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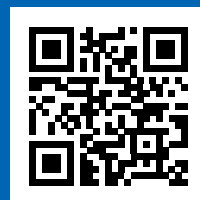
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If you came to the Golds in your most glittering shiny gold outfit then you could win the Ultimate Luxury Weekend at WHAREKAUHAU COUNTRY ESTATE.

THEIR STORY:

In 1844 the Wharekauhau farming story started. A few hardy souls walked a flock of Romney sheep around the wild South coast from Wellington to the newly discovered pastoral plains of the Wairarapa. Their first stop on this mammoth herding effort was the Wharekauhau terraces.

In the early 1980s the property diversified into sharing its farming experiences with guests looking to reconnect with the land and enjoy a genuine personally hosted experience, sharing that famous New Zealand hospitality with the world!

Fast forward to 1998 and the lodge and cottages as we know it were opened, and again fast forward to 2010 when the lodge was acquired by the hospitality-passionate Foley family.

Wharekauhau continues to operate as a working sheep station, and is home to the globally recognised luxury hideaway - Wharekauhau Country Estate.

2026 WHAREKAUHAU COUNTRY ESTATE BOLD AS GOLD PRIZE PACKAGE

The luxury weekend will consist of 2 nights accommodation, for 2 persons, in a Cottage Suite at Wharekauhau Country Estate.

Each night you will be treated to pre-dinner drinks and canapes, followed by a degustation dinner.

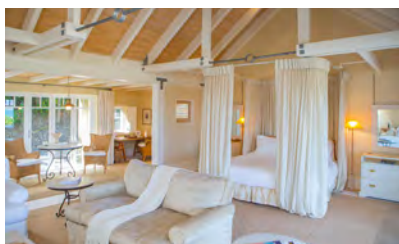
Each day starts with a full Country Breakfast, where you can plan out how to spend the daylight hours exploring the estate and its facilities.

This is the ultimate, extravagant Stay-Cation - valued at just a tad under \$10,200 - and worth every penny.

The future King and Queen of England William & Kate stayed there in 2014.

There are rumours of many A-Listers staying there over the years (coughTomCruise).

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WHAREKAUHAU

PALLISER BAY EST. 1844

Create life-long memories and enjoy the very best of New Zealand at the luxurious Wharekauhau Country Estate.

This private sanctuary combines the best of nature and hospitality ensuring a holiday here is a truly memorable experience.

Nestled in the spectacular setting of Palliser Bay the Edwardian style homestead is one of New Zealand's oldest working sheep stations, offering farm to table dining experiences of the finest quality.

Relax and unwind with walks through the surrounding forest, fish off the beach, hand feed the eels or watch the sun set over the South Island while eating fresh seafood straight out of Palliser Bay. The isolated location is 1.5 hour drive from Wellington and offers individual cottage suites or exclusive use of the owners cottage.

Book your next stay at Wharekauhau Country Estate by visiting www.wharekauhau.co.nz

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Based in Kilbirnie, 37degrees Studio is rewriting the rulebook of digital environment storytelling. By combining pre-production design, 3D world creation and final VFX execution under one roof, this boutique-size creative powerhouse delivers production-ready environments from photoreal to stylized content for Film, TV, Games and immersive media.

The past year saw them collaborate with Amazon MGM Studios on The Wrecking Crew, build immersive worlds for Crunchyroll's Samsung Galaxy XR app, and craft an 1800s-era window into Wellington's heritage for Te Matapihi Ki Te Ao Nui | Wellington Central Library.

"I believe Wellington can become a global hub for real-time world-building, where creativity, technology and storytelling evolve together." says **Marie Tricart** (pictured) Founder and Creative Director.

Carbon-free, focused on collaboration and growing 200% year-on-year, they prove Wellington punches well above its pixel weight.

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www.37degrees-studio.com



SEA DIGITAL Riding the digital wave

Sea Digital is the Wellington agency turning brands into digital natives. Platform-first. People-led. Built for how audiences actually behave today, not how they used to.

This year the team grew 20%, kept 100% of their clients, and every new one came through referral.

The work backs it up. Sea took Wellington Seamarket from 1k to over 7k followers, broke records for the Wellington Dragon Boat Festival, doubled YOY bookings for Habit Health, and made VUWSA every Victoria University student's favourite follow. Real people, real stories, performance you can measure.

"Obsessive learning, energy and ideas push our clients and us further every day" says Founder **Felicity Douglas** (pictured right with Co Founder **Sasha McLeod**).

Ten years in, and it's only getting better.

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START UP THEATRE Honest founders' yarns -no fluff

Eighteen months in and already NZ's number one startup podcast - and a top-three business pod overall.

Led by CEO and host **Troy Hammond** (pictured), this media platform gives founders and operators space for long form, no fluff conversations about what it actually takes to build a company - hard calls, near misses, small wins and big leaps.

Troy explains "Instead of chasing hype, Startup Theatre digs into the decisions, trade offs and messy middle that most highlight reels skip."

Backed by sharp production and a smart mix of deep dive interviews and snackable clips, it has grown with a local and global audience tuning in.

With segments like "startups under the spotlight", Troy and the team keep local founders - and their very real stories - front and centre.

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www.startuptheatre.com



TAIL WIND Give your business wings!

Tailwind is a full-service design agency that loves to make great branding, marketing, and websites accessible to business of all sizes—helping other businesses grow through creativity, responsiveness, and over 50 years of collective experience to build brands that stand the test of time.

"Business owners pour huge energy into making their product and service the best it can possibly be, but often their branding lets them down.

At Tailwind we are passionate about reflecting to the world just how awesome our clients really are", says Creative Director, **Josh Wyatt** (pictured).

Clients say they feel like Tailwind is an extension of their team, journeying with them to make their business truly great.

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THE LEARNING CONNEXION - TLC Art Behind Bars & Beyond

TLC in Lower Hutt has been transforming lives through creativity since 1988, delivering NZQA programmes onsite and distance learning and through Corrections facilities throughout Aotearoa.

Their recent touring exhibition, "Worn: Prisoners' Shoes and the Stories They Tell", has sparked conversations around creativity, justice, and human connection.

"When people feel seen, remarkable transformations take place. At TLC, creativity has the power to help people discover their potential." explains TLC Founder **Jonathan Milne** (pictured) with Director of Operations **Sharon Hall**.

From school leavers to an 88-year-young student, TLC welcomes ākonga from diverse backgrounds or who have faced barriers to traditional education, with 38% identifying as having a disability.

TLC alumni include political cartoonist Jeff Bell and award-winning artist Emma Hercus.

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XEQUALS EMERGING GOLD - PRODUCTS

~10 or fewer full time employees



MUFFTECH Cheers Ears

Five years ago, **Simon Stone** (pictured) pulled off his earmuffs after a long day on a construction site and asked why the options were so bad.

His wife told him to stop complaining and do something about it.

Founder **Simon Stone** explains: "Three years of prototype development and real job-site testing with tradespeople later, Mufftech launched in 2023: premium Bluetooth hearing protection built by a tradie, for tradies, with serious audio quality to match."

What started as one man's fix for his own problem on a Kiwi work site is now sold in over 20 countries around the world, with the bulk of sales coming from international markets. In just twelve months, Mufftech has gone from a local New Zealand operation to a genuinely global one.

One founder, one product, one category. Not bad for a complaint that finally found its answer..

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nil Products zero heroes

nil is flipping the bathroom, kitchen and family home from single-use plastic to beautiful, low-waste essentials you want to use.

From bodycare, oralcare, kitchenware, baby products, lunchware, cleaning products and thoughtfully designed homewares, the range turns everyday routines into small, repeatable climate wins without compromising on style, quality or convenience.

"We insist that thoughtful design and materials sit behind every product we make while keeping performance high and impact low," says Founder **Anna Mills** (pictured).

Customers aren't just buying products; they're joining a different way of consuming.

