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Time flies when you're having fun, or in our case, when you're busy building a thriving business community!

It's hard to believe September is already upon us. We kicked off the month with a fantastic networking breakfast featuring the legendary Sir Wayne (Buck) Shelford. His insights on resilience hit home, reminding us all of the importance of staying strong and adaptable, whether we're facing challenges in the boardroom, on the shop floor, or even on the rugby field!

Speaking of challenges, we've been actively addressing the issue of truck parking in Wiri. We recently had a productive meeting with Auckland Transport, and I'm pleased to report that we've made some progress in identifying solutions to alleviate this ongoing concern. You'll find a more detailed update on this initiative in this issue of Wiri Link.

In other exciting news, the future has arrived in Wiri! We've embraced cutting-edge technology with the introduction of AI-driven monitoring for our CCTV network. Crime Watch is now at the helm, ensuring round-the-clock surveillance. Their operators

receive automatic alerts for any unusual activity, allowing for swift dispatch of our P4G patrol guards. This proactive approach is already proving its worth, enabling us to detect and address potential issues before they escalate.

The Wiri Business Association is committed to supporting and enhancing your business experience. To better serve your needs, we would appreciate your feedback on our current initiatives and your suggestions for future activities. Below is a QR code to the survey, it will take five minutes of your time.

Looking ahead, we're pleased to announce that incoming Deputy Prime Minister and Epsom MP David Seymour will be joining us for our 2024 Annual General Meeting. It will be a good opportunity to share the accomplishments of the past year and discuss our plans for the future.

And finally, mark your calendars for our brand-new Business After Five events! These informal gatherings will offer a relaxed setting for networking and discovering the hidden gems within our business community. Our inaugural event will be held later this month at Motor Share, and we encourage you all to attend. You never know what exciting collaborations might arise!

As always, thank you for your continued support and engagement. We hope you enjoy this issue of Wiri Link, and we look forward to connecting with you soon.

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Update on Truck Parking

The Wiri Business Association recently met with Auckland Transport to address concerns about truck parking in the area. While legally parked trucks with current certifications cannot be penalized, we discussed issues like inconsiderate parking, roadside repairs, and lack of nighttime red lights.

AT is committed to taking action against illegal and inconsiderate parking and is prepared to increase resources in Wiri. To support their efforts, the Wiri Business Association will be conducting a one-month trial involving:

Daytime Patrols: A qualified individual will patrol hotspot areas to identify and report illegally or inconsiderately parked vehicles to Auckland Transport for immediate ticketing.

Nighttime Patrols: The same person will patrol at night to identify trucks not displaying the required red lights and report them to Auckland Transport for follow-up.

Exploring Parking Management Solutions

