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## Kia ora and Guten Tag!

We'll talk about highs (Team NZ) and lows (referee on Saturday night). Did you notice that three of the main sponsors on Saturday night were German companies – bottle of wine to the first person who can [email me](#) the names of all three!

It's that time of the year when our lovely contacts in Germany are signing off with "enjoy the summer holidays" – grumble! Meanwhile the winter gloom sets in, with kids stuck indoors for the school holidays and motivation levels are at their lowest – but hey, we really can't complain living in one of the most beautiful places in the world – even in winter!

It has been a busy few weeks with the name change transition – in case you missed it – the motion to change the NZGBA's name to 'German-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce Incorporated' was approved by members at the AGM on 28th June 2017 ([Press Release](#)). It's a subtle but significant change for us.

Sandy and I will be heading down to Tauranga this week to attend the Horticulture Conference, representing the [Fruit Logistica](#) trade fairs and then its full swing into the winter season of [workshops & events](#).

Happy reading!

Monique Surges  
Chief Executive Officer  
German-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce  
(GNZCC)



## German economy

The latest headlines on Germany's economy are positive - neither Brexit nor the new US presidency has had a negative impact on German foreign trade so far:

- ▶ [Germany leads Europe in EY's Attractiveness Survey 2017](#). Germany has been voted Europe's most attractive business location in EY's annual attractiveness survey, joining China and the USA in the global top three business locations.
- ▶ [German economy continues upturn in second quarter](#). An upturn in Europe's biggest economy is continuing during the second quarter, helped by noticeable rises in private and state spending and by an expansion in industrial production, Germany's economy ministry said in its monthly report on Tuesday.
- ▶ [BDI - Federation of German Industries Quarterly Report II/2017](#). Strong growth at start of year. Exports surge in first quarter 2017.
- ▶ [Strong Economy, lack of skilled employees](#). Results of the Economic Survey conducted by the Association of German Chambers of Commerce & Industry.

Photo: Frankfurt/Main Skyline, European Central Bank (ECB) © German National Tourist Board



## Changes to GNZCC Executive Committee

At this year's AGM of the German-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce, Christopher Griggs (Barristers.comm) and Mike Walsh (VTNZ) joined the board. Steve Martin (Enterprise Recruitment) and Harald Hamster (T&G Global Ltd) stepped down. [MORE...](#)

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## In Short...

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► **GERMAN TRADE FAIR ORGANISERS POST RECORD SALES IN 2016**

The 186 exhibitions held in 2016 again showed slight growth over their respective preceding events – despite uncertainties due to the upcoming Brexit as well as protectionist tendencies in major foreign markets. [MORE...](#)

► **EUR/NZD FUNDAMENTAL OUTLOOK JUNE 2017** EUR/NZD consolidated in May gaining four pips overall and virtually unchanged for the month. [MORE...](#)

► **PWC: CLIMATE PROTECTION PAYS OFF** A new report has confounded the skeptics of Germany's 2020 Climate Action Programme by demonstrating that low-carbon investments will provide an overwhelmingly positive boost to the economy, as well as protect the environment. [MORE...](#)



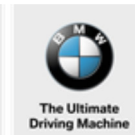
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For more energy-related news, [subscribe](#) to the English-language edition of the Energy Transition newsletter of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy

Elections for the 19th German Bundestag will take place on September 24, 2017. Voting information for Germans in New Zealand can be found at [www.konsularinfo.diplo.de/wahl](http://www.konsularinfo.diplo.de/wahl)

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### Events & Workshops

The full list of our upcoming events (events to follow in late October in Wellington - we haven't forgotten you!) can be found on [our website](#).

#### Exporting to the EU and Germany

► 26/07/2017 - NZTE, Christchurch

[German Chamber networking evening](#)

### Partner Events

#### Free breakfast seminar: 'The Strategic and Financial Benefits of Cloud Managed IT Services'

Learn how to accelerate your IT flexibility while making cost savings and improving security. Space is limited, so please [register](#) your attendance by 17 August.

