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Turning business ideas into reality in Porirua and the Hutt Valley

Businesses needing help to reach their potential need look no further than Simon Tuohy, Grow Wellington's new Business Growth Manager.

Simon is a one stop solution provider for export oriented businesses in Porirua and the Hutt Valley requiring support, resources and expertise.

"My role involves working alongside businesses to connect them with the best possible support and providing them with solutions to help achieve their goals," says Simon.

Simon is one of five managers in Grow Wellington's Business Growth Team, each of whom has responsibility for business development in a specific part of the Wellington region.

Coming from a background in intellectual property and with a degree in biochemistry from the University of Otago, Simon has a real passion for science and innovation. "I am constantly amazed at the quantity and quality of research coming out of the Wellington region, I look forward to working with Porirua and Hutt Valley companies to get the most out of their Research and Development," says Simon.

As the Regional Business Partner for New Zealand Trade and Enterprise and the Ministry of Science and Innovation, Grow Wellington helps businesses access the funding, support and advice to make a significant difference.

"Grow Wellington are currently working with over 400 businesses in the Porirua and Hutt Regions," says Grow Wellington's Chief Executive, Nigel Kirkpatrick. "Simon plays a crucial role in ensuring we have a strong regional economy that supports export orientated innovative business."

"I enjoy talking to people about their ideas for business growth and helping them with strategies to turn those ideas into reality," says Simon.

Through Simon, Porirua and Hutt Valley businesses can access a whole toolbox of support and connections to help them realise their full potential.

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