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[Newsletter archive](#)**Kia ora and Guten Tag!**

Another memorable few weeks behind us, with the Baden Württemberg Delegation end of October and the visit of the German Federal President this week.

President Steinmeier had an extremely busy [two day visit](#) including a [state dinner](#) in Wellington and a meeting with over 130 GNZCC members on Tuesday 7th November, here in Auckland. He then flew back to Germany in time to attend the 79th commemoration of Kristallnacht (1938) and the Fall of the Berlin Wall (1998) - both on the 9th November.

As you will see in the following newsletter we have an influx of [new members](#) and some great opportunities that you as a GNZCC member can take advantage of. Whether you need [staff](#), [currency](#) or would like to try out the "free e-golf for the day" via Europcar - its all there - we just need to remind you occasionally!

The year is not over when it comes to events, and planning is in full swing for 2018 with at least two *Made in Germany* stands, a significant *energy project with conference* and the date of our *Oktoberfest* already locked in for the 14th September 2018.

Hey and if you have some ideas for us [let us know](#)

Happy reading!

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

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Visit of the German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier



It was a pleasure to have the President of the Federal Republic of Germany, Frank-Walter Steinmeier with us on the 7 November 2017. It was a very memorable occasion for all who attended. We thank [Hohepa Auckland](#) for the wonderful gift created in honour of the President's visit. Please visit us on [Flickr](#) to see all pictures of this event.

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In Short...

► [The World's Top Regarded Companies 2017: German Conglomerate Siemens Takes Top Spot](#)

Though it ranked 50th on [Forbes' Global 2000](#), Siemens was ranked the top regarded company with 351,000 employees. For the past year, the company saw \$90 billion in sales, \$6.4 billion in profit, \$154 billion in assets and a market cap of \$119.7 billion. [MORE..](#)

► [Breaking New Ground on Working Hours](#)

Germany's largest labour union, IG Metall, is probably the most powerful union in an industrial country and it likes to think of itself as a pacesetter for worker benefits. The union, which represents 3.9 million workers in core industries ranging from automotive to engineering, is now demanding its members be entitled to work as little as 28 hours a week for up to two years if they so choose. [MORE..](#)

► [Why Germany's Surplus is so Huge](#)

When Donald Trump complained that there were too many BMWs on American roads, Sigmar Gabriel, Germany's foreign minister, wasn't coy with his comeback: If the United States wants Germany to export fewer goods, it could just "make better cars." That point is moot. But the story of how Germany developed the world's largest current-account surplus is far more complex than just 'Made in Germany' selling well abroad. [MORE..](#)

► [Media release: FBT "Switch" scheme for electric vehicles entering corporate fleets would drive more demand](#)

Not-for-profit group Drive Electric is encouraging the new government to look at a fringe benefit tax (FBT) innovation that would encourage corporate uptake of electric vehicles. [MORE...](#)

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Events & Workshops

The full list of our upcoming events can be found on [our website](#).



Workshop: Bringing Employment to an End Lawfully

► 22/112017 - PwC Tower, Auckland

Sam Houliston (Senior Associate) 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...](#)



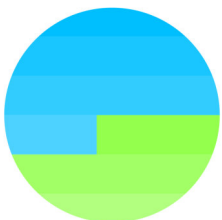
GNZCC Christmas Networking Function

► 06.12.17 - Bread & Butter Bakery, Grey Lynn

Christmas comes but once a year; let's get together for some holiday cheer!

This year has gone by at break neck speed and there have been a number of changes and challenges along the way for everyone. So now it's time to get all our members & clients together to celebrate this eventful year and relax over a drink and some Christmas goodies. [MORE...](#)

Partner Events



thinkstep

Unlock the Circular Economy

► 28.11.17 - PwC Tower, Auckland

Adopting a Circular Economy is the key to reduce waste, use resources efficiently, and cut carbon emissions. It requires innovation and clever partnerships to succeed. A disruptive approach is needed to redefine products and services, to design waste out and minimise negative environmental impacts. GNZCC member thinkstep and Locus Research together with Methven and Ubco Bikes will explain why linking design and sustainability is 'The New Normal'. Click [here](#) to register

Trade Fairs

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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...](#)

[SPS IPC Drives](#) - Electric Automation - Systems and Components

► 28/11/2017 - Nuremberg, Germany

[INTERNATIONAL GREEN WEEK](#)

[Berlin](#) - Food, agriculture and horticulture

► 19/01/2018 - Berlin, Germany

[SPIELWARENMESSE®](#) - Toy Fair

► 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](#) & [buildnz 2018](#)! [Contact Sandy](#) for more details.

