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Enterprising Manukau Business E-News

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Dear Janice

There's one awards night that celebrates the best of the best in the business, and with less than four weeks until we reveal who will be the winners of the Westpac Manukau Business Excellence Awards, the tickets are selling fast. If you want to be there on the big night, make sure you reserve your place today.

Staying with events, there are plenty on offer that we believe you might find beneficial to your business, from the Essential Guide to Raising Capital to the Sustainable 60 Awards. You'll find more information on these plus more in this month's edition of Enterprising Manukau's Business E-News.

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Let's toast excellence in business



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Be sure to join us for a night of celebration and entertainment. This is a great opportunity to treat customers, clients and staff, while celebrating success of business within the Manukau region.

[Book your tickets today >>](#)

Essential Guide to Raising Capital Workshop

**Escalator
Service**

CREATING GROWTH
AND CAPITAL FOR
YOUR BUSINESS

Have you ever asked yourself:

- If I had \$5M invested in my business, what would I do?
- How do I get an investor to invest in my business?
- How do they calculate what my business is worth?

If you are looking at raising external funding for your business in

the next two years then you should attend this workshop. This high impact intensive workshop is designed for business owners who want to know more about seeking external investment and how to go about securing it.

[Register here >>](#)

Sapporo Bio-cluster collaboration and networking



NZBIO and JETRO are co-hosting a networking event, the Guest Speaker for the evening will be Professor Fumio Suzuki, Project Director, Sapporo Bio-Cluster. This will provide a prime opportunity to strengthen your international ties with Japan.

[Register here >>](#)

Sustainable 60 - Entries are now open



Launched in 2009, this unique programme has been designed to assist New Zealand companies and organisations develop a sustainability strategy that is aligned with their business.

The Sustainable 60 Awards are an integral part of the programme and last year attracted 110 individual entries. Being a finalist and winning is much more than an Award night, as finalists and winners are showcased on the Sustainable 60 website, within Fairfax newsletters and a dedicated magazine.

[Read more >>](#)

New Manukau Motorway Opening



A big change is planned for those travelling in and around Manukau when the NZ Transport Agency's SH20-1 Manukau Extension motorway opens this year.

The new motorway connects the Southern and Southwestern motorways and will be opened in three stages between late August and December. There will be some disruption to traffic on local roads as each part opens and some detours will be in place.

The first part to open will be the SH20 southbound lanes on Sunday 29 August. Watch out for electronic signs to show you the way to go. If wet weather postpones the opening, it will take place on the next fine night during the week of Monday 30 August.

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Enterprising Manukau and the Super City



With the launch of the Super City just weeks away, changes are in store for many organisations across the region. As of November this year, Enterprising Manukau will transition into a Council Controlled Organisation (CCO), featuring business units for tourism, events and economic development. The objectives of the new CCO include:

- Lift Auckland's economic well-being
- Support and enhance the performance of Auckland
- Support and enhance the ability of Auckland to compete internationally as a desirable place to visit, live, work, invest and do business

You will not see a lot of difference (other than a name change) as Enterprising Manukau will transition into the new CCO in its current form, with most staff retaining their existing roles and will continue to provide you and your business with the tools required to facilitate economic growth and prosperity.

NZ Small Business Summit



The 2010 Small Business Summit will provide business owners with new and refreshing insights as well as business advice about the development and growth of their business.

This is your opportunity to meet, hear and engage with political and business decision makers who influence the way you conduct your business. By attending this summit, you will come away better prepared to survive the economic slowdown, to take advantage of new opportunities, to grow your business and achieve better returns.

[Click here to register >>](#)

Westpac Weekly Commentary



It's a longer than usual gap between Monetary Policy Statements. With few significant data releases before the September review, the market took what it could from the RBNZ Governor's speech last week.

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EMA Courses



In partnership with the Employers and Manufacturers Association, we conduct a series of training courses.

These high quality training courses, hosted at our premises in Manukau, have been selected to meet the specific needs of businesses in Manukau and surrounding areas and will be delivered by highly regarded training consultants and EMA's own trainers.

Upcoming courses include:

Implementing & Running Effective Safety Committees

2 September

Accident/Incident Investigation
14 September

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TechNZ Undergraduate Student Internships



TechNZ are now inviting companies to register their interest to be part of this programme and present a brief outline of the project they are looking to undertake. This programme is open to all companies – as we are looking to place students into companies, both large and small, where R&D is at the centre of their growth strategies.

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Running a Business is Tough

Department of Labour
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Info Zone: Business Essentials, a service offered by the Department of Labour, explains the basics of employment relations and health & safety requirements for running a business. It provides templates, examples and links to practical tools and more detailed information.

[Read more >>](#)

Company Rescue Team



Is your business under pressure? Enterprising Manukau has put a Company Rescue Team in place to assist small to medium businesses that are at risk. This is a practical response, with experienced business people volunteering time to assist businesses make decisions and connections in a time of need.

If you need assistance, contact Enterprising Manukau on 2622244 or email companyrescue@em.org.nz for confidential and practical support.

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