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Winter is coming!

Kia ora and Guten Tag!

Greetings from sunny Germany (again!) – believe it or not I'm not always in the northern hemisphere – let me prove it when you come to the [AGM on the 28th June](#) – this will be a great member gathering in an excellent venue @Bauer Media.

Without rubbing it in completely, I have to say the weather here so far has been stunning – something positive in an otherwise less than positive environment, given the political and trade instabilities the EU is presently dealing with. Makes the free trade agreement discussion between the EU and NZ almost a walk in the park!


Now what do you think of our new website? Is it easy to find what you are looking for or do you need someone to come and give you a demo of what you as a member have access to? Contact [Sandy](#) to book in a visit/phone call or send an email [feedback on the new website](#)

Its important the website is user friendly as this is our way of keeping you up to date on upcoming events, member news and special offers.

I hope you enjoy the newsletter and I look forward to seeing you soon

Happy reading!

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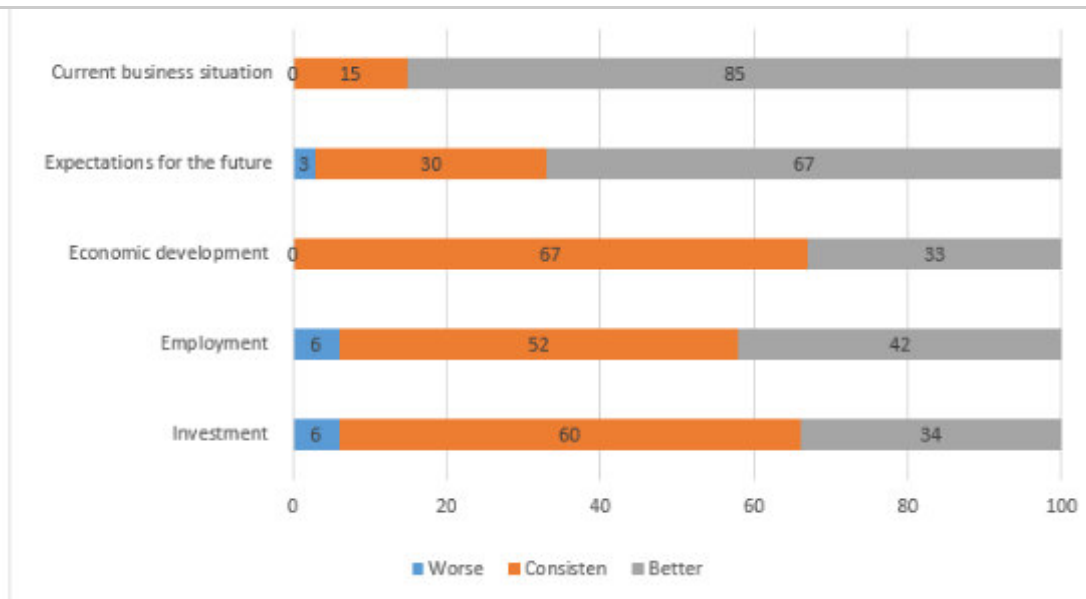
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New Zealand is "Country of the Year" at BIOFACH China



Although the main focus of the GNZCC is promoting trade between Germany and New Zealand, we often provide support and expertise for NZ trade show participation in other locations – one recent example was at BIOFACH China, in Shanghai, the largest organic expo in Asia, organised by Nurnberg Messe. This year New Zealand was selected as “Country of the Year” at BIOFACH China and the GNZCC assisted the Organics Exporters Association in organising a New Zealand Pavilion, which we are pleased to report won the “Organisation Award”. With the Kapa Haka group performing at the opening ceremony and at various times around the pavilion, a lasting impression was made.

The German Chamber (AHK) World Business Outlook



In May 2018, the seventh "AHK World Business Outlook" showed that global economic growth is developing, despite global crisis and trade policies. Companies based in New Zealand reported they have confidence in the future however skilled labour shortages are of major concern.

