



October 2012 Update for 'Friends of AphasiaNZ'

Auckland Hub: Coffee Mornings

At: The University of Auckland Tamaki Campus

261 Morrin Road, St Johns, Auckland

Room 234, Building 733, at 11.30am

Dates for Monday coffee mornings for the rest of 2012 are:

- ✓ The 29th of October
- ✓ The 12th and the 26th of November
- ✓ The 10th and the **17th of December**

It's not long now **until the end of 2012!** We will be having a **Christmas Lunch** on **Monday the 17th of December at 11am** – so schedule this in your diary now! All **people with aphasia, family members, caregivers, friends, and health professionals** are invited. It will be our **final opportunity** to meet in 2012 so **please come along.**

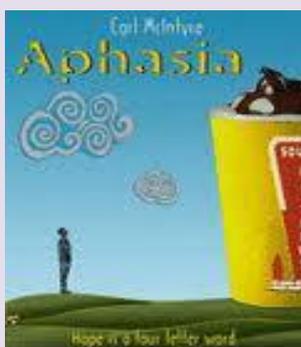


Christchurch Coffee Club

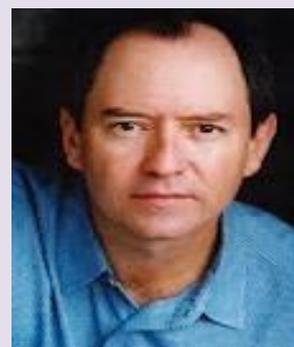
The **Christchurch Coffee Club** meets at the **Merivale McCafe** on the first **Monday of the month** at **10.30am** – the **next meeting** is on the **6th** of **November**.

Anyone living with **aphasia** in **Christchurch** and their **spouse, partner, family member, or carer**, is **welcome** to come along.

There will be a **Christmas Lunch** in **December** – so keep **Monday the 3rd** of **December free** to join us for the last time in 2012!



'Aphasia the Movie' Screening in Auckland



A number of people came to the **'Aphasia the Movie'** screening at the University of Auckland Tamaki Campus in September.

If you **messed out** and would like to **see the movie**, it will be **shown again**. A date will be **confirmed** within the **next few weeks**, and Emma **will let everyone know** by email or post.

For **more information** about the movie, you can go to our **website**:

www.aphasia.org.nz/public/resources/aphasia-the-movie/

'Nelson Aphasia Day'

On: Monday the 5th of November 2012

At: Grand Mecure Nelson Monaco: *Village Hall Conference Room*

6 Point Road, Monaco, **Nelson**

From: 10.00am – 2.30pm

A day for **people with aphasia**, family members, caregivers, and health professionals. The day includes:

- ✓ A screening of '**Aphasia the Movie**'
- ✓ A **presentation** about supportive communication and providing aphasia friendly services in Nelson
- ✓ Resources to **navigate the internet** and emails with aphasia
- ✓ **How the AphasiaNZ Charitable Trust** can help people with aphasia and their family members: **resources, services, and information**

There is **no cost** to attend and **morning tea** and **lunch will be provided**.

For catering purposes, **please RSVP** to Emma by **phone** or **email**.

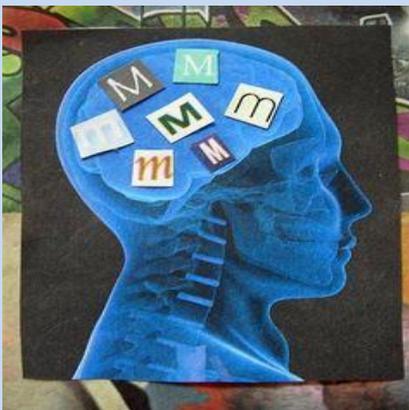
For more **information**, please go to the '**Up and Coming Events**' tab on our website or email Emma at info@aphasia.org.nz for a flyer.

Aphasia and Migraines

Have you been diagnosed as **suffering from aphasia** due to **migraine headaches**? Do you have any **information** you are willing to share with others about **migrainous headaches causing aphasia**? If so, please **get in touch** with Emma. There are others in our communities who suffer from **severe migraines** resulting in **aphasia symptoms**.

While uncommon, the following **neurological symptoms** can occur when suffering from a **migraine**:

- **Speech disturbances**
- **Tingling, numbness, or weakness in an arm or leg,**
- **Perceptual disturbances** such as space or size distortions
- **Confusion**



And Finally...

- [AphasiaNZ 2013 Conference](#)

As advised in our **spring newsletter**, the **2013 conference** will be held in **Wellington** next November. More **information** will be available **next month**.

- [Australian Aphasia Association \(AAA\)](#)

The **AAA's conference** held in **Melbourne** on the **12th and 13th of October** was a **great success**. Over **200 people attended** and there were many **inspirational presentations** from **people with aphasia** and their partners and families. A detailed **conference review** will be included in our **summer newsletter!**

- [Can you help AphasiaNZ?](#)

AphasiaNZ needs your fundraising ideas! As you know, we receive **no regular funding** from the government or other body to do the work that we do. **Your suggestions** will help ensure we remain able to **support people with aphasia** and their families, as well as educate our communities about aphasia. **A call for ideas will be made in November.**

Until next month...

Emma Castle

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