

### Weathering another lockdown

Congratulations, you've completed another lockdown. Between 18 August and 7 September the District was under Level 4 then Level 3 restrictions. Because this was not our first time, Kawerau industry was able to see this period out.

Although we have moved down to Level 2, while the Auckland region remains in Level 4 or 3, wage subsidies from the Government are available for businesses. If your business is disadvantaged by Auckland being in Level 4, by having restricted/less access to resources/shipments that can't leave Auckland, and you can prove a loss of revenue then you can apply for further subsidies. Applications for the second round of both wage and resurgence subsidies are open.

### AGM being held on 20th October

Life Konnect at 371 River Road will be the venue for the inaugural ISK general meeting at 10am on the 20th October. This meeting will allow the founding members to formalise the new entity.

A major item to be discussed at this meeting will be to ratify the transitional board's recommendation to set subscription levels for the period July '21 to June '22 at:

- Up to ten staff - \$500 per organisation
- Between 11 and 30 staff - \$1,000 per organisation
- More than 30 staff - \$2,000 per organisation

Once these subscription levels have been agreed, ISK will make a call for memberships from those organisations who are located, operating and employing in Kawerau.

### Study groups continuing

Throughout Level 2, ISK will continue to offer the mechanical engineering apprentice study groups on Tuesday afternoons with tutor Jo Spod.

If you have a mechanical engineer apprentice that is wanting to come along, it is not too late to attend. Attendance is free. These study groups will continue through until November.

Level 2 Covid protocols will apply.

## Outward Bound opportunities 2022

Outward Bound have offered ISK ten scholarships across five courses in 2022. These scholarships will be available for two employees (under the age of 26) per course. These are 21 day courses are in the months: February, March, June, September and November.

ISK will soon be calling for nominations from its members to participate in this opportunity. If the programme is over-subscribed, the two recipients will be selected by the ISK board.

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