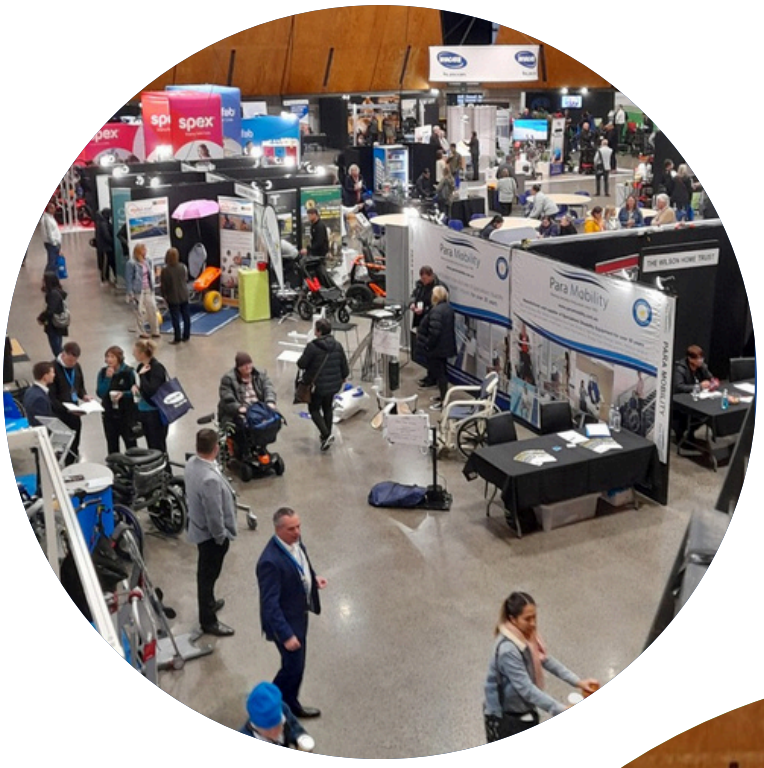
Now based in New Zealand working for Rolapal NZ, Terri works closely with clinicians and suppliers to support evidence-based decision-making and practical solutions for seating and mobility. Her approach is grounded in clinical insight and a commitment to improving user outcomes through well- matched equipment.

Dr Cherie Harris

PhD in Sport Psychology (Disability Sport) Masters of Social Science in Community Psychology Over thirty years involvement at all levels across all roles in wheelchair rugby including sport development globally.

Kristen Cezat

Kristen Cezat, a Board-Certified Neurologic Clinical Specialist and RESNA-certified ATP/SMS, has focused her career on SCI rehabilitation since earning her DPT from the University of Central Florida in 2011. She received the APTA SCI SIG Award for Clinical Excellence and serves on ANPT SCI SIG leadership (2021-current). Kristen works full-time as a Clinical Education Specialist at Altimate Medical, Inc, serves as adjunct faculty at Florida Southern College DPT program, and treats clinically at Orlando Health. She presents nationally on SCI rehabilitation and complex rehap technology, emphasizing evidence-based practice.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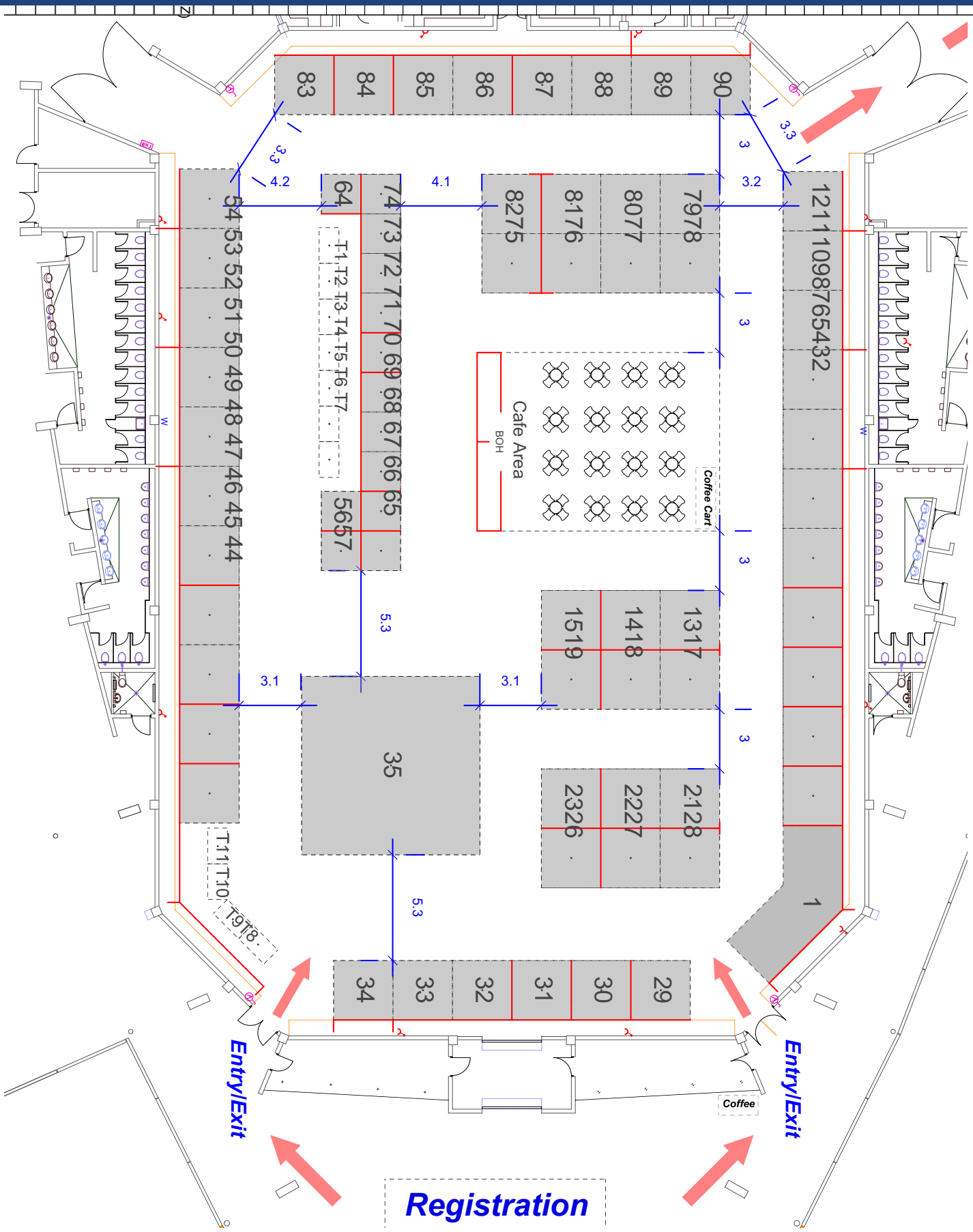

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