Every item is designed to reduce waste, last longer and help households cut their environmental footprint without compromising on quality, performance or convenience. From local to export shelves, nil is proving you can run a serious business while keeping waste down.

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REWA REWA STATION Plant-dyed, solar-spun, Tinui-made

Set on a 1,000-hectare hill farm in Tinui, this innovative business operates one of only a handful of on-farm Mini Mills in Aotearoa, transforming its own wool into branded yarn.

Installed in 2024, the solarpowered mill employs six Tinui women and manages every stage of production, creating traceable yarns from naturally coloured Corriedale, Polwarth and Gotland sheep.

What can't be achieved naturally is dyed using plants and insects. No shortcuts, no middlemen. Just the farm.

Throw in monthly Craft Days, a restored 1900 Hattersley loom, farm stays and Dark Sky tourism plans, you've got the 2025 Wairarapa Business Awards Supreme Winner.

Owner **Patrizia Vieno** (pictured) says "Our passion and ethos of Provenance, Sustainability, Education and Resilience is our driving force to innovate and create".

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WELLUMIO

The bedside brain scan

Wellington medtech, spun from Otago University, with a genuinely game-changing flagship: Axana, a portable brain scanner that detects stroke in under four minutes and light enough for ambulances and ED bays.

“From Wellington, we are creating skilled jobs, bold innovation, and products that improve lives far beyond New Zealand’s shores...” says CEO **Shieak Tzeng** (pictured with CTO **Sergei Obruchkov**).

Their patented Pulsed Gradient Free Mapping tech secured a US patent in 2025, and a first clinical study (40 stroke patients, 10 controls) is in the bag.

They’ve raised \$7.7M+ pre-Series A (another \$1.3M closing) and landed a Callaghan Innovation Arohia Trailblazer Grant of up to \$5M.

Currently under 5% of stroke patients get treated in the golden hour - Wellumio wants to fix that, fast.

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WE LOVE LOCAL

Brilliantly Built Boxes

Over \$1 million returned to Wellington region producers. Close to \$4 million across Aotearoa.

Every dollar spent with a small artisan food maker ripples further through their community, reaching their staff, their suppliers, their neighbours.

We Love Local curates gift boxes from 200+ small Kiwi producers, organised by region.

A Wellington box holds only Wellington-made goods. An Otago box, only Otago.

Co-founder **Valerie Reitnauer** explains “We started because we believed small food producers deserved a bigger audience. Close to \$4 million later, we still believe it.”

What started in Kāpiti in 2018 now covers all New Zealand regions, with a growing share of orders coming from customers overseas sending gifts back to the people and places they love.

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WONDERLAND CHOCOLATE

3 Ingredients, Endless Joy

Wonderland Chocolate Founder **Kate Necklen** (pictured with Co-Founder **Scott Necklen**) took the simplest possible idea - three ingredients, no dairy - and ran with it.

Plant-based milk chocolate made from fine cacao, organic raw sugar and cashews, with adventure-park branding inspired by the 1907 Miramar Wonderland Park.

Two years in, the Lyall Bay chocolate maker is in 70+ New Worlds after the 2024 Emerge competition, and won Supreme Award at the 2025 Vegan Chocolate Awards for Pineapple Chews.

102% revenue growth says thatshoppers have noticed.

As Kate puts it, it's like Willy Wonka and Sir David Attenborough had a love child: three ingredients, infinite charm.

“Our mission is to make delicious plant-based confectionery that is joyful and better for animals and the planet.”

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BLACK DOG PHYSIO Dog Day Afternoons

If your dog has ever limped, hobbled, or hit the post-op wall, Helen Taylor's team is the squad you want in their corner.

Black Dog Physio is New Zealand's only dedicated canine rehabilitation clinic running two hydrotherapy treadmills supported by a multidisciplinary team of vet physios, qualified hydrotherapists, a vet nurse and a vet acupuncturist.

Since opening in 2023, they've delivered 8,000+ treatments — mostly dogs, a dozen cats and one rabbit — earning the kind of 5-star reviews that include the phrase "saved my dog's leg."

Founder **Helen Taylor** (pictured) says "Our dedicated team is passionate about helping old dogs feel young again and injured dogs regain their freedom."

Now a registered trademark with two clinics, and subsidising treatments for HUHA and SPCA pups, they're setting a new bar for canine care across the lower North Island.

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www.blackdogphysio.co.nz



CANOPY CAMPING ADVENTURES Under canvas

Hand-picked, off-grid and gloriously out-of-the-way - Canopy Camping Escapes has been quietly stitching together Aotearoa's most magical nature stays for over a decade.

Founded in 2013 and based in Ōtaki, this Kāpiti-built marketplace now connects travellers with 220+ private cabins, tents, yurts, domes and bush retreats on landowners' properties right across New Zealand.

Every stay is personally curated — no chancing it on a generic listing site — and 2025 saw the team roll out Canbook, their own purpose-built booking platform, while clocking world-class NPS scores of 83.8 (guests) and 74.2 (hosts).

"We love helping landowners share special places in nature and creating experiences that genuinely enrich people's lives," says Founder **Sonia Minnaar** (pictured with Co Founder **Liz Henderson**).

Two-sided marketplace, two new local roles, and one very compelling case for slowing down.

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Charities are the backbone of Aotearoa, but up to 25% of their time goes on chasing funding — searching for grants, reading eligibility criteria, starting applications from scratch. That's time not spent creating change in our communities.

Fundsorter fixes that. Organisations tell the platform what they need to fund — Fundsorter does the rest.

"A 50-factor matching algorithm finds the grants with the best chance of success, from a database of thousands," explains Founder **Lani Evans** (pictured right with Co Founder **Alanna Irving**)

When with one click, Fundsorter drafts the funding applications in the organisation's own voice, words, and story.

No more starting from scratch. No more sifting through irrelevant results.

Fundsorter reduces the funding burden by up to 90% — and with international expansion on the horizon, that impact is only just beginning

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The Peoples Placards

Jolly Billboards was built on a simple belief: outdoor advertising should be accessible to businesses and organisations of all sizes, not just those with large marketing budgets.

We're a locally owned, family-orientated business focused on helping our clients make an impact.

From community events and school fundraisers to local businesses, charities and national brands, we provide high-visibility advertising that delivers real results.

"We're proud to support the communities we live and work in, by connecting organisations with more people and maximising their reach.

We're proof that outdoor advertising isn't just for big companies, it can be affordable, accessible, and deliver outstanding results for businesses of all sizes," says Founder **Jonny Drumm** (pictured).

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PAM **Domesticated AI**

The mental load of running a family is huge! PAM is a family assistant app that takes that load off busy parents by getting everyone and everything in one place.

Forward an email, snap a school notice, send a WhatsApp or voice note, and PAM turns it into a shared family calendar and smart to-do list.

"Everyone talked about the mental load, but no-one was doing anything about it. So I decided I would" says **Nicole Retter** (pictured).

Founded in Miramar in 2024, the team of five has grown PAM to 36,000 downloads - largely through word of mouth - with an NPS of 64 and a quarter of users reporting 70-90% less stress.

PAM won the 2025 Matihiko Innovation Award and was a double finalist in the 2026 NZ Hi-Tech Awards.

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WELLINGTON RAFTING **Kayaks & Karakia**

Upper Hutt's **Hamish Watters** (pictured) has built Wellington Whitewater Adventures into something refreshingly different — every tour opens with karakia and is grounded in kaitiakitanga, weaving Māori culture into whitewater rafting, canyoning, and scenic floats.

Hamish picked up his NZ Rafting Assessor qualification this year and delivered the company's largest-ever contract: 180 Venturer Scouts across four days.

"Leading adventure tourism innovation, Wellington Rafting showcases the region through world class rafting, canyoning, and thrilling Fly by Wire experiences." explains Hamish.

A 2022 Trip Advisor Travellers' Choice winner, the big ambition is a Kaitoke Regional Park concession that would transform the operation into the "Wellington Adventure Centre" - archery, axe throwing, ropes courses and hāngī alongside the rapids.