** The AHK World Business Outlook is based on a regular survey of member companies from the German Chambers of Commerce, Delegations and representative offices (AHK). It captures the feedback from more than 5,100 German companies, branches and subsidiaries worldwide, as well as companies with close relationships to Germany.*

Free Trade Agreement between the EU and New Zealand

On 22 May 2018, the Council of the European Union adopted the decision [authorising the opening of negotiations](#) for a Free Trade Agreement between the EU and New Zealand.

In 2017 the EU and New Zealand entered into a partnership agreement which contains a number of economic and trade cooperation rules. [MORE..](#)

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New Customs law good news for everyone

The new Customs and Excise Act will enable Customs to adapt to a changing world and is good news for everyone in New Zealand, the Acting Comptroller of Customs, Christine Stevenson, said today.

Some of the changes include:

- A new valuation rulings service to help remove uncertainty for importers when they are unsure of the value of goods.
- The ability for businesses to store records offshore or in the cloud. This aligns with modern business practice and with Inland Revenue.

For more information please click [here](#).

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In Short

► Red house in Titirangi wins German Design Award

Red corrugated iron has led to the red carpet for Auckland based architect Ken Crosson, who has won the highly esteemed German Design Award 2018 for the design of the Red House in Titirangi. [MORE...](#)

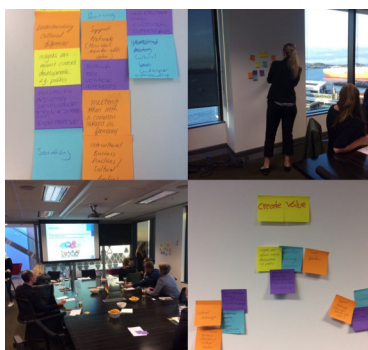
► Energy transition goes global

A growing number of countries in the world want to be part of the energy transition. Bilateral energy partnerships can help find suitable energy solutions. The Berlin Energy Transition Dialogue was also looking for possible ways to further improve this cooperation. [MORE..](#)

► Best NZ Apple judged by Seven Sharp

JAZZ, which is also grown in Germany with support from BayWa, was judged the Best New Zealand Apple 2018 by a specialist panel of Seven Sharp (TVNZ) experts.

GNZCC Young Professionals



As some of you may have heard the GNZCC is in the process of creating a Young Professionals group, with the kick-off meeting in May. We are now looking for young professional GNZCC member volunteers for the following roles:

- VICE President
- Social Media Management
- Sponsor Management
- Events coordinator

If you are interested in being part of the team please let Julia (jhahn@germantrade.co.nz) know what role you are interested in and why. Please limit your note to 200 words.



Kontaktabend with indigo

► 21/06/2018 - PwC tower, 188 Quay Street, Level 14

Let the shortest day of the year also be your most memorable one. Register now to learn more about a unique destination. [MORE..](#)



German-New Zealand Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting (AGM)

► 28/06/2018 - Bauer Media, 90 Wellesley St W

Members are encouraged to attend the upcoming AGM. [MORE..](#)



Showcase: German Energy Efficient Technologies in NZ Buildings

► 04/07/2018 - 05/07/2018 - ASB Showgrounds, Auckland

Extend your contacts at the evening awards event, view the installed green technologies during the expert workshop and visit two of the reference projects. [Networking Event](#) - [Expert Workshop & Site Visit](#)

Trade Fairs

TRADE FAIRS ABROAD

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

[IFA](#) - Consumer Electronics Unlimited

► 31/08/2018 - Berlin, Germany

[ASIA FRUIT LOGISTICA](#) - International Trade Fair for Fruit and Vegetable Marketing

► 05/09/2018 - Hong Kong, China

[InnoTrans](#) - International Trade Fair for Transport Technology

► 18/09/2018 - Berlin, Germany

TRADE FAIRS NEW ZEALAND

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

[Fieldays](#) - The Southern Hemisphere's largest Agricultural event

► 13/06/2018 - Hamilton

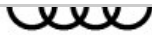
[Buildnz | designex](#) - New Zealand's largest building and construction trade event

► 04/07/2018 - Auckland

[EVworld](#) - NZ's combined Electrical Vehicle Industry and Public Expo

► 09/08/2018 - Auckland

Our Executive Members



Jobs & Internships

These are just some of the applicants, from Germany, seeking jobs or internships in New Zealand. Check them out on [our website](#).