► 26/07/2017 - Archibalds Audi, Christchurch

[Negotiating with Germans](#) followed by [Navigating Cultural Diversity Panel Discussion](#)

► 10/08/2017 - EY, Auckland

[Employment Law: Bringing employment to an end lawfully](#)

► 18/10/2017 - GNZZ, Auckland

From 6th September to 8th October ten films from Germany, Austria and Switzerland will be screened across New Zealand. More information to follow - save the dates!

- Auckland 6 - 10 Sept
- Wellington 13 - 16 Sept
- Christchurch 23 - 24 Sept
- Dunedin 30 Sept - 1 Oct
- New Plymouth 2 Oct - 8 Oct



[2017 Falling Walls Conference](#)

► 8-9/11/2017 - Berlin

Falling Walls is a unique international platform for leaders from the worlds of science, business, politics, the arts and society. It was initiated on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin wall. Inspired by this world-changing event on 9 November 1989, the question of every Falling Walls gathering is: Which walls will fall next? Falling Walls fosters discussion on research and innovation and promotes the latest scientific findings among a broad audience from all parts of society. [MORE...](#)

## Trade Fairs

More information on each show can be found on [our website](#). [Contact us](#) for pre-show assistance, setting up meetings or on-site support!

### GERMAN TRADE FAIRS

[CHINA FRUIT LOGISTICA to launch in 2018](#)

New annual trade show for China's fresh produce trade to kick off in Shanghai on 14-16 May 2018.

[MORE...](#)

[ASIA FRUIT LOGISTICA](#)

► 06/09/2017 - Hong Kong

[CMS - Cleaning. Management.](#)

[Insights-X](#) - Paper, office supplies and stationery

► 05/10/2017 - Nuremberg, Germany

[it-sa](#) - IT Security Expo and Congress

► 10/10/2017 - Nuremberg, Germany

[Bar Convent Berlin](#) - International Bar and Beverage Trade Show

► 10/10/2017 - Berlin, Germany

[ITB Asia](#) - Asia's Leading Travel Trade Show

► 25/10/2017 - Singapore, Singapore

[iENA mit START Messe](#) - Ideas, Inventions, New Products, Start-up, Financing, Succession

► 02/11/2017 - Nuremberg, Germany

► 19/09/2017 - Berlin, Germany

**POWTECH** - Processing, Analysis, and Handling of Powder and Bulk Solids

► 26/09/2017 - Nuremberg, Germany

**SPS IPC Drives** - Electric Automation - Systems and Components

► 28/11/2017 - Nuremberg, Germany

## NEW ZEALAND TRADE FAIRS

We are now taking registrations to exhibit with us under the 'Made in Germany' banner at **EMEX 2017**! [Contact Sandy](#) for more details.



## Opportunities



### NEW MEMBER-TO-MEMBER OFFER

Lucidity is a provider of cloud services and winner of the Managed Service award at the Microsoft New Zealand 2017 Partner Awards. GNZCC members are entitled to a free cloud-readiness assessment to help devise the best cloud computing solution for your business (valued at \$1500). Furthermore, if you purchase more than 20 subscriptions of Lucidity's flagship product, Managed Desktop, before 30 September 2017, Lucidity will gift you a 9.7-inch iPad. [MORE...](#)

## Our Executive Members



## Job- and Internship Seekers

► Internship Seeker:

from Germany seeking jobs or internships in New Zealand, whose CVs are on [our website](#). You're welcome to list a job or internship at your company **for free**: please fill in the form on our website or [email us](#).

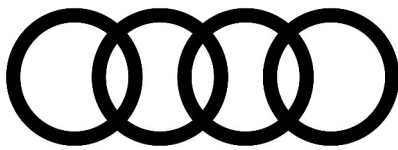
► Internship Seeker: [\(Technology\) Marketing](#)

► Job Seeker: [Marketing Assistant](#)

► Job Seeker: [Industrial Engineer](#)

## New Members

The GNZCC are very pleased to announce our two new Executive Members: Audi and Vehicle Testing New Zealand. Find out more about our Executive Members [here](#).



### New GNZCC Executive Member: Audi

Audi is the global premium car brand within the Volkswagen Group and distributed in New Zealand by European Motor Distributors, a proud kiwi-owned family company. It has a nationwide dealer network and its range extends from the city focussed A1 sportback to the R8 V10 supercar, including a range of market leading SUV's and luxury sports cars. Globally Audi is headquartered in Ingolstadt near Munich, Germany.

