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John Schipper,
Chairman

The NZ Flower and Garden Show success Ten-year Budget 2018 - 2028 Merry Christmas

Where on earth has this year gone? This last frantic month called December seems to be busier and busier with Christmas functions.

The New Zealand Flower and Garden Show has been and gone, we saw some magnificent displays on the Gala Evening, and by all accounts, the event was a resounding success so we are looking forward to it in 2018.

The last BA5 for the year was hosted at "The Good Home Gastro pub", it had a great turn out and once again, the Trusts displayed how it delivers fantastic hospitality to the West. The new décor is extremely inviting, and the food enticing.

We had our last board meeting on 18th December and it was dedicated to working out our priorities for next year, so we can hit the ground running in February.

Included in this, was the Mayoral Proposal for the Ten-year Budget 2018 to 2028. There are many areas to look at, but I have included a couple below that I consider important:

- Introduction of a regional fuel tax to fund transport investment activities.

The proposal is that a regional fuel tax will replace the Interim Transport Levy (ITL) as long as legislation can be passed in time. Otherwise the ITL will remain temporarily. Most of the transport programme will fund committed projects, such as the City Rail Link (CRL) and renewals. Nevertheless, the Mayor's new priorities are:

- Network optimisation and technology.
- Light rail from the central city to airport.
- North-Western mass transit.
- Auckland Manukau Eastern Transport Initiative (AMETI) and the eastern busway.

- Additional electric trains.
- Airport access improvements including the Puhunui interchange.
- Lincoln Road corridor.
- Switching from diesel to electric buses.
- Electrification of fleet vehicles.
- Walking and cycling improvements.
- General rates rise at 2.5% for the first two years and 3.5% for each year after that. This will balance the need to increase infrastructure spending, with the need to keep rate increases low and reasonable. There is a lot more detail contained in this document and we will be seeking to develop a joint submission with other Business Associations as and when required.

This year has been a busy one for your Board, we started the year with helping HLBA (Henderson Lincoln Business Association) with their BID process, although it didn't reach the required number of votes (but came close), it showed that there is an appetite for it in our community.

Then there was the merging of HLBA with CPBA, followed by us standing on our own feet with the help from RBA on a clerical, and temporary financial level. It has been a busy, but extremely satisfying year for us, and we're still growing. Presently we have close to 160 members.


I take this opportunity to thank the CPHB Board of Tim, Lawrence, Nicole, Kelvin, Nick, and Danielle for their tireless work in making this great little Association work. Also, our Business Development Manager, Garry for his dedication and effort to Membership and our CPH News.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a restful New Year.

John Schipper, Chair CPBA


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'The Goods' from Garry

Garry Bates,
Business Development Manager

NZ Flower and Garden Show

A HIT FOR HENDERSON

The headline event held at the Trusts Arena at the end of November, transformed the fields into a gardener's dream. It attracted entries from over the world, and across New Zealand, which added a significant creative flair to the Show.

Showcasing everything from intimate urban gardens, challenging landscapes, bee-friendly flowerbeds and flourishing fruit and vegetable plots, and with over 100 horticultural and floral art displays, there was something for everyone.

"Hosting the show in the west was a great boost, and I take my hat off to the traffic management team who kept traffic moving, pedestrians crossing, and giving people plenty of opportunity to take a different route if needed" said Danielle Hancock from Thomas Consultants after her visit.

"I was also very impressed with the 'all abilities' access facilities provided, with many mobility scooters provided for use and they were well needed. The flat field proved beneficial for those of us who were less mobile, and with the garden sculpture section being placed by the jetty, people could choose to interact and touch the sculptures, or enjoy from above".

When asking award winners what they thought of the event there was a resounding "brilliant!" so one can assume this event was also significantly beneficial for entrants. Leigh Nicholson from Hanging Gardens, Gold Award Winner, was excited that her unique wall plant pouches and her company's sustainable vision could get media and public coverage. Her dream of



Danielle Hancock talks with Leigh Nicholson from Hanging Gardens

greening cities and bringing nature to every apartment dweller is one step closer.

"I think that the way that the event was managed this year and the turn out, means that we have proven the west has what it takes to host an event of this scale, and we look forward to welcoming the excitement back next year" Hancock enthused.

Convenor of judges Pascal Garbe noted that the quality of exhibitions was outstanding and there is no doubt that the designers were creating world-class exhibits.

"The range of award-winners is a testament to the strength of the New Zealand horticultural community. With this show, I am convinced that New Zealand will attract the attention of all garden experts around the world whether they are in Europe, America or Asia," Garbe stated.

