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Kia ora and Guten Tag!

You might have noticed I'm back in my Dirndl (German dress) on LinkedIn - anything to promote the upcoming Oktoberfest on Friday 15th September - we already have more tables sold than last year and final bookings will be taken until the middle of next week, so please hurry if you have not booked yet!

We now call on GNZCC members to consider **product donations for the raffle and silent auction**, with proceeds going to the Prostate Cancer Foundation. It's a great way of profiling your products to a crowd of over 500, whilst doing something good for charity too! Please contact Sandy Motion.

Anne Schettler and her team are busy scheduling meetings for the upcoming delegation of German companies in the energy, transport, and infrastructure sectors – please let her know if you have interest in a meeting with a particular delegate.

And finally a big welcome to all our new members and a request to all members – if you meet a person/company you feel would benefit from membership please let Sandy know and she will contact them directly – thank you!

Happy reading!

Monique Surges Chief Executive Officer

German-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce

(GNZCC)



in July

The Ifo institute on Tuesday described the mood among German companies as "euphoric." The Ifo's business climate index rose to 116.0 points, comfortably beating June's record of 115.2 points and economists' forecast of 114.9 points.

German companies were more upbeat about their current business situation and their six-month outlook, according to the Ifo's monthly survey of about 7,000 companies.

Germany's gross domestic product is forecast to expand 1.8% this year and 2.0% in 2018, according to the Munich-based think tank.

Source: Marketwatch | Photo: Building of the Hypothekenbank ©

German National Tourist Board

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 The deadline for the registration applications from Germans permanently living abroad to be received in Germany (by post only!) is **3rd September**

Our Premium Partners











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.



CEO Roundtable Breakfast Meeting

► 24/08/2017 - PwC Tower, Auckland

By invitation only. CEOs of German subsidiaries and GNZCC member companies are invited to join the GNZCC Executive Board for a roundtable breakfast with special guest Minister of Tertiary Education, Skills and Employment, Minister for Science and Innovation, Honourable Paul Goldsmith. MORE...



Oktoberfest 2017

► 15/09/2017 - Shed 10, Auckland

Selling out fast! Last chance by mid-next week to get tickets to this legendary evening. MORE...



Collaboration opportunities in the energy, transport, and infrastructure sectors

▶ 25-29/09/2017 - Australia and New Zealand

The GNZCC is organising a trade mission at the end of September for German companies active in the field of transport and infrastructure. New Zealand companies will have the opportunity to meet with the German experts and also to participate in a business conference in Sydney. Have a look at the participating companies and request a meeting.



Employment Law: Bringing employment to an end lawfully

► 18/10/2017 - PwC Tower, Auckland

Jim Roberts (Partner) and Mo Al Obaidi (Solicitor) from Hesketh Henry will guide you through the 'need to know' employment law requirements when you are seeking to bring an employee's employment to an end. MORE...



Watch us Work @ Wilderness Homes

▶ 25/10/2017 - Airport Oaks, Auckland

The German-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce, together with our member SmartRV, invites you to our next Watch us Work event at SmartRV's Auckland Sales Centre. MORE...

Partner Events



Goethe-Institut New Zealand presents the 9th German Film Festival, taking place from 5 Sept onwards in locations across New Zealand. Attend the **best new film releases** from Austria, Switzerland and Germany for free. MORE...



On 8 September, Conferenz brings together a national level industry gathering of the entire electric vehicle ecosystem. Come along to see the 'made in Germany' stand, with Audi, Mercedes and Porsche - public attendance is free. MORE...



Change of date! Lucidity are offering a free breakfast seminar on the strategic and financial benefits of cloud-managed IT services, on 21 September. Learn how to accelerate your IT flexibility while making cost savings and improving security. Space is limited, so please register by 14 September. MORE...



Go Global, the conference for exporters, takes place on 21 September 2017 in Auckland. For more information, visit the website www.goglobal.nz/

To get member rates, use the code CHANGE17 at registration

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.

Internationale Grüne Woche Berlin - Food, agriculture and horticulture

► 19/01/2018 - 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

SPS IPC Drives - Electric Automation - Systems and Components

► 28/11/2017 - Nuremberg, Germany

► 31/01/2018 - Nuremberg, Germany

FRUIT LOGISTICA - Fruit and Vegetable Marketing

▶ 07/02/2018 - Berlin, Germany

BIOFACH + VIVANESS - Organic Food, Natural Personal Care

► 14/02/2018 - Nuremberg, Germany

NEW ZEALAND TRADE FAIRS

We are now taking registrations to exhibit with us under the 'Made in Germany' banner at EMEX 2018! Contact Sandy for more details.