Above all else, Audi is committed to excellence in its daily business - in its relationships with customers, its shareholder, employees and the wider community. The team at Audi are delighted to secure an Executive Membership with the German-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce and look forward to working with GNZCC members in the near future.

Audi contact: Dean Sheed  
Email | [www.audi.co.nz](http://www.audi.co.nz)



### New GNZCC Executive Member: VTNZ

Vehicle Testing New Zealand Ltd (VTNZ) is New Zealand's leader in independent vehicle inspections. Opening in 1994 as a State Owned Enterprise, VTNZ grew to 52 stations in five short years. VTNZ now has over 80 stations nationwide and is the only company to inspect heavy vehicles at customer sites or at satellite 'offsites' in more rural locations.

In 2013, ownership of VTNZ changed with the 60% purchase of MTA shares by DEKRA SE - one of the world's leading expert organisations in the field of testing, inspection and certification. DEKRA SE is based in Stuttgart, Germany and has around 28,000 employees worldwide. DEKRA Automotive is the world's largest vehicle inspection provider, carrying out more than 23 million vehicle inspections a year.

VTNZ contact: Mike Walsh  
Email | [www.vtnz.co.nz](http://www.vtnz.co.nz)

## Members' News

More news from our members can be found on [our website](#).



On 20th June, T&G Global celebrated 120 years in business at its Mt Wellington market site. T&G Global was founded as Turners and Growers in 1897. BayWa Group, headquartered in Germany, has been the majority shareholder of T&G Global since 2012. [MORE...](#)



### Jet Park Hotel Rotorua earns 2017 TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence

Jet Park Hotel Rotorua is proud to have achieved a TripAdvisor® Certificate of Excellence 2017, since its recent opening in November 2015. Says Hotel Manager, Inus Rademeyer: "We are delighted to have received the Certificate of Excellence. It is always nice to receive recognition for a job well done, but it means so much more coming from our guests." [MORE...](#)

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### Recent Events



### Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our Annual General Meeting took place on Wednesday, 28th July, hosted by

followed by drinks and nibbles, with speeches delivered by German Ambassador to New Zealand, Gerhard Thiedemann, GNZCC CEO Monique Surges and GNZCC President Jim Bibby, as well as our host, Andreas Ernst of Mercedes-Benz NZ. The GNZCC also acknowledged the long-standing contribution of Martin Reinbach, as he moves into semi-retirement. You can find more photos on [our Flickr page](#).

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### [Made in Germany Pavilion at buildnz 2017](#)

buildnz | designex 2017 took place from 25 June 2017 - 27 June 2017 at the ASB Showgrounds in Auckland. The German-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce once again organised a 'Made in Germany' pavilion at New Zealand's largest building and construction trade event. The pavilion of over 200 sqm played host to more than a dozen exhibitors, showcasing their 'Made in Germany' products and services and representing a wide technology range for the build and design industry. STIEBEL ELTRON remarked: 'Getting lots of positive feedback, we consider the show a great success and are excited to be a part of future events with the Chamber of Commerce.' [MORE...](#)

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### [Roundtable Discussion with Chairman of DE-NZ Parliamentary Friendship Group](#)

New Zealand and Germany are "separated by oceans, but united by ideas", according to Volkmar Klein, Chairman of the Parliamentary Friendship Group for Relations with New Zealand and Australia, in a roundtable discussion with representatives of German business in New Zealand. [MORE...](#)



Front, left to right: Wolfgang Loose (T&G Global Ltd), Andrew Spicer (Realtech Ltd), Marc Guppy (Allianz NZ Ltd), Monique Surges (NZGBA), Volkmar Klein (CDU/CSU), Beatrice Gorawantschy (Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Australia Ltd), Jim Bibby (Stihl Ltd), Paul Ravlich (Siemens NZ Ltd), Graeme Riley (SAP New Zealand Ltd). Back, left to right: Erich Bachmann (Hesketh Henry), Michael Dhu (DHL Global Forwarding NZ Ltd), Joanne Hand (Realtech Ltd), Dean Sheed (European Motor Distributors).

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