Manaakitanga, with a splash.

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ADULTTOY MEGASTORE Sexual Healing

Adulttoymegastore (ATMS) is Australasia's largest online retailer of adult toys, sexual wellness products, and lingerie, dispatching up to 3,000 items daily and serving over 713,000 customers in 11 countries.

Their mission is to destigmatise pleasure, with a certified sex educator, educational content, and partnerships like Wellington's Homegrown Festival and Delivereasy's 24/7 delivery.

"We're passionate about breaking down barriers and creating real change in how Kiwis talk about sex, pleasure, and self-love," says owner **Nicola Relph** (pictured).

With 48,000+ products, 4.9-star Google reviews, and a thriving local warehouse, Adulttoymegastore is a leader in both retail and social impact.

Their next move: conquering Australia with a refreshed brand and bold digital strategy.

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www.adulttoymegastore.co.nz



FRATERWORKS L'eau d'Wellington

Just over 3 years ago Jamie and his partner Paul were filling small bottles of premium perfume ingredients in their Lower Hutt kitchen at night.

"Today Frater Perfumes employs 72 staff, stocks 1,500 raw materials, and has a multi-million dollar turnover, with 99% of revenue coming from exports to the United States, Australia, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia" explains founder **Jamie Frater** (pictured) proudly.

Fraterworks growth in 2025 ran at 201%, following 370% the previous year.

The model is a one-stop shop for perfumers globally: aroma chemicals, essential oils, absolutes, and exclusive bases developed with French master perfumer Bertrand Duchaufour.

Customers return at a rate of 62 to 65%. No marketing budget. Neither founder came from a business background. The numbers are entirely real and show no signs of slowing.

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www.fraterworks.com



PROJECTWORKS Business Booster Rockets

Built by ex-consultants who got sick of bad software, Projectworks is the SaaS platform powering 20,000+ consultants across 56 countries.

The Wellington-based team (58 FTE, 40 on Customhouse Quay) is scaling rapidly after raising a USD \$12M Series A Extension, winning 2025 NZ Hi-Tech Awards Emerging Company of the Year, and placing #16 on the Deloitte Fast 50.

Projectworks helps consulting firms run more profitable, scalable businesses, with customers growing by 20% in their first year on the platform. From Wellington, the team is proving specialist Kiwi SaaS can compete globally.

"We're proud to be exporting Wellington-built software to 56 different countries, helping professional services firms grow faster and more profitably." **Matt Hayter**, (pictured) Co-Founder & Chief Product Officer.

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SOLID Wisdom Teeth

By stripping out water and plastic, they're shipping more product and less packaging, slashing freight emissions and bathroom waste in the process.

Formulations are crafted to meet demanding overseas customers without losing their Aotearoa roots – thoughtful ingredients, low-impact processes and a straight-talking brand.

Cracking export markets has meant mastering regulations, logistics and retailer expectations while still running a nimble operation at home.

"Our expansion into Aussie hasn't been all smooth sailing, but we are happy with the progress so far!" Co-founder, **Adam McConnochie** (pictured with Product Tester **Ruaiti McConnochie**).

Solid shows how a Wellington-grown idea can hold its own on international shelves, proving sustainability and scale don't have to be opposites.

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www.solidoralcare.co.nz



STORBIE The Pharm Gate

A Wellington SaaS quietly conquering one of the world's most regulated retail markets - US pharmacy.

Storbie's pharmacy platform helps pharmacies turn care into value digitally. It is purpose-made for HIPAA-grade, complex healthcare retail, with deep integration into PioneerRx (used by ~60% of US independent pharmacies).

"Storbie has always been about empowering small businesses. With momentum in the US, we're entering a new era of innovation." says Founder **Shane Bartle** (pictured).

The 10-person team raised over NZD \$1M in growth capital in December 2025 and ripped to 222% growth for the year in the US, with US pharmacy quickly becoming their largest vertical.

Based at Taiawa Tech Hub, exporting to NZ, the US and Australia, and headed for the UK next.

Enabling pharmacies digitally- and Wellington's quiet export hero.

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TIMES-7 RESEARCH Top Tag Team

Established in 2006, Times-7 is a New Zealand-based designer and manufacturer of high-performance fixed RAIN RFID antennas.

One of the few companies globally dedicated solely to fixed RAIN RFID antennas, Times-7 has developed deep technical expertise and a scalable, high-performance product range trusted worldwide.

"Driven by innovation, quality, and customer partnerships, we are proud to deliver RFID antenna solutions that support digital transformation and smarter supply chain visibility worldwide." explains CEO **Garry Lewis** (pictured).

The company exports approximately 98% of its products through a strong network of OEMs and partners across more than 60 countries, supporting industries including logistics, retail, healthcare, manufacturing and more.

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YOOBEE COLLEGES INNOVATION GOLD

~ recent R&D projects



DOSEBUDDY Good Medicine

Born from one Kiwi mum's 3am frustration with a sucky disposable syringe, DoseBuddy was built to fix a problem every parent knows but nobody had bothered to solve.

Founder **Sasha McLeod** (pictured), surveyed nearly 200 parents: 81% said the numbers rubbed off their syringe, 78% said it didn't reach the medicine. Nobody had fixed it. So she did.

Two years of development later: a reusable liquid medicine syringe with laser-etched markings, aOS silicone sleeve for grip, and a bottle adapter that draws medicine straight from the bottle.

\$58k raised via PledgeMe, 4,000+ waitlist sign-ups, 1 News coverage, 2,000+ units sold, 100+ five-star reviews, patent pending. Proof that nobody is more determined than a sleep deprived mum.

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levo Impact Facts

levo is a practitioner-designed outcomes measurement model developed by Kāpiti Youth Support to help organisations understand how to improve outcomes.

Following a tragic cluster of youth suicides, levo was developed alongside clinicians, Te Ao Māori advisors, evaluation specialists, and researchers. Grounded in Te Whare Tapa Whā, it tracks change across 18 interconnected wellbeing subdomains.

levo helps practitioners, funders, researchers, and communities connect frontline practice to measurable social, cultural, and economic outcomes.

"Organisations are expected to demonstrate impact, yet many lack the tools needed to understand what is changing, what is working, and where support needs to improve

levo was created to bridge that gap" explains **Raechel Osborne** (pictured), Founder and CEO.

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LEADERSHIP/OS -Orion Building Better Leaders

As AI reshapes work, organisations will succeed by how quickly their people can adapt, align, decide, and lead through changing conditions. Orion Group builds Leadership OS for that challenge.

Built from Wellington for a global shift, Leadership OS helps people build capability in the flow of real work, not outside it. It turns development into a weekly rhythm of personalised practice, reflection, community, and feedback, supported by digital tools that make growth visible.

"Orion's mission is to help people shape the future of work, not simply keep up with it, by building the human capabilities technology makes more valuable: judgement, trust, adaptability, and leading change," explains Co Founder **Chris Rosato** (pictured).

The promise is simple: growth people can feel, and capability organisations can see.

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www.oriongrouplimited.com



PROJECT KORORĀ Campus to Cosmos

Founded in February 2025, Project Kororā has rapidly grown to over 170 students and alumni across science, engineering, business, law, the arts and more at Victoria University of Wellington.

"We are a passionate community dedicated to growing New Zealand's space industry and providing young people with industry-relevant skills and real-world experience.

Kororā actively contributes to the New Zealand government's goal of doubling the space sector by 2030, which currently employs 7,000 people," says Co Founder **Alex Fausett** (pictured).

Through networking and collaboration, we have built an advisory board of industry professionals and established relationships with organisations including Robinson Research Institute, NASA JPL, Rocket Lab, Microsoft, and KiwiRail, with members already working at several of these.

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www.projectkorora.space



SPECULO 5 Controls To Change Everything

"Every security team has the same problem: hundreds of controls to implement, no clear sense of which to do first. Speculo's cyber risk intelligence platform answers that question" promises CEO **Chris Hawksworth** (pictured).

