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This newsletter is aimed at connecting, inspiring and facilitating high-growth, aspirational businesses in the Wellington region.

If you have any items of interest that your business peers might be interested in, please email them to [info@growwellington.co.nz](mailto:info@growwellington.co.nz) for inclusion in next week's newsletter.

## Get your ideas in quick!

We have over 800 entries in the Bright Ideas Challenge, but entries close on Friday, so get your idea in quick!

Enter the Bright Ideas Challenge and take your business to the next level. Be in to win up to \$25,000 in seed capital support to develop your business case and the opportunity to connect with business experts and investors.

For more information [click here](#)



## Growing Great Leadership

Fran Wilde joins Sarah-Jane Blake, daughter of the late Sir Peter Blake, for a very real discovery of the essence of great leadership.

Fran is on the selection panel for the Sir Peter Blake Trust Leadership Awards, which identify the outstanding leaders of today. As a role model, Sir Peter has inspired many, and none more so than Sarah-Jane, who is now supporting his leadership legacy.

For more information [click here](#)



## Understanding culture for international business success

In conjunction with the Wellington Regional Chamber of Commerce, EMA and Export New Zealand this workshop uses a mix of presentation, cultural awareness building exercises, group discussion and case studies to ensure that participants can apply the newly acquired concepts and knowledge in real business situations.

Come along and find out what culture is, and how culture impacts on business behaviour.

For more information [click here](#)



## New Zealand: The lucky time zone

We have a major competitive advantage. We live in a time zone opposite to that of many of our major export markets in Europe and the USA.

In this breakfast event, a number of diverse businesses will explain how this has enhanced their export drive.

This is a must attend event for firms engaged in the provision of online services, IT, and other services that can benefit from a fast turnaround working in the Lucky Time Zone whilst their customers are asleep.



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## Leading Champions - Mai Chen

Come along to hear Mai Chen, from Chen and Palmer, talk about how the real challenge of leadership is not to create a band of followers, but how to be a leader of champions.

The most successful businesses and teams seem to have discovered the secret of bringing out champion-potential, and leadership is the key to achieving that. How do we spot people with the potential to succeed, and how do we motivate and guide them to get to the top, while meeting our own career aspirations at the same time? And how do we lead to achieve all of these outcomes without big costs to the company or organisation?

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## Investment Workshops

Due to popular demand, these important investment workshops are returning to Wellington.

### The Essential Guide to Capital Raising

If you are looking to raise external funding for your business in the next two years, you should attend this workshop.

### Power Pitching Workshop

Getting your "story" or pitch right is the secret to gaining access to investors and also opens the gateway to attracting talented staff and profitable customers.

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## Find and fund offer

The Global Expert offer is about to close on the 30 June 2010, make sure you've made best use of this fast, confidential search service to help your business: save time and money, get products to market faster, make better decisions quickly, get the world's best on your team.

Remember, the first 50 companies to use a Global Expert search by 30 June 2010:

- Receive fully funded expert fees up to \$2,000
- Can apply for more expert funding on a matched 50/50 basis

How it works: When you engage an expert found through the Global Expert, TechNZ will fund the first \$2,000 of the expert's fees. This offer is available to businesses who meet TechNZ criteria. One offer per business.

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## Innovative companies wanted!

Grow Wellington is the TechNZ regional partner, delivering the TechNZ business investment programme.

TechNZ is the Foundation for Research, Science and Technology's business investment programme and is designed to support companies and people undertaking research and development projects that result in new products, processes or services. TechNZ is focused on growing world class New Zealand companies through innovative technology.

Grow Wellington can work with you through the application process, help you to achieve your Research & Development growth plans more effectively and also help to identify the most appropriate industry experts to work with. We are actively seeking to work with innovative companies who are interested in taking their R&D plans to the next level..

To start the application process please contact Darren Ross.

For more information [click here](#)



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## Business after 5 on the Kapiti Coast

Come and hear about Westpac's new business banking initiatives for Kapiti and a presentation from a Westpac financial market specialist on how to manage interest rates at a time of great uncertainty.

So come along to Westpac, Coastlands Mall, Paraparaumu from 5:30-7:00pm on July 29th.

For more information [click here](#)



#### About Us

Grow Wellington connects high growth export orientated businesses with the people, tools and knowledge they need to fulfil their potential. We inspire businesses to be world changing and we facilitate collaboration between complementary businesses.

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