Event Director Kate Hillier was thrilled with the talent shining through at the inaugural show.

"The inaugural New Zealand Flower & Garden Show began with a tremendous start, to put it simply, the talent spoke for itself this year. Our horticultural community is composed of some of the best in the world and the NZFGS is proud to support it. Kiwis are becoming increasingly interested in gardening techniques and are highly receptive to new innovations. We look forward to welcoming everyone back again next year," said Kate, who is also a CPHB member.

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Douglas staff celebrate 50th anniversary and look forward to a bright future

Staff at New Zealand's largest pharmaceutical manufacturer, Henderson's Douglas Pharmaceuticals, were treated to a carnival extravaganza to celebrate the company's 50th anniversary on Saturday, November 11 2017.

The company hosted around 1000 guests, mostly staff and their families, at the Douglas Track and Field, Trusts Stadium – the venue is just a few kilometres away from company founder, Sir Graeme Douglas' original pharmacy in Te Atatu.

The carnival included fun rides and carousels, entertainment like balloonists and clowns, races, games and a variety of food stalls.

"We truly value our team and this 50th celebration is not just a celebration of our 50-year tenure, but a celebration of our staff who have taken us to where we are today. We are a family-oriented company, so we wanted to ensure we included our employees' families," says Douglas' managing director, Jeff Douglas.

Douglas Pharmaceuticals has come a long way since Sir Graeme Douglas created a



cough syrup called Kofsin, while working as a chemist in Te Atatu in 1967. Douglas now manufactures and markets both prescription and consumer medicines, with 70 percent of its turnover exported. The company recently won a TIN Award for being in the top 10 NZ companies for revenue growth.

Douglas currently has 525 staff worldwide and 458 in New Zealand. The company aims to grow substantially over the next five years. Douglas has recently been in the news talking about its growing demand for

skilled workers. It has a strong reputation as a good employer and has many staff with long-service awards.

The carnival extravaganza is just one example of its commitment to its staff as it looks forward to the next 50 years in business and further expansion. Ends

About Douglas Pharmaceuticals: Founded in 1967 by Sir Graeme Douglas, Douglas Pharmaceuticals employs around 525 worldwide, and exports to 45 countries.




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Whānau Tahī moves west

Whānau Tahī - the IT company owned by Te Whānau o Waipareira - has moved west and is open for business.

The building on the corner of Catherine and Edsel Streets, is now home to the software development company which was recently named one of the fastest growing IT companies in New Zealand.

At a staff powhiri for those relocating from central Auckland, Waipareira CEO John Tamihere said this was an exciting time for Waipareira and welcomed staff "into the whānau."

"It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our west Auckland community and the Waipareira whānau," John said.

About 30 staff have relocated from Newmarket.

Whānau Tahī managing director Ray Noonan said moving to West Auckland was the right thing to do.

"This has been a long journey, but it is right that we are close to our roots and origins," Ray said.

Whānau Tahī was established in 2011 to develop and bring to market the Whānau Tahī Navigator technology, built by Waipareira. Complementing the software is Whānau Tahī's unique logic methodology that operationalises outcomes-based practice and measures its social value and return on investment.



At the 2017 NZ Trade Innovation Network awards, Whānau Tahī was No 1 in the top 10 Emerging Companies based on revenue.

Whānau Tahī is also performing well on the world stage, making major strides in the North American market – including Atlanta's largest African American community provider, Families First, as users, as well as three indigenous tribes.

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Member's Car

1978 Porsche Carrera 911 SC

In 1978, the 911 model range was reduced to two models. The 911 SC (Super Carrera) took the place of the 911 and Carrera models.

John Schipper, manager of Davis Funerals

in Central Park Drive, and is the CPHB Board Chair.

He acquired his Carrera in 2007. The car, originally from Hong Kong (but found in a barn in Rangiora), had been refurbished (externally) and updated to 1993 specifications. The 911 SC has had the original Whale Tail replaced with the RS 3.6 Downdraft tail, wheels are Carrera

Cup Wheels, with a half cage, Recarro Race Seats, and Art Tech pedals inside. Powered by a 3.0 litre, 180 hp aluminium engine (flat 6) with light weight flywheel and a 5-speed gearbox.

This car was purchased to be driven, no power steering here, the ultimate driver's car. 2018 is the year he updates the interior, full leather and new carpets.

