## Tony Gardner joins ISK's  Kawerau Pathways to Work



THE next phase of implementation is underway for ISK's  Kawerau Pathways to Work (KPtW) project which aims to grow the workforce in Kawerau to meet current and future needs of industry.

KPtW management group chair Deanne Butler announced that Tony Gardner has been employed as the Cadet and Industry Training Co-ordinator starting on Monday, September 23.

"We are pleased to advise that Tony will become our Cadet and Industry Training Co-ordinator who will work closely with employers, cadets and apprentices to make sure we are doing the very best for all those involved in this initiative."

From Kawerau, Tony understands our community and his background in the Police Force, and most recent position as a Dog Control Officer for the Kawerau District Council, has shown that he has the ability and capacity to work successfully with a very wide range of people.

"Tony will be getting out and meeting as many as he can in the coming few weeks and welcomes enquiries from potential cadets and employers."

The Kawerau Pathways to Work project has already had eight employers confirm they are keen to take on cadets on a three-month basis. There are currently eleven positions for cadets on offer.

Butler said the Kawerau Pathways to Work team had already begun interviewing potential candidates for the three-month paid cadetships that target youth aged between 17 and 25.

Butler said, "While industry training was already available in New Zealand, the unique factor about KPtW was that the programme was completely industry-led in Kawerau."

"We are thankful for the support of employers who have been working in partnership with us to develop this unique programme and also to the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) which will provide more than $380,000 funding over the next two years to support these initiatives."

Once on board, Tony Gardner's contact details will be

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