Deployed in 2024, the engine maps each cyber controls to enterprise risks, weighted by organisational importance and maturity gap, then ranks every control by its risk reduction impact as a percentage.

The top five controls typically account for more than half of achievable risk reduction.

No expensive actuarial consultants, no months of setup, just a ranked list a CISO or CIO can take straight to a board meeting.

Backed by a Callaghan Innovation R&D funding and two years of CISO interviews. Nothing like it exists in the New Zealand market.

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www.speculo.co.nz



PROCURE 101 - Mox Better Buying

Procure 101 is an innovative procurement toolkit built for New Zealand government. Created by the procurement and contract management experts at MOX, it utilises over 2 decades of international knowledge to deliver exceptional outcomes.

"Procurement is the most underrated economic force in the world. It has the power to transform New Zealand's economy" says Founder **Nikki Morris**, (pictured with Co-Founder **Paul Morris**).

Originally built to support the growing demand for MOX's professional services, it worked so well, a client asked if they could buy it.

Deployable in a week, trained in a day and affordable. The tools are designed to be accessible to even the smallest of councils because every community in NZ deserves the savings Procure 101 can achieve.

Procure 101 is procurement as it should be.

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TALENT ARMY SUPPORTING GOLD

~ services & infrastructure



CYBERTEAM Unsticking the stuck

When they say "Not your traditional cybersecurity company", they mean it.

Founded in 2023 by frustrated contractors, who'd watched too many tick-box assessments deliver too little actual security. Since then, CyberTeam has gone from two founders to a team of nine, growing the client base from zero to 45 across government and private sector.

"To us, providing real value means understanding our customers goals, and becoming an extension of their team to achieve them" explains Founder **Jarrad Vodanovich** (pictured).

You call them when the project is stuck - not just to score it, but to roll up sleeves and finish the job.

Their proprietary risk platform Speculo is also up for an award, and in November 2025 they took home the iSANZ Award for Best Security Start-Up of the Year.

Featherston Street-based, fixer-flavoured, and refreshingly allergic to paper-pushing. As one CIO put it: "they keep digging to find the true risk."

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www.cyberteam.co.nz



PLEDGE ME Girls just wanna have funds

PledgeMe is the Aotearoa-born crowdfunding platform that decided capital raising should feel like a party, not a bank meeting.

Since 2012 they've helped more than 1,700 campaigns raise almost \$80 million, backing everything from community projects to Wellington icons like Hills Hats and newcomers Dose Buddy.

Founder **Anna Guenther** (pictured) says "Our secret sauce is crowd activation, not gatekeeping – especially for women, Māori, Pasifika, regional and impact founders who are often locked out of traditional funding".

With equity success rates jumping from 60 to 80 percent and half of all funds raised going to female founders, they're smashing global VC stats.

PledgeMe is putting the fun back into funding – and making sure more of that money lands close to home.

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www.PledgeMe.co.nz



PORIRUA CAREERS EXPO Paddling their own waka

A community-led event that's quietly become the careers expo of choice in our region.

Established by Porirua City Council in conjunction with Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira, MoE, MSD, Le Fale, Partners Porirua and local colleges, it's growing fast: 2,700 attendees in 2024 and over 3,300 in 2025 and 2026.

"With free buses for colleges - the expo was launched to help young people discover new career and study pathways, opening doors to a brighter future" explains Porirua City Council Organiser **Shaun Freemantle** (pictured left with fellow organiser Sam Tyler).

Anchored in a waka kaupapa, featuring Cook Island drummers, a va'a, and the moana symbolising the journey our rangatahi navigate as they steer and find their own career paths.

Hoea tō waka – paddle your canoe.

Pathways, with a pulse.

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www.porirua.govt.nz/careers-expo



TAIAWA - WELLINGTON TECH HUB

Local roots get global wings

Taiawa - Wellington Tech Hub is the high-energy growth community powering global growth of the capital's scaling tech scene.

A first-of-its-kind partnership between Wellington City Council and Victoria University of Wellington, Taiawa opened in June 2024 to support and propel local tech innovators onto the world stage.

Founder **Dascha Cooper** (pictured) tells us "The impact is tangible: in its first year, resident companies generated \$11.9 million and 127 jobs for the Wellington region."

Our Founders are scaling at pace with Factor recently acquired for \$24 million, Litmaps active in 180 countries and Storbie growing its US base by 2,000%.

By blending VUW student talent with high-trust, low ego community, Taiawa ensures Wellington's "weightless" exports solve real-world problems globally.

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www.taiawawellington.co.nz



TASKMASTERS

The gentle art of letting go

Since its foundation in 2016, TaskMasters has supported seniors and families by providing organising and decluttering services built on trust and empathy.

Our compassionate, wrap-around service guides clients through downsizing into homes and retirement villages, and clearing loved ones' estates, making the grieving process easier.

"Our work frees up much-needed housing, supports local businesses and charities, and provides flexible employment for individuals aged 50+ who are balancing work with caring for aging parents," explains Founder **Judy Thorpe** (pictured right with Co Founder **Jane van der Wilt**).

Committed to sustainability, we ensure belongings are thoughtfully rehomed and recycled, diverting tonnes from landfills.

Last year, TaskMasters prepared 105 properties for sale and managed 116 retirement move-ins, achieving 42% business growth.

Moving forward, we aim to meet the needs of more people across the Wellington region.

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www.taskmasters.co.nz



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YOUTH INSPIRE

Rangatahi Rising

Led by Chief Executive Officer **Zainab Ali** (pictured right with rangatahi **Zion Tiaki**), this Taita based charity backs rangatahi aged 15–25 with exactly what employers actually care about: confidence, skills and a full licence in their pocket.

There's no entry criteria, no judgement and definitely no box ticking – just real relationships, bespoke employment programmes, driving lessons and the kind of wraparound mentoring that can get rival gang members working side by side in the same class.

With strong outcomes, fierce community trust and a waitlist of keen rangatahi, Youth Inspire is quietly building tomorrow's leaders, one hard won opportunity at a time.

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~ digital creators



AUTOHIVE AI
Honey, I shrunk the job

Some startups talk fast; Autohive
moves faster.

Launched in June 2025 out of
Te Aro, this Wellington-built AI
automation platform lets anyone
— accountant, marketer, office
manager — describe a task in plain
English and have a working AI agent
doing it in under 60 seconds.

No code or developer or drama.
Inside twelve months, Autohive went
from idea to global product with
4,500+ customers, a marketplace of
60+ pre-built agents, a mobile app,
and net negative churn of -23.9%
(translation: customers don't leave,
they expand).

Founder **John-Daniel Trask**
(pictured) says "We didn't set out to
build software. We set out to fix how
teams work, and that is what shipped."

One client saves 150 hours a month;
another doubled customer-service
volume without a single new hire.
Multi-agent conversations, an
agent marketplace, sub-60-second
builders — Autohive shipped all of
it before the global giants did.

Kiwi-built, Silicon Valley-validated,
and only just getting started.

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Cloud Control

Koan is a Wellington-based
AWS and software engineering
consultancy.

Senior teams deliver complex cloud
work for clients across New Zealand
and overseas, from national health
payment systems to global sports
brain-health platforms, where
accuracy, security and uptime
matter most.

"We start with deep, upfront
discovery, then focus on outcome
based models rather than hours.
Our engineers come from the likes
of Xero, AWS and banking, and
are passionate about building,"
says founder **Gareth Lawrence**
(pictured at AWS Summit Sydney).

A place on the Health New Zealand
Integration Panel, strong year-on-
year growth and export-grade work
from a local base into the EU and US
show the model is working.

Koan remains New Zealand owned
and committed to responsible AI."

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PAYSAUCE

Wage against the machine

Petone-built, NZX-listed, and the only truly mobile payroll platform in the country.