Leading independent UK specialist in Porsche cars Paul Stephens, disputes the SC's supposedly 'ordinary' reputation. "The motoring press have always said, 'the SC is not quite a Carrera', so that's what people think," he explains. "But the 3.0-litre engine (particularly in 204bhp trim) is a really smooth, sweet-revving unit."

John enjoys occasionally racing his Porsche and says, "track days are great to learn how to drive it at speed, fastest I've been, being 195km on the back straight at Pukekohe, the Turbo's made me look like I was on a Sunday drive".

"It's my happy place!!" John explained with a smile.



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ŠKODA's Kodiaq is New Zealand's Car of 2017



Automobile Association

The mid-priced 7-seat SUV faced down nine other finalists for the coveted Car of the Year trophy earning the support of the New Zealand Motoring Writers' Guild and the AA after all the votes were counted.

AA Motoring Services General Manager Stella Stocks says, "because the Kodiaq was forced to line up alongside a collection of very worthy and varied contenders this year, this win for Skoda is even sweeter."

"ŠKODA has presented the world with a great all round vehicle. While it's clearly been built with the family in mind, the Kodiaq's configuration, spaciousness and technology ensures the market has an affordable versatile choice that will endure," Ms Stocks says.

"SUVs remain the most popular segment in the Kiwi motoring market and ŠKODA's entry into the 7-seater space with the Kodiaq, which also has a 5 star safety rating from ANCAP means we're well served by the brand."

New Zealand Motoring Writers' Guild President Robert Barry wrote, "the all-new ŠKODA Kodiaq SUV more than lives up to the brand's tag line of being Simply Clever."

"It has made the ŠKODA brand come of age in New Zealand and reach critical mass, it is therefore no surprise it has won the accolade of 2017 New Zealand Car of the Year."

CPHB Member Tristram European - ŠKODA & VOLKSWAGEN

The ŠKODA Kodiaq has been named overall 2017 AA Car of the Year, beating other top models to take out the prestigious title. The Kodiaq also took out its class of 'Medium SUV'.

The judges said the Kodiaq had been turning heads around the world since its launch. Guild president Robert Barry said the Kodiaq more than lived up to the brand's tag line of being 'Simply Clever'.

"The Kodiaq is more refined than many luxury SUVs with great design ideas, excellent packaging and competitive price points," he said.

Being recognised as the AA Car of the year adds to the long list of other awards that the Kodiaq has picked up since its launch including 'Stuff Car of the Year', 'Stuff Top 7 seater of the year', 'Company Vehicle of the year' and 'Company Vehicle - large SUV Car of the Year'.

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Mark P Shanahan has made it his mission in life, and as the Waitakere College Principal, he is committed and determined to draw the very best from each of his students.

We met with Mark last week and as we walked through the College, it was obvious his commitment to each and every student is genuine, not just for marketing purposes.

Greeting all the students, joking in passing, reminding others of the next week's projects, he sounded like he knew all of them. And that's not an easy task given there are over 1300 students there.

Unlike them, Mark was not raised in West Auckland but it has always been part of his life.

His love for the West coast beaches like Piha and KareKare has made him an

honorary Westie.

After graduating as a bachelor of science, Mark saw himself working in Forestry and actually fell into teaching instead, to our benefits obviously.

Mark became the Principal of Waitakere College 11 years ago and has worked hard to bring the academic level above the national average. This year Mark and his team celebrated being co-winners of the Prime Minister's Education Excellence Award for Teaching and Learning.

"This recognises the strength of our responsive curriculum adapted to student interests, e-learning programmes and our many different pathways including our Medical Science Academy. We are thrilled to receive this award, which recognises that the year on year trend of rising achievement at Waitakere College is real and ongoing, with NCEA results above national averages at all levels including Merit and Excellence

endorsements," says proud Mark.

"But it's all about relationships and showing you care," says Mark.

And care he does!

In order to constantly improve the sustainability of his College and the quality of his staff's teaching skills, Mark takes sabbaticals. Not to go surfing or relaxing, but to explore the country and even the world seeking other school's best practises and teaching strategies. Mark has visited schools in the United Kingdom, USA, Australia as well as New Zealand from top to bottom, and has written numerous reports on the results of his investigations. It has paid off.

Here is the latest ERO (Education Review Report) 2017, in summary: "Waitakere College provides high quality education. Students have opportunities to succeed through a responsive curriculum that



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prioritises wellbeing for learning. Students are confident and well equipped to transition into the world of tertiary study or employment. High quality leadership is a key factor in the school's continued success."

The students also learn from each other.

