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In line with aware-
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our National Appeal
Week will now be
the 1st-5th Septem-
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can be involved will
be coming out soon.

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Family Camp & AGM

Our annual Family Camp is going ahead from Friday 4th March to Sunday 6th March, thanks to funding from PUB Charity and the Auckland Chapter of HOG.

Register your name now if you would like to attend. The cost is \$20 per family to pay



for some of the extras not covered by funding.

The Ngaruawahia Camp has a

planned including arts and craft, baking and the Saturday night quiz. The camp is always plenty of fun, a great opportunity to meet with other members and their families in a relaxed social environment. Registrations and payment needs to be done by the 19th February. Email Denise@mdn.org.nz.

Happy campers at the 2015 Family Camp in Ngaruawahia

lake with paddle boats, two swimming pools and a children's playground. There will be other activities



AGM

The Annual General Meeting for Muscular Dystrophy Northern will be held on **Saturday 5th March at 1pm at the Ngaruawahia Camp, 148 Waingaro Road.**

Nominations for committee positions close on Friday 12th

February and should be emailed to:

Denise@mdn.org.nz.

Agenda:

1. Welcome, apologies, attendance.
2. Minutes of previous AGM held 21st March 2015.

3. Matters arising.
4. Financial report.
5. Chairperson's report.
6. Stand down of old committee.
7. Confirmation of new committee.
8. General business.

National Carer Matching Service

New service for people with disabilities and families seeking relief carers.

Would you like to find care workers and relief carers in your area? If so, you may like to try the new National Carer

Matching Service! It's free for those who receive Disability Support funding.

Carers NZ has launched this new online service in association with MyCare.

The National Carer Matching Service has been developed for people with disabilities and their families to help them easily connect with relief carers in their communities.

How much will it cost to use MyCare and the Matching Service?

It's **FREE** if you receive Ministry of Health Disability Support funding. This means you can use **MyCare's Match** feature at no cost.

How can I access the free service?

You can ask your NASC to refer you to Carers NZ's National Carer Matching Service, or self-refer to Carers NZ by completing our easy eligibility form online. If you

receive Disability Support funding, to self-refer just phone Jude Dodson at Carers NZ, 0800 777 797, or email her at admin@carers.net.nz She'll be able to get you started quickly!

How does the matching service work?

Hundreds of support workers from around New Zealand already have created profiles at the MyCare website, and more are joining every day. **MyCare** is an easy way for you to find and directly contact people in your community who are seeking support work. Once you've completed the online form you will be able to:

- * Post jobs seeking relief carers in your area
- * View profiles of available workers/relief carers
- * Directly message them to ask questions and make arrangements to meet for an interview
- * View their skills, experience and training to decide if they may be a good match for your needs

What other features does MyCare offer?

As well as the free online matching feature used by

Carers NZ to provide its national matching service, **MyCare** offers the following options for a fee:

Care Diary - Organise your daily schedules, tasks, appointments, and messages. This tool will save you time if multiple people are involved in coordinating support for you or your family member, replacing all those emails, texts, notes, and phone calls!

Support Circle - Invite key people in your family, whānau, or wider network to stay involved and be informed about support arrangements wherever they live, 24/7.

These online features are private and cannot be seen by the public. If you would like to use these optional extra MyCare features, there is an upgrade cost of \$199 per year including GST.

MyCare is offering a free trial of its Care Diary and Support Circle features for two months. To access the offer, click on the 'Upgrade' box when completing your registration at MyCare.

More questions?

Contact Carers NZ about the National Carer Matching Service: 0800 777 797 or email admin@carers.net.nz



Members enjoying a day at Paradise Ice in Avondale.

Many thanks to the members of Auckland HOG for riding once again in support of MDN with their annual Poker Run and for bringing Santa to our Christmas Party.