PaySauce is fintech SaaS for the businesses payroll usually forgets — micros and SMEs — and it's quietly running the numbers for 8,500+ employers and around 80,000 employees.

The 45-strong team grew processing fee revenue 14% in the past year, raised \$5M in December, and took their new payroll product to enter Australia.

CEO **Asantha Wijeyeratne**, (pictured) explains "We turn payroll expertise into easy-to-use technology, so employers can focus on what really matters to their business."

PayNow gives staff free earned wage access (a polite poke at the payday lenders), and across their product portfolio are serving payroll in 14 APAC countries.

A previous Gold alumni - and clearly still hungry.

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www.paysauce.com



SILVERSTRIPE

No One Left Buffering

For over 26 years, SilverStripe has been creating digital solutions that make a difference to everyday life.

From banking to education, emergency services to immigration, they design and deliver the essential digital services people can rely on.

In the last 12 months, SilverStripe further evolved its impact—becoming a key global player guiding the Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) movement.

Using their framework DPI Connect, they delivered South Africa's single digital service portal in just 10 weeks.

By utilising a modular "Lego-block" architecture, responsible innovative AI, and designing for inclusion, the project transformed hours of queuing into minutes of mobile interaction.

"With DPI Connect, we're aiming not merely for a technical upgrade, but a measurable lift in society. We're striving for digital solutions that truly leave no one behind," says **Sigurd Magnusson**, co-founder and CEO (pictured).

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SNAPPER SERVICES

Big fish, bigger data

You know the Snapper card – but the whole story is much bigger than that.

Snapper Services exists to decarbonise and decongest cities – accelerating the journey towards a more sustainable world.

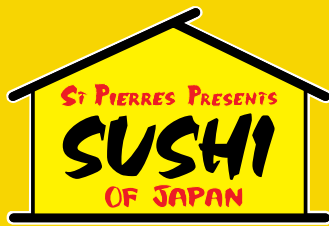
Its transit intelligence platform, Mosaik, launched in 2023 and now processes more bus data than any other solution on the market – ingesting more than 12 billion bus 'heartbeats' each month.

39 transit operators across 10+ countries use Mosaik to make confident, evidence-based improvements to their networks.

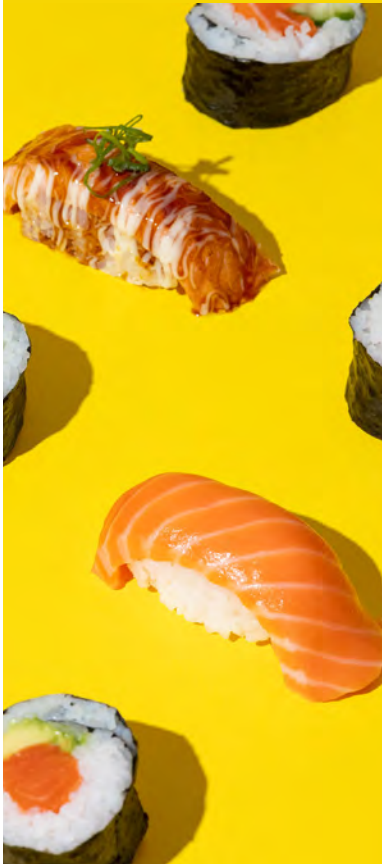
"Every improvement to a bus network means more people choosing public transport. That's how we make cities better" explains CEO **Miki Szikszai** (pictured).

Mosaik has grown strongly year-on-year since launch, with the team 89% Wellington-based – and they're a previous Gold winner.

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~ events & hospitality



CAPITAL THEATRE TRUST

Ovation Creations!

Our only producer of large-scale, locally-made musical theatre - and they're doing it with volunteer power.

Since founder **Sandy Brewer** (pictured) launched the Trust in 2021, they've staged *Les Misérables*, *WICKED*, *We Will Rock You* and *Mamma Mia*, drawn audiences over of 80k, and bagged the Wellington City Rising Star Award along the way.

Each production puts 100+ locals on stage and behind the scenes - performers, musicians, designers, techies - bridging the gap between training and the real footlights.

In 2025 they were named one of the top 5 events for Wellington alongside WOW and major sporting fixtures, sold out the St James for *Mamma Mia*, and filled the bars, hotels and eateries while they were at it.

"We are proud and grateful for this recognition; being finalists celebrates our creative community, audiences, and shared passion for theatre" says Sandy.

Next: *Matilda*, Sept 2026. Curtain up.

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FOOD ENVY

Plate Expectations

When Wellington wants to wow a room, the call goes to Food Envy.

Trading since 2012 from Tennyson Street with a team of 22, these multi-Caterer-of-the-Year (Felix Awards and Wellington Hospitality Awards) winners handle everything from intimate boardroom lunches to headline-making gala dinners.

"I started Food Envy because Wellington deserved catering that tasted like someone actually cared. Fourteen years on, that hasn't changed." **Taz McAuley** Director (pictured right with fellow Director **Mike Ny**).

For the past three years, this has included catering World of WearableArt alongside a slate of major city events.

No faceless online ordering, every client deals directly with the team and every detail is theirs to sweat so you don't have to. Wellington-centric, plate-perfect, and in high demand.

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www.foodenvy.nz



STEAM INCORPORATED Track Records

Steam Incorporated has kept New Zealand's mainline rail heritage alive since 1972, operating steam and diesel excursions from Wellington to destinations primarily across the lower North Island and nationwide.

Based in Paekākāriki, the organisation combines a dedicated workforce of employees and volunteers to deliver authentic long-distance rail experiences.

Over the past year, Steam Inc returned diesel locomotive DC 4375 to mainline service, made a successful return to Napier's Art Deco Festival, and operated countless sold-out excursions - generating strong tourism and economic benefits for regional communities.

"This last year has been one of Steam Incorporated's strongest yet, with growing passenger numbers and exciting new opportunities emerging" says Assistant Operations Manager **Tommy Secker** (pictured).

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www.steaminc.org.nz



URLAR GLADSTONE Drink under the Dark Sky

Wairarapa's URLAR Gladstone has been BioGro certified for over 15 years, and it shows - in the glass and in the awards cabinet.

Their organic biodynamic wines have collected a DECANTER World Wine Award for Sauvignon Blanc and an Aotearoa Gold for Pinot Gris, while the architecturally designed Cellar Door by the lake pulled 9,500 covers in 2025 with a 4.9 Google rating.

Director **Kohei Koyama** (pictured) says "Great wine is expected; exceptional hospitality comes from happy people. At URLAR, our team works together to create memorable customer experiences."

The new Nishi Room features triangular skylights that frame the Wairarapa Dark Sky overhead.

Lonely Planet featured them in 'Wairarapa - Best in Travel'. Organic, architectural, and unmistakably of this place.

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www.urlar.co.nz

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ST PIERRES SUSHI VIBRANT GOLD AWARD

~ hospitality & events ~

Maybe Wellington's hardest working sector - they are right at the coal face of our economy.

These hosts, makers, shakers, scene-setters must take a well-earned bow.

This sector that keeps the city alive serving, staging, and smiling through the toughest trading conditions in town.

We honour the legends who've lit - the way before and celebrate the bold operators keeping the energy high and the lights on right now.....

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- Boomrock
- Brewtown
- CubaDupa
- Gallipoli: the scale of our war
- Golden Shears
- Greytown Festival of Christmas
- La Bella Italia
- Matterhorn
- NZ Art Show
- NZ Festival
- NZ Fringe Festival Trust
- NZ International Sevens
- St James Theatre
- Te Papa
- The Opera House
- TheNewDowse
- Wellington International Airport
- Wellington Museums Trust
- Wellington on a Plate
- Wellington Phoenix FC
- Wellington Zoo
- Wings over Wairarapa
- World of Wearable Art

What a line up - take a bow all!



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~ events & hospitality



WELLINGTON PHOENIX FC Goal diggers

The Phoenix aren't just a football club with elite teams, they grow the game, develop players and work in the community."

With A-League Men, Women, and the Academy all firing, the new New Zealand Performance Academy Aotearoa lets aspiring young athletes of all codes chase blend their sporting and academic development - currently 85 students, with a goal of 500.

"Wellington Phoenix continues to innovate football in New Zealand through it's elite youth development, finals appearances, and groundbreaking women's and men's achievements" GM **David Dome** (pictured) boasts proudly.

They've taken home a Distinguished Community Service Award from NZ Police for diversity and inclusion work, plus 2024 Āti Awa Wellington Regional Sports Club of the Year.

Hometown heroes, properly delivering.

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ZEALANDIA TE MĀRA A TĀNE Sweet tweets of success

The world-leading community-led ecosanctuary in our backyard.

2023 Air NZ Supreme Tourism Award winner, Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne, is a not-for-profit trust pulling 138,000+ visitors through its gates annually.

The sanctuary's protected by a world-first urban mammalian-predator exclusion fence whose design has inspired sanctuaries globally. At its heart are its dedicated 15,600+ members, 550+ volunteers and 135 permanent staff.

"Wellingtonian's have put Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne, and our city, on the map because of our collective efforts to restore nature." CE Dr **Danielle Shanahan** (pictured).

May 2025 saw 15 kiwi pukupuku translocated to a Napier sanctuary, a milestone in a bold 500-year restoration vision.

Zealandia's conservation halo effect extends to the Kia Mouriora te Kaiwharawhara/Sanctuary to Sea project.

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For 21 years, Assurity has been the calm, capable voice in the room when New Zealand's biggest organisations face their messiest digital transformations.

From a 2005 Wellington start, this Quality Engineering and Assurance consultancy now operates across five offices in three countries, 166 staff strong, having delivered 2,000+ projects for 250+ clients and trained over 10,000 professionals through its Knowledge Transfer service.

February 2026's acquisition by Aspire Systems plugged them into a global network of 4,500 specialists and advanced AI testing capability.

"The proof of our culture? 93% of staff achieved foundational AI certification last quarter, the in-house Charitable Trust has quietly donated \$145,000 to staff in hardship, and 13% of the team were promoted last year" says Co Founder and MD **Garth Hamilton** (pictured right with Co Founder **Darren McTigue**).

Quality, lived from the inside out.

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KITOMBA SALON & SPA SOFTWARE **Great Fringe Benefits**

Kitomba has spent over 20 years building software specifically for the hair and beauty industry, purpose-built for the way salons and spas actually work.

From managing bookings and client relationships to tracking business performance, Kitomba gives owners and their teams across New Zealand and Australia the clarity to focus on what they do best.

"We invest heavily in our people and platform, flexible working, meaningful development, and continuous product improvements, because when our team thrives, so do our customers," says General Manager **Alyssa Dowsett** (pictured).

Recent years have brought significant investment in the platform, the product, and the people behind it, resulting in a stronger roadmap, real revenue growth, and a team that's high-performing and growing.

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www.kitomba.com



MANA COMMUNICATIONS People Power 2.0

Mana Communications is a three-in-one agency based in Wellington, blending brand strategy, digital marketing and public relations under one roof.

Its team of eight is tight-knit by design and big on impact. A people-first approach built on trust, flexibility and development creates a workplace where wellbeing and growth go hand in hand.

"The best investment a business can make is in its people. Growth, culture and results all stem from that," says Managing Director **Caleb Hulme-Moir** (pictured).

Staff enjoy a fully paid 9-day fortnight, regular team activities, dog-friendly offices and flexibility around where and how they work.

Progression plans, mentoring and upskilling are all actively supported — alongside a commitment to pro bono work, with 10% of hours dedicated to doing good.

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www.manacommunications.com



PRIVSEC CONSULTING Team Supreme

PrivSec is a boutique security and privacy consultancy, providing pragmatic and simple advice and assurance to New Zealand and global organisations of all sizes.

Founded in 2021, our focus on quality work has seen our business steadily grow, and we now have a team of 17 staff tailoring right-sized solutions for a wide range of clients.

We keep our approach to security and privacy practical, clear, and concise, to make sure we can reach the most people.

"We aim every day to do the best for our staff and our clients" says Founder **Peter Jakowetz** (pictured).

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PRESTON CORP Whanau Forever

Four generations down, fifth one running - Preston Corp has been a family-owned Wellington institution since 1904.

From the original Preston's Master Butchers, the group now includes Preston Foods, Ken Wilson Meats and KAM Transport, with 160 staff and a vertically integrated meat, produce and logistics operation.

The "Wall of Legends" tells the story: 39% of staff have been around 5+ years, 17% for over a decade, some up to 26 years.

Add whānau days, long-service trips and support of local charities, and you've got a Wellington legacy that runs on heart.

"Our people are an extension of our family. We don't just employ staff - we support families, nurture careers, and celebrate our people," said CE **Hamish Preston** (pictured).

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~ sustainability practices



KAM TRANSPORT Green Machines

KAM Transport started in 1989 with one purpose: moving meat from Wellington City Abattoir to local outlets.

Thirty-six years on, the family-owned business runs more than 90 trucks from Auckland to Christchurch, specialising in refrigerated logistics for meat, produce, and aquaculture.

"We've invested a significant amount into managing our environmental impacts however we can" explains GM **Bill Bamber** (pictured).

The sustainability credentials are notable: KAM holds Toitū enviromark gold certification two years running, the only transport and logistics company of its kind in the country to currently do so.

A 16% reduction in carbon emissions was achieved through bigger loads, fewer trips, and a driver rewards programme.

In 2025, KAM fronted Transporting New Zealand's Green Fleet Assessment Tool.

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www.kam.net.nz
www.skalinz.nz/wellington



OHAU GOURMET MUSHROOMS (OGM!) Mushroom Magic

Ōhau Gourmet Mushrooms (OGM!) transforms forestry by-products into gourmet food, growing premium mushrooms for chefs, retailers and home cooks throughout New Zealand.

Combining science, sustainability and traditional foodcraft, the business cultivates flavour-dense mushrooms before creating a range of healthy foods using techniques such as drying, pickling and fermentation.

Built on circular economy principles, spent growing substrate is composted to generate heat for our growrooms and regenerate sandy soils, ensuring nothing is wasted.

Founder **Brent Williams** (pictured with Co Founder **Jude Horrill**). "We believe the future of food lies in regenerative systems that transform waste into value, nourishment and opportunity."

The business has now grown to include educational experiences and food tourism opportunities while demonstrating how waste streams can become valuable food systems.

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www.mycobio.co.nz



SOLID The new Tube

Toothpaste, reimagined. Founded in 2020 by oral health therapist Laura Nixon, Solid puts your daily paste in a refillable glass jar — and has saved 150,000+ tubes from landfill so far.

The five-strong Elsdon team supplies 70+ stockists, runs 25 refill stations, and has launched the world's first in-store toothpaste dispenser (in five eco-stores).

'We're a values-led business driven by kaitiakitanga, positivity and innovation. Let's ditch the plastic toothpaste tube!' says Co-founder, **Laura Nixon** (pictured).

Their formula contains just 5% water versus the industry standard 40%, they were the first oral care brand in NZ to use te reo Māori on labels, and the first non-plastic-packaged oral care line in a NZ supermarket.

Big chompers behind one little jar.

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www.solidoralcare.co.nz



UNIPLAS Plastic Fantastic!

Uniplas NZ is leading sustainable manufacturing with one of New Zealand's largest rooftop solar arrays—1,622 panels covering 5,300m², generating 70–90% of its energy and saving over 80 tonnes of carbon emissions annually.

Their holistic approach includes renewable energy, hybrid and electric vehicles, and circular product design, such as fully circular bread crates.

"Our new solar system is a hedge against rising costs and reflects our strong commitment to sustainability," says Product Development Manager **Joseph Whitmore** (pictured).

Uniplas has cut waste by 50%, reduced its carbon footprint by 54%, and is an active member of Project Clean Sweep.

Their innovations set a benchmark for sustainable change in the plastics industry, proving that environmental responsibility drives resilience and growth.

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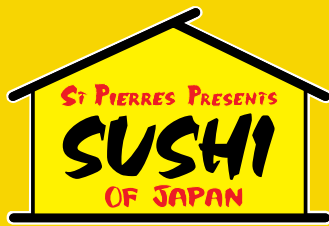
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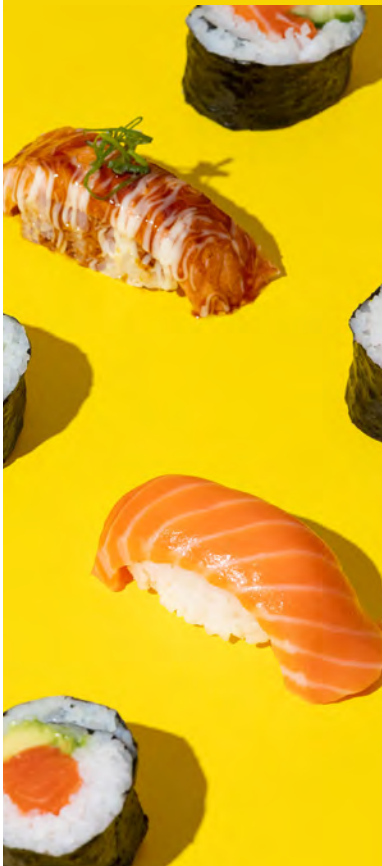
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AROHAUI STRINGS+ Heart Strings

Arohanui Strings+ opens the door to high-quality music education for young people who might otherwise miss out, giving them the chance to thrive.

Led by programme powerhouse **Margaret Goldberg** (pictured), this free Sistema-inspired programme fills school halls and communities across Wellington and the Hutt Valley with music, connection and possibility.

One of the most diverse music programmes in New Zealand, Arohanui Strings+ welcomes tamariki aged 6–16 representing 50 ethnicities.

Across seven suburbs, from Taitā and Wainuiomata to Newtown and Strathmore Park, children learn strings, brass and woodwind (no auditions, no fees) with outstanding musicians and educators.

They come for the music, and stay for the confidence, resilience, community and joy it brings.

LEARN MORE:
www.arohanuistrings.org



BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS WELLINGTON Super Siblings Supplied

Big Brothers Big Sisters Wellington creates and supports life-changing mentoring relationships for tamariki and rangatahi across the Wellington region.

Led by Programme Manager **Ashleigh Stallard** (pictured centre with colleagues **Kyan & Kasen Stallard**), the organisation carefully matches young people with screened, trained and supported volunteer mentors who commit to showing up consistently and building positive, trusted relationships.

Through shared interests and regular connection, mentors become a trusted adult outside the family unit.

For young people who have experienced adversity, having someone who consistently shows up, listens and believes in them can be a powerful protective factor, strengthening resilience and creating opportunities to thrive.

By investing in relationships that matter, Big Brothers Big Sisters Wellington is helping young people thrive and reach their full potential.

LEARN MORE:
www.facebook.com/BBBSWellington



CHAMPIONS INITIATIVE Gloves of Love

What began in Naenae with **Billy & Kerri Graham's** (pictured) belief that every young person deserves someone in their corner has grown into a national movement.

After witnessing the impact of the Naenae and Cannons Creek Boxing Academies, Police, community leaders and partners challenged the Grahams to share the model more widely.

Champions Initiative was established to help communities across Aotearoa create safe, youth-focused boxing academies that build belonging, resilience, leadership and hope.

Today, Champions Initiative is led by CE, Erinna Lane and partners with seven communities nationwide, with more currently onboarding.

More than 1,000 young people engage through the academies each week.

By combining sport, mentoring and strong community partnerships, the organisation is championing young people to contribute positively to their communities.

LEARN MORE:
www.championsinitiative.org.nz



TE PUNĀ WHAI MĀTAURANGA Future Proofing Youth

Te Puna Whai Mātauranga -
Transforming Lives Together.

Led by Chief Executive Officer, **Patrick Rennell** (pictured), who explains "our name, Te Puna Whai Mātauranga, means a special place, the spring where knowledge, insight, learning, and wisdom can be accessed and transformation is possible."

They work with people who want to learn new skills, get ready for a job or seek further training. Whether they're starting a new journey or building on their existing skills, their future matters to us.

"At Te Puna Whai Mātauranga, we see your potential and support your journey. Whatever your goals are, or whatever you want for your future - we're here to help you get there. Our friendly team will back you every step of the way."

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SUPREME WINNERS

2025 - GoodNature
2024 - Creative HQ
2023 - NZ Campus of Innovation & Sport
2022 - J H Whittaker & Sons
2021 - Fix & Fogg
2020 - Volpara Technologies
2019 - NZ Tube Mills
2018 - Massey - College of Creative Arts
2017 - Flick Electric Co
2016 - Intergen
2015 - Datacom
2014 - Malaghan Institute
2013 - Ata Rangi
2012 - Xero
2011 - Endoform by Mesynthes
2010 - Trilogy
2009 - Park Road Post
2008 - Kiwibank
2007 - phil&teds
2006 - Icebreaker
2005 - NZ International Sevens
2004 - Sidhe Interactive
2003 - Weta Digital
2002 - Weta Workshop
2001 - The NZ Festival
2000 - Cloud Nine
1999 - Saturn & Te Papa

CREATIVE GOLD

film, media & creative sector

2025 - Libertine Pictures
2024 - Werk Agency
2023 - Beyond Studios
2022 - Excio
2021 - Resn
2020 - Dinosaur Polo Club
2019 - Dr Grordborts Invaders
2018 - Massey College of Ceative Arts
2017 - Human Dynamo
2016 - Bats Theatre
2015 - Pukeko Pictures
2014 - DNA
2013 - Clemenger BBDO
2012 - Studio Pacific Architecture
2011 - Designworks
2010 - Gecko Press
2009 - Royal New Zealand Ballet
2008 - Flight of the Conchords
2007 - Gibson Group
2006 - Park Road Post Production
2005 - New Zealand Symphony Orchestra
2004 - Sidhe Interactive
2003 - Weta Digital
2002 - Weta Workshop
1999 - Cloud Nine Screen Entertainment

TECHNOLOGY GOLD

digital creators

2025 - Silverstripe
2024 - Eightwire
2023 - Arlo Software
2022 - PartsTrader
2021 - Farm Focus
2020 - Volpara Technologies
2019 - Sharesies
2018 - OrbitRemit
2017 - Flick Electric Co
2016 - Intergen
2015 - Aura RedEye Security
2014 - Malaghan Institute
2013 - Catalyst IT
2012 - GreenButton
2011 - Aptimise
2010 - Snapper Services
2009 - CityLink
2008 - 4RF
2007 - Soltius NZ
2006 - Terralink International
2005 - Superstructure / Upshot
2004 - Explorer Graphics
2003 - Datacom Systems
2002 - Compudigm International
2001 - Compudigm International
2000 - Cloud Nine Screen Entertainment
1999 - Harding Traffic Systems

INNOVATION GOLD

recent R&D projects

2025 - Unafit Bra System
2024 - AI Resolution - Raygun
2023 - Head MRI - Paihau Robinson Research
2022 - Ika Rere - WEBBCo
2021 - CoGo
2020 - The Nova Platform - Eight360
2019 - The Omeo
2018 - Mundesine by Ferrier Research
2017 - F220 Fire Alarm Panel by Pertronics
2016 - UBCO Bikes
2015 - FarnIQ

2014 - Honevo - Honeylab
2013 - Greenbutton Cloud Fabric
2012 - Black Gold by GNS Science
2011 - Endoform by Mesynthes
2010 - A2060 Slimline Portal by Times-7
2009 - Real Gold & Black Gold by GNS
2008 - Kradal Flooring by ACMA
2007 - Robinson Roglider Seismic Isolation
2006 - Melanoma Vaccine Clinical Trial by Malaghan
2005 - Eagle FA by GNS
2004 - Eclipse by Stratex Networks
2003 - Formway
2002 - Vega Industries
2001 - AgResearch & GNS Science
2000 - Industrial Research Ltd
1999 - AgResearch

EMERGING GOLD

10 or less FTEs

2025 - Products: Fernglen Farm
Services: Roady
2024 - Products: Greytown Distilling Company
Services: Nonstop Solutions
2023 - Products: Dignity NZ
Services: NZ Campus of Innovation & Sport
2021 - Products: Able Spaces
Services: WombatNET
2019 - Products: Able Spaces
Services: Hnry
2018 - Products: Sharesies
Services: Mevo
2017 - Products: Fix & Fogg
Services: The Formary
2016 - Products: Bootlegger Craft Soda
Services: Concrete Stucture Investigations
2015 - Products: Matrix Homes
Services: Paperkite
2014 - Ecopoint
2013 - BigEars
2012 - Im-Able
2011 - Tuatara Brewing
2010 - Yellow Brick Road
2009 - Womama
2008 - PlanHQ
2007 - Magritek
2006 - Radiola Aerospace
2005 - Virtual Katy
2004 - Medix 21
2003 - Racetech Seats
2002 - Racetech Seats
2001 - All Track Adventures & Icebreaker

GLOBAL GOLD

international revenue

2025 - GoodNature
2024 - FIFA Women's World Cup 2023
2023 - Kaynemaile
2022 - J H Whittaker & Sons
2021 - Fix & Fogg
2020 - Fix & Fogg
2019 - New Zealand Tube Mills
2018 - Tekron International
2017 - Powershop
2016 - Sanpro Industries
2015 - Powershop
2014 - Matakina Technology
2013 - Ata Rangi
2012 - Xero
2011 - Macaulay Metals
2010 - Goods: Acma Industries
Services: GNS Science
2009 - 4RF
2008 - Wedgelock
2007 - phil&teds
2006 - Icebreaker

SUPPORTING GOLD

infrastructure & services

2025 - Lewis Farms
2024 - Creative HQ
2023 - Reason Group
2022 - TBI Health
2021 - Adulttoymegastore
2020 - Hnry
2019 - RDL Group
2018 - Griffiths Drilling
2017 - Metco Engineering
2016 - Connect Global
2015 - Datacom
2014 - Transzit Group
2013 - Summerset Group Holdings
2012 - NZ Diving & Salvage
2011 - Creative HQ
2010 - Optimal Usability
2009 - Datamail Group
2008 - Kiwibank
2007 - SERCO Project Engineering
2006 - Mana Coach Services
2005 - Bluebridge Cook Strait Ferry
2004 - Whitireia Community Polytechnic
2003 - Wellington Institute of Technology

2002 - Strait Shipping
2001 - Telstra Saturn
2000 - CentrePort Wellington
1999 - Port Wellington & Westpac Trust

VIBRANT GOLD

events & hospitality

2025 - Greytown Festival of Christmas
2024 - Wellington Phoenix FC
2023 - NZ Art Show
2022 - Brewtown
2021 - CubaDupa
2020 - Golden Shears
2019 - Terracotta Warriors @ Te Papa
2018 - Visa Wellington on a Plate
2017 - NZ Festival 2016
2016 - Gallipol: the scale of our war
2015 - The NZ Festival
2014 - Wings over Wairarapa
2013 - Wellington Zoo
2012 - Adrenalin Forest
2011 - Boomrock
2010 - World of Wearable Art
2009 - Matterhorn
2008 - TheNewDowse
2007 - Wellington International Airport
2006 - La Bella Italia
2005 - AXA NZ International Sevens
2004 - Wellington Museums Trust
2003 - St James Theatre & The Opera House
2002 - The Dowse Art Museum
2001 - The New Zealand Festival
2000 - Wellington Fringe Festival Trust
1999 - NZ International Festival of the Arts

EMPLOYER OF THE YEAR

creating positive safe workplaces

2025 - JH Whittaker & Sons
2024 - Sharesies
2023 - Mills Albert
2022 - Sign Foundry
2021 - Bradley Project Management (BPM)
2020 - Primary ITO
2019 - James Cook Hotel Grand Chancellor
2018 - NZ Racing Board
2017 - NIWA
2016 - Construction Contracts Ltd
2015 - BRANZ
2014 - Contact Energy
2013 - Wellington Airport
2012 - KiwiRail Hutt Workshop
2011 - Dulux
2010 - Interislander
2009 - Dulux NZ
2008 - Porirua City Council
2007 - Steel & Tube
2006 - Hutt Valley District Health Board
2005 - Boulcott Hospital
2004 - Unilever NZ
2003 - Steel & Tube Holdings

GREEN GOLD

sustainability practices & products

2025 - JH Whittaker & Sons
2024 - The Capital Kiwi Project
2023 - Garage Project
2022 - East by West Ferries
2021 - LittleYellow Bird
2020 - Tranzurban
2019 - The Formary
2018 - Flight Plastics
2017 - Peoples Coffee
2016 - Green Cabs
2015 - Ideal Cup
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2010 - Wellington Zoo
2009 - Resene
2008 - Dulux NZ
2007 - Karori Sanctuary

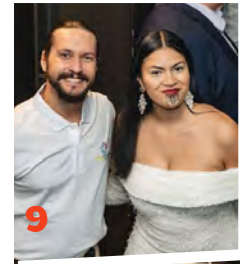
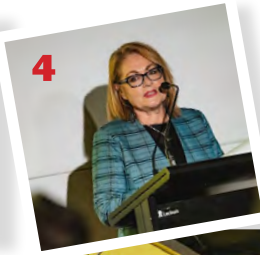
TEAM GOLD

wellness & HR programmes

2023 - Tū Ora Compass Health
2022 - Downer NZ
2021 - Chorus
2020 - Humankind
2019- Boost
2018 - phil&teds
2017 - Alphero
2016 - CQ Hotels
2015 - Masterpet
2014 - Springload
2013 - Outward Bound NZ
2011 - Landcorp Farming
2009 - Bolton Hotel
2008 - Beca Group

THE POST 2026 GOLD AWARDS FINALISTS ANNOUNCEMENT

Te Wharewaka o Pōneke, Friday May 8th 2026



Clockwise top left: **1** Elcané Olivier - Project Korora, Sally Attfield- Skål, Raechel Osborne- Ievo, Jane de Wilt - TaskMasters **2** Wayne Mulligan - Fomana & Lisa Mills - Mills Albert **3** Jase Buckley- Mills Albert, Libby Carson, Nicola Collins, Ashleigh Stallard - Big Brothers Big Sisters Wellington **4** Tracy Watkins editor The Post **5** Rachel Qi **6** Kasey Mulot - 37degrees, Tyler & Paul Morris - Procure 101, Marie Tricart - 37degrees **7** Front row seats **8** Craig Riddle - Equals, Anna Studders - EY, Ben Gleisner - Cogo. **9** Christopher Prenatt - Te Wharewaka & Tui **10** Sasha McLeod - DoseBuddy, Elisa Brown - Preston Corp **11** Simon & Alana Stone - Mufftech.



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Lloyd Burr - MC

Lloyd has been a journalist for 15 years working across online, radio, and television.

He was based at Parliament's press gallery for seven years before heading to London as Newshub's Europe Correspondent (where he got stranded during Covid).

Since returning, it's been quite the journey. He hosted Lloyd Burr Live on Today FM, only for the station to be axed a year later.

After a brief stint back at Newshub covering the 2023 election, Lloyd was appointed as the co-host of Three's AM Show, only to lose the job a few months later when Newshub was shut down by management.

But he's back on his feet with his latest jack-of-all-trades gig at Stuff Digital: occasional explainer editor, occasional political reporter, occasional Three News anchor, occasional Three News weather presenter, and occasional aviation reporter.





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