"A West Auckland school has taken global learning to another level. Waitakere College's diverse ethnic mix means there are plenty of experts in history, social studies and geography in the classrooms," writes Catherine Gaffaney from the New Zealand Herald.

This year Waitakere College in Henderson had students of 55 different nationalities attending - from Bangladeshi to Niuean to Ugandan. The diverse roll was made up of exchange students, international students, students whose families had moved to New Zealand and pupils with parents of different cultures.

Principal Mark says the range of backgrounds brings richness to the school.

Determined to stay ahead of the game and always forward thinking, his main goal is to prepare his students for the big real world out there. "I want them to be world savvy," he says.

For this, Mark applies the Vocational Pathways concept, matching education to the potential career of his students. As a result, Mark has worked with his team to maximize the opportunities of the Gateway programme and has created a wide range of successful Vocational Pathway options for students and their families. "We are recognised as a best practice model for our successful implementation of this programme, funded by the Tertiary Education Commission as an initiative to



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build a highly skilled and adaptable work force. This provides structured work-place learning opportunities for senior students, where they are trained by the employer and gain Unit Standards that become part of their NZQA Record of Learning. Year 12 and 13 students who take part go out to work one day a week during Terms 1, 2 and 3 and have employment places in their career field of interest," says Mark.

But it is always better to hear the feedback from actual students who have lived it ...

Among many, here is the testimonial from Shayne Elliott, CEO of ANZ Australia / New Zealand Group who was a student there until early '80s.

"I joined Waitakere College when it was a new and exciting new school on the West Auckland landscape and the teachers and campus full of temporary buildings and fresh fields reflected that energy. The incomplete

campus, the fresh new teachers and the pulse of West Auckland combined to feel like we were building something together, and creating new ways of learning along the way. There is no doubt in my mind that my time at Waitakere was massively influential in my life. In many ways more so than even University. I had the good fortune to be exposed to a variety of experiences, cultures and challenges that set the foundations of who I am, what I love doing and what I care about. This was a good school, with high standards, a strong culture and a sense of adventure that I am enormously grateful for."

West Auckland should be grateful too as, after all, Mark and his College are building our next generation of successful citizens and we can only benefit from that.

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Lincoln Road Upgrade - is another cycleway necessary?

*'Cycleways by and large don't work, because the roads aren't big enough and they're not actually practical for the vast majority of us'. **Mike Hosking***

A non-verbatim transcript from MIKE'S MINUTE - 5 December 2017

"It's hard to believe we are seeing what we are seeing when it comes to cycleways", Hosking says. He cycles by the way, but cycleways are a waste of time. Not entirely, as the tourist trail for example is good news, specific places to explore, individual places where cycles can roam free are no bad idea.

But cycleways have been ideologically captured by the clip-boarders who can't see the wood from the trees. It is all theory, no reality - Hosking says that he has been saying this for a long time now, and there are now protests against cycleways, against dumb councils who simply don't get it.

Pieces of road and footpath sliced off and up all in the vain attempt to convince us, that cars are bad, and bikes are good. And bikes are good, just not when they prevent cars or buses moving, or people doing business. In two different parts of Auckland, maybe more, that Hosking is aware of - Businesses are screaming about roads being chopped up and 'punters' are prevented from coming into the door.

When the workers have packed up and gone home, as they did with the original major cycleway in Auckland, the famous or infamous \$18m pink monstrosity in the centre of Auckland City. When they've gone home, then what? No bikes, Mike

looks out his window everyday from TVNZ in the afternoon; no bikes...lanes and infrastructure for people who will never cycle by.

Here is your problem in a nutshell, he continues, the roads are not big enough and they don't seem to get that simple reality. You can't take a regular two-lane road in New Zealand, and turn it into a two-lane road with a bus lane and a cycleway - It doesn't work! So, the bus lane with no buses, the cycleways with no bikes - it is the forlorn and tragic reality of urban NZ, and community after community now, they are forced to take to the streets for goodness sake. To tell the council, that as well intentioned as it may well have been, as thoroughly interesting as it may have sounded - the simple truth is, by and large, they don't work!

They're not practical, they're a waste of money, and the only tangible outcome is frustration, anger and protest...and ill will, and wasted time, energy and cash. Let's hope the madness stops soon.

Footnote:

A non-verbatim transcript from **MIKE'S MINUTE** - Cycleways are usually pointless 5 December 2017

To view go to - www.newstalkzb.co.nz/on-air/mike-hosking-breakfast

This, as the Lincoln Road Upgrade looms large, complete with Cycleways and Bus 'T3' lanes

While CPHB doesn't necessarily hold with the opinions expressed by Mr Hosking - we note the concerns being indicated by many of our members, about the planned cycleways along Lincoln Road.



