



## Parents of Vision Impaired (NZ) Inc.

Providing a community to support parents of children with vision impairments

### Welcome to August!

The cold weather is well and truly in full swing and our annual parent conference now planned! See below for more information on:

- PVI Parent Conference
  - July eVision
  - PVI July Board meeting
  - Tim Bray theatre review
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### New speakers confirmed for PVI Parent Conference!

We are delighted to announce that we have confirmed the following speakers for conference this year:

- **Dr Claire Achmad**, the **Chief Children's Commissioner** who will speak on the role of the Children's Commission and how it can help.
- **Dr Rebecca Skylerman**, **Senior Lecturer & Clinical Psychologist / Neuropsychologist** who will share her research with parents of visually impaired children.

This is in addition to our wonderful line-up already in place:

- **Rachael Wiltshire** from **Auckland Disability Law** on cyberbullying – what are your child's rights and what can you do as a parent?
- **Sarah Mitchell**, Head of **Employment and Youth Transition** for Blind Low Vision NZ will run a workshop on Transitioning from school – supports available for employment and training

- **Susan Jackman** from **Hapai Access Card** will outline what the card is and how it can benefit you and your family
- Touch tour and audio description for the **International Antarctica Centre**

### **Registrations open!**

Parents can register for the 2024 PVI Parent Conference & AGM online here:

[Register for conference here](#)

If you want to find out more about our conference, including speakers and what to expect, read more on our website here: [Annual Conference – PARENTS OF VISION IMPAIRED \(NZ\) Inc](#)

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### **2024 Conference dates:**

**Conference Starts:** 3pm Friday 18 Oct

**Conference ends:** 11am Sunday 20 Oct

**Venue:** Novotel, Christchurch Airport,  
Christchurch

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## July eVision

In case you missed it, our July eVision is now available to read. This winter edition of eVision offers updates on PVI's advocacy efforts, highlights from recent events, and some engaging parent advocacy articles. Topics include an overview of Enabling Good Lives, insights on what to expect from a NASC, a discussion on inclusive education and its significance, and much more. [Read more online](#)

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## PVI July Board Meeting

The PVI Board met face to face in Auckland at the end of July. We met with Andrea Midgen, the incoming CE for Blind Low Vision NZ, approved new brochures and posters, reviewed policies and procedures, received reports, and approved a draft Strategic Plan for 2025-2030. You can read a copy of our draft updated plan on our website here: [AGM related documents.](#)

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## Tim Bray Theatre - parent and son review!

PVI Board rep Justine Edwards and her son Robbie recently attended the **Five Go On An Adventure** production by Tim Bray Theatre. They had a wonderful time and thoroughly recommend going if you can.

Justine writes, "The five go on an adventure was such a great show. The staff were friendly, the environment was accessible for all and laid out well enough that everyone could see the show well. The show started and from the beginning the humour showed, the audience were drawn in. We especially loved the storyline,

the characters and how well they carried themselves. The show as a whole was amazing, funny and really kept us on our toes. The actors were great the way they changed the scenery in stage made you feel like you were on the adventure too. A great show, I am so glad we were able to go and experience it."

Robbie says "It was cool as it was funny when the post people were walking around the audience like there were going from town to town. The actors were cool, and I really liked bed the show. There was one of the actors who was a shop keeper, and he was really funny and made me laugh heaps. It was so cool!"

If you get the chance, do check them out and attend a show! This September/October they have Mrs Wishy-Washy, which is sure to be fun and entertaining. Also, Tim Bray offers a range of accessibility options - check the options out on their website.

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THEATRE COMPANY

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songs by **CHRISTINE WHITE**

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