If you have an open position within your company, as a member you are welcome to list this on our website, free of charge: please fill in the form on our website or [email us](#).

- [Media manager/ PR manager](#)
- [Human Resources & Recruitment](#)
- [Mechanical Engineer Project Leader Engineering](#)
- [Equipment Flow Operator](#)
- [Project Engineer](#)
- [Administration & Office Support](#)



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

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.



Staedtler - Wayne Greer from Staedtler NZ is retiring after 25 years as Managing Director. Rob Jones took over the position end of May.



Hoffmann Law - Sandy made a little tour to thank our most loyal GNZCC members. James from Hoffmann Law has been a member since 1997.



Langham Hospitality Group today announced the appointment of Stefan Leser as Chief Executive Officer. Based in Hong Kong, he will oversee all aspects of the group's global portfolio of hotels, resorts and residences, and will be providing strategic guidance to achieve the company's vision, implementing organizational processes for all divisions, and leading the global expansion drive. [MORE..](#)



BMW - Whether you're an innovator, change maker or want to help shape the future, we want to hear your pitch.

BMW and Unfiltered are looking for the next Driver of Tomorrow, someone with an innovative and visionary idea that can change our world for the better. If you have the winning idea we will support you in bringing your idea to life and make you the first official BMW i ambassador - a true "Driver of Tomorrow". [MORE...](#)

New Members

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

- Doug White/Kiwibank
- Grant Thornton NZ Ltd
- Lowndes Limited
- Efaflex
- Von Seelstrang & Partner
- Krones New Zealand Ltd

Our Recent Events



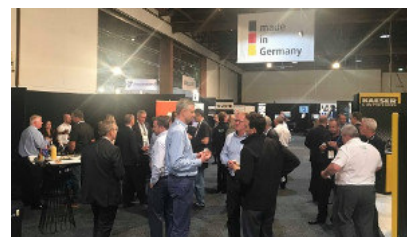
Feedback from our Exporter Workshop

"Frank was a great speaker and knew all about the topic; gained an enormous amount of information; covered all the bases and enjoyed the hands-on aspect."

"BRILLIANT, learnt heaps, real eye opener"

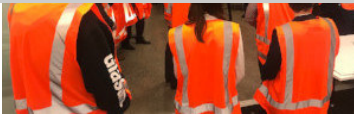
Mix & Mingle at EMEX

It's always a great opportunity for our Members to come together with Exhibitors and connect over a "Beer & Bratwurst". Please click [here](#) for all Photos.



Networking for business!

Another effective and enjoyable social evening held



It was a great opportunity to have a look behind the scene and to Mix & Mingle at our so far biggest new Member Event. For all photos please click [here](#).

Partner Events Coming up

**FALLING
WALLS
LAB**

[Great Minds, 3 minutes, 1 day – and be in to win a trip to Germany!](#)

► Applications due by 22 June 2018

For the first time this year, Royal Society Te Apārangī, in collaboration with the German Embassy in Wellington, the GNZCC and the Falling Walls Lab Foundation, will fly 20 great minds from across New Zealand and the Pacific Islands to Wellington to present their game-changing ideas – in 3 minutes - at Falling Walls Lab New Zealand. [MORE..](#)



[Bits & Pretzels - The Founder Festival](#)

► 30/09/2018-02/10/2018 - Oktoberfest, Munich
Bits & Pretzels is a three-day festival that connects 5,000 founders, investors, startup enthusiasts, and all other decision-makers of the startup ecosystem. [MORE..](#)



[16th Asia-Pacific Conference of German Business](#)

► 01/11/2018- 03/11/2018 - Jakarta, Indonesia
The APK 2018 in Jakarta is where German and Asian business interests meet, where economic partnerships between Germany and Asia-Pacific are strengthened, and where business trends and market opportunities are explored. [MORE...](#)

[KAESER - Compressed Air Seminar](#)

People looking to use compressed air as a highly efficient energy source should consider



required in order to properly assess the various interactions within the system and its integration into the operational environment. [MORE..](#)

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