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Danielle Hancock
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PCBU Asbestos Requirements April 2018

"Make sure you and your tenants are covered"

New health and safety legislation, that came into effect in 2015 has a requirement that needs to be implemented by April 2018: that PCBU's * (A PCBU under this legislation is the person or entity that owns a commercial building, or a landlord of a

- if asbestos is found to be present, determined whether the asbestos is friable
- recommended actions for the ongoing management of any asbestos found.

While this sounds daunting and expensive, it doesn't need to be and a simple Asbestos Register can be all you need to meet compliance. The report must be made available to any tenants, and must be made known to any contractor that comes onto site, particularly if they are going to undertake any works that will cut into any building materials.

The report recommendations will specify the risk of the asbestos in and outside the building, and if there is a significant risk of people being exposed to friable asbestos, will recommend actions to have it safely removed.

The best advice is to engage a very experienced and independent asbestos assessor such as Thomas Consultants. Thomas Consultants can offer a discrete site visit to undertake a building survey, prepare a comprehensive Asbestos Register, and communicate with a removalist company to make sure any works are undertaken efficiently and safely.

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*PCBU means Person Conducting Business or Undertaking and can be the company, or person who owns

commercial or residential building) understand and document all asbestos within their buildings.

Potentially, a home buyer looking to turn a property into a rental, can ask to see this report from the current owner and any contractor who might do building works on your family home can also ask to see a report. By April 2018, every PCBU must have completed the following actions for each of their buildings:

- assessed each property for the presence or absence of asbestos,

the building if it is not owned by a company.

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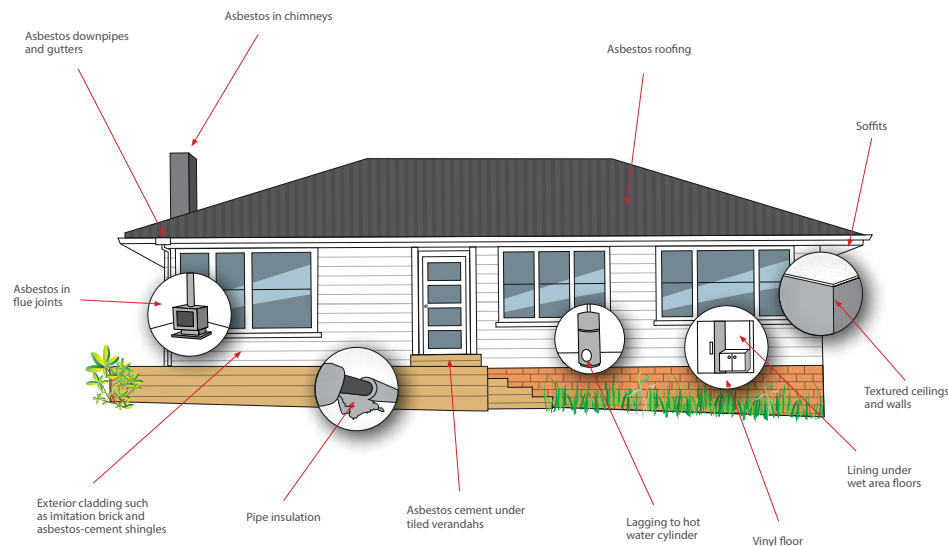
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Auckland foodscape set to change with “The Kitchen Project”.

Launched on Thursday 30th November at Central One Office Park, 4 Henderson Valley Road.

The enterprise is inspired by the La Cocina programme in San Francisco.

The Kitchen Project (TKP) is an innovative programme aimed at emerging food businesses in Auckland. By supplying mentoring, training and commercial kitchen space, it provides the support and knowhow entrepreneurs need to turn their food passion into a viable business.

Using a re-purposed container which will soon be on the site as a commercial kitchen supporting The Project which will be a kitchen for product development. A mentoring resource to help with for example:

- how to scale up recipes to commercial quantities.
- how to order and manage food supply lines.
- how to employ staff.
- borrow money, manage cashflow and keep the books.
- how to build a digital presence and growing a customer base.
- how to run a stall or a food truck or a bottling business.
- how to survive and how to grow.

Emerging food entrepreneurs in West Auckland can now apply for help from “The Kitchen Project”, a local initiative that offers affordable kitchen space for product development as well as a mentoring programme.

‘TKP’ inspired by La Cocina in San Francisco – one of the most successful kitchen incubators in the United States. It aims to enhance Auckland’s foodscape by supporting the development of food and beverage innovation with a focus on culture, healthy food and sustainable business practices.

La Cocina Deputy Director Leiticia Landa who has been advising “The Kitchen Project”, says for San Francisco communities, in particular local migrant women, this type of incubator programme has been life-changing.

“Over the past 12 years we have seen every kind of food business imaginable. By investing in emerging entrepreneurs and making our commercial kitchen more accessible we have seen 150 jobs created, 24 brick and mortar locations, and more than \$4 million generated for the local economy,” says Landa.

Panuku Commercial Place Operations Manager Connie Clarkson says through the delivery of “The Kitchen Project”, Panuku has an



opportunity to make the spaces being generated reflect the people that make up the local communities.

“The Kitchen Project will play an important role in building the communities we work in from the ground up. By fostering sustainable local food and beverage businesses that belong in the community, we are encouraging a diverse and exciting food culture that underpins all the great cities of the world”.

Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (ATEED) Acting General Manager of Business, Innovation and Skills Pam Ford says, “accessing commercial kitchen space can be a barrier for emerging food entrepreneurs, who also need training about how to establish a food business. The Kitchen Project will support the growth of food and beverage in Auckland through local communities, and consumer and supplier engagement. This will, in turn, increase employment and economic growth.”

The programme will be piloted in Henderson and will be based out of dedicated space in the Central One building on Henderson Valley Road. The pilot intake begins in March 2018.

To find out more visit www.thekitchenproject.co.nz





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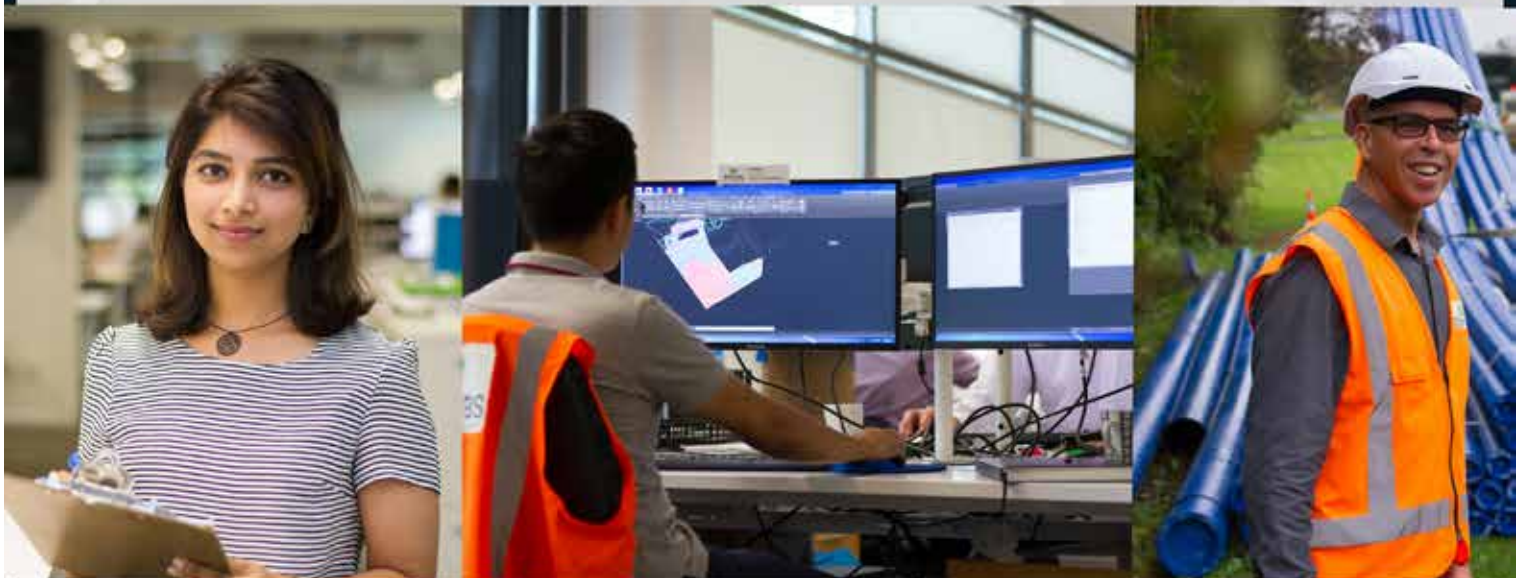


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