

Latest News from North West Country Business Association

March 2025

Free Digital Security Training

Our newest member, Thinking (2014) Ltd are specialists in cyber security and are offering a free Digital Security workshop on Wednesday 5th March 2025 at the Helensville Business Hub.

Email and Collaboration

If you are a user of Microsoft M365 or Google Workspace are you tired of receiving spam, phishing and malicious emails? Do you know if you have compromised accounts? Can you tell if others are sending email on behalf of you? Well that's just the tip of the iceberg. We rely on these platforms to provide email and collaboration however the security features on each platform vary from non-existent to average depending on the license you have. Visibility of what is actually going on is typically non-existent or so technical it means nothing to the average user.

Email is a critical function to all businesses, we depend on it, we cannot afford to be without it.

Join our session and we will explore a number of methods for securing email and providing visibility.

- · Protecting against spam, phishing and malware
- Protecting against compromised accounts
- Verifying that email is legitimate
- · How to check for blacklisting of my email and exposure to public breaches
- · Dealing with photocopiers, printers, other software and similar products
- · Reporting for visibility.

Register your interest below.

FREE DIGITAL SECURITY WORKSHOP

Wednesday 5th March 2025

Helensville Business Hub 103C Mill Road, Helensville 9:00am - 11:00am with local expert John King.

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email and providing visibility: Protecting against spam, phishing and malware

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- breaches • Dealing with photocopiers, printers, other software and similar
- products · Reporting for visibility.







Reserve Tickets Here

MSD - Supporting Businesses



· Financial Support to take on new staff No-fee recruitment service



RECRUITMENT

Did you know that MSD provides a suite of free services to businesses to support you to hire employees?

- Free recruitment services including pre-interview candidate short listing
- Reimbursements for pre-employment drug testing. FLEXI-WAGE SUBSIDY

Flexi-wage helps you hire staff and get them the skills needed to do the job. You get a wage contribution, while they get training and ongoing support.

APPRENTICESHIP BOOST

The payment is made directly to you, the employers. It's to help with things like paying the

apprentice's wages. It means apprentices can keep earning while training towards their qualifications. Apprenticeship Boost is a multi-agency collaboration. Ministry of Education are responsible for

its policy, the Tertiary Education Commission verifies the apprentice's information, and we (the Ministry of Social Development) manage applications and payments.

MANA IN MAHI FOR EMPLOYERS

If you're keen to help someone who needs additional support to kickstart a long-term career, we can help with funding and wrap-around on-the-job support.

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With Mana in Mahi, you can:

- help someone gain real-world skills and formal qualifications in an industry they'll love
- develop skilled, knowledgeable people for your business
- know you're helping someone create the future they deserve.

Employer Information

Here Toitu - Supporting Medical Needs







Here Toitu offers wrap around services to employees who are facing illness or injury and are not covered by ACC. The programme has two aspects depending on your situation.

Here Toitu Standard

For employees who are 18-64 years old, have a work capacity medical certificate and are in receipt of a main benefit with a medical deferral from work obligations due to a health condition or disability.

Here Toitu standard helps support the employee back to full employment.

Here Toitu Responding Early For employees who are 18-64 v

For employees who are 18-64 years old, are at risk of losing their jobs due to health reasons or disability and currently work full time.

local service providers.

Support your employees to access health support, keep their current jobs and connect with

Employer Information

Education for Employment

Out West Youth - Supporting Driver



Particularly in a rural region such as ours, a driver's licence is vital for getting to work, accessing training opportunities and participating in social and recreational activities. For

such as a tenancy agreement.

The NZ graduated licencing system takes at least 18 months, it is expensive and can be rather daunting. Our Drive Outwest programme works alongside youth and others in the community

throughout the process. We offer regular learner licence courses and one-on-one tuition and

we have a driving instructor on staff to provide lessons for those preparing for their restricted

some, it is also their only proof of identification enabling them to enter into formal contracts

Out West Youth Information

Ember - Supporting Employee Mental

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and full licence tests.

Our dedicated mobile teams of employment consultants serve the greater Auckland area from

Ember Employment is an employment service that supports those with mental health concerns

our North Shore, South Auckland and Papakura Hubs providing support from Pokeno to Kaitaia

to find and retain work

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