[EMEX](#) - Engineering, Machinery & Electronics Exhibition

► 01/05/18 - Auckland, New Zealand

[buildnz](#) - Building, Construction, Design and Architecture Industries

► 04/07/18 - Auckland, New Zealand

Our Executive Members



New Executive Member

The GNZCC is pleased to announce our new Executive Member **XE Money transfer**. Find out more about our Executive Members [here](#).



XE money transfers are proud to have been chosen by the GNZCC as the exclusive foreign exchange partner to assist their members. Essentially XE are another option to the bank, every one of their clients already has an existing relationship with their incumbent bank and XE work with you to enhance the bank's offering, every client situation is different and XE tailor a solution to compliment your current business process. Click [here](#) to visit their website

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A warm welcome to our latest new members! More information on each of our new members can be found on [our website](#)

- Giesen Wine Estate Ltd
- Masport Ltd
- CoveKinloch New Zealand Ltd
- Willach Australia Pty Ltd
- Building IN OVATION Ltd
- Europcar NZ Ltd
- XE Money Transfer
- Bürkert Contromatic NZ Ltd

[Jobs and Internships](#)

At the moment we have some interesting jobs available:

- ▶ [Sprachkursorganisation/Lehrkraft @ Goethe Institut](#)
- ▶ [Work & Holiday - Summer Jobs @ Pure Pac Ltd](#)
- ▶ [German Teacher @ Language Hub Limited](#)
- ▶ [Pro clima HUB Coordinator @ Pro Clima New Zealand Ltd](#)
- ▶ [Information Services Co-Ordinator @STIHL Limited](#)
- ▶ [Product Management Intern @ Hamburg Süd](#)
- ▶ [Tour Consultant Intern @ ANZ NATURE TOURS LT](#)

If you are looking for good people you are welcome to visit your position [here](#) or log in and check out the applicants CV's [here](#)

[Member News](#)

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



Ulli Weissbach

[We farewell Ulli Weissbach.](#)

We are very sad to announce the passing of longstanding member Ulli Weissbach on the 19th September. Ulli was known for his passion and enthusiasm in everything he believed in - when no one else found the time to set up a German Stammtisch he took it on and ran it for over 7 years. His film production on controversial topics such as the environmental impact of mining in Australia, the wonderful transition of Tuvalu to 100% renewable energy and his wonderful children's series Takapu set in the pacific islands and screened on German TV, will ensure Ulli is never forgotten and held in high regard. Those flying Air New Zealand can view "The Solar nation of Tokelau" Ullis final documentary. He always displayed a tremendous enthusiasm for the German/New Zealand relationship and his support of the GNZCC will be very much missed. We pass our deepest condolences to his family, in particular Marianne.

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New Zealander, Jason Wynyard is once again the STIHL TIMBERSPORTS® Individual World Champion.

In a breath-taking competition he successfully defended his title, becoming the best logger sports athlete in the world for a staggering ninth time. .

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[Free electric cars with Volkswagen and Europcar](#)

The program allows GNZCC members & corporate travellers who fly into Wellington, Christchurch & Auckland for a day between Monday and Friday the opportunity to book an **e-Golf for their day of travel, free of charge.** The keys are collected at the Europcar desk and the cars are picked up from, and dropped back to, prime parking spots at all three airports. [MORE...](#)



[Jet Park Hotel Wins Customer Service and Supreme Award at Westpac Auckland \(South\) Business Awards!](#)

Jet Park Hotel & Conference Centre were the winners of the Excellence in Customer Service Delivery award but also gained the ultimate accolade by winning the Supreme Business Excellence Award 2017! The 222 room hotel is situated near Auckland Airport and is a New Zealand owned and family operated business established 19 years ago.



[New Country Manager and Construction Manager for BASF New Zealand Ltd Dale Barron.](#)

Dale is originally from Tasmania, Australia and has a long career with BASF working in a variety of roles across Asia Pacific. He joins us from Hong Kong where he was most recently the Regional Business Segment Manager for Underground Construction. Dale and his family will relocate to Auckland later this year. [MORE...](#)



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[Visit of the Baden Württemberg delegation.](#)

Under the direction of the Minister for Rural and Consumer Protection of the State of Baden-Württemberg, Peter Hauk MdL, was visiting New Zealand (Auckland and Wellington) from October 29 to November 4 of 2017. The programme was organised with visits and meetings within the agricultural sector focusing on industries in dairy, meat, sheep, viticulture, and forestry. The BW-delegation visited associations, political institutions, forestry parks and research institutions.



Negotiating with Germans workshop



Watch us work @ Smart RV

On the 25 October 2017 we had a great afternoon with **Smart RV** networking with fellow members and enjoyed a very interesting tour through the company and their beautiful Camper Vans. We held our Negotiating with Germans workshop on the 26 October 17, in Wellington, generously hosted by **VTNZ**. Attendees were entertained while learning about simple things in communication and behaviour that make up the cultural veneer of a country. You can find more photos on [our Flickr page](#).

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