Our Executive Members









New Members

A warm welcome to our latest new members!

- New Zealand Mānuka Group
- Phil Southward (Business Angel Investor)
- Beautiful Nature Tours Auckland
- Hatz Australia Pty Ltd
- Wyma Engineering (NZ) Ltd

More information on each of our new members can be found on our website

Members' News

Share your news with your fellow members! Send a LinkedIn post, press release or news item on your website to press@germantrade.co.nz so we can consider it for inclusion on GNZCC channels.



Grand opening of the pro clima HUB

Over 300 people celebrated the grand opening of the pro clima HUB on 07/07/17. Guests on the day included politicians, pro clima team members from around the world, construction partners, architects, designers, builders, friends and family. Hosted by the pro clima HUB and Education Manager, Matthew Cutler-Welsh, the formalities included an address from pro clima's Founder and renowned building biologist, Lothar Moll, and the General Manager of pro clima New Zealand and Australia, Thomas van Raamsdonk. Pro clima had the privilege of joined by the German Ambassador to New Zealand, Gerhard Thiedemann who did the honours and cut the ribbon. MORE...





FASH'N SPLASH 2018 swimwear collection out now

Viewings for retailers are scheduled to take place in Auckland from 14-16 August 2017. FASH'N SPLASH is the Exclusive Agent for European Swimwear and Lingerie

collections shown below to retailers in Auckland between 14-16 August. For further information, please contact Bodo Riesen. MORE...





Kaeser to demonstrate the benefits of Industrie 4.0-ready compressed air technology at NMEC 2017

Industrie 4.0 - or the fourth industrial revolution - presents a new era of manufacturing led by a number of cyber-physical systems. As a leader in the engineering of compressed air technology, Kaeser products and services are not only designed to deliver the most reliable, efficient and cost-effective compressed air supply possible, but they are also fully ready to take advantage of the future-oriented benefits that Industrie 4.0 has to offer. MORE...



Bobux named as finalists in the Callaghan Innovation C-Prize 2017

Andrew Sharp (CEO at Bobux International Ltd) is very proud of the Bobux team - named as finalists in the Callaghan Innovation C-Prize 2017 - for wearable tech. "Looking forward to seeing what we can come up with to help our amazing customers and their kids!" MORE...



Auckland Seaplanes one of three finalists for business excellence in the New Zealand Tourism Awards

CEO Chris Sattler said: "Thanks to the judges of Tourism Industry Aotearoa for selecting us for the second year running as one of three finalists for business excellence in the New Zealand Tourism Awards! Having only been operating for 3.5 years, we are really proud of what we have achieved and I believe we have the product, processes, incredibly beautiful surrounds, team and drive to continue to excel." MORE...



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Contact Nick or any of the team at BWT: Tel. 0800-508580

Recent Events









GNZCC Exporting to the EU and Germany workshop, Christchurch

We held a well-attended Exporting to the EU and Germany workshop in Christchurch on 26th July, co-hosted by NZTE. Attendees learned (more) about Germany as a country to do business with, from attending trade fairs to removing risk, and what factors can make or break their approach to a German company. Our fantastic speakers were Ian Kininmonth (Branch Manager CHC, DHL), Murray Whyte (Co-founder and Director, Avid.legal), Monique Surges (CEO, GNZCC) and David Boyd (Director, Formthotics and NZTE Beachhead advisor). You can find more photos on our Flickr page.

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GNZCC Negotiating with Germans workshop and Cultural Diversity panel, Auckland

We held our Auckland Negotiating with Germans workshop and Cultural Diversity panel on 10th August, generously hosted by EY. Attendees were entertained while learning about simple things in communication and behaviour that make up the cultural veneer of a country. Our brilliant panelists were Murray Whyte (Principal at Avid.legal), Jim Bibby (Managing Director of STIHL), Mike Walsh (CEO of VTNZ), Patrick Gottstein (Sales Manager at Geodis), Dieter Adam (CEO of the NZMEA) and Wolfgang Loose (CFO of T&G Global). You can find more photos on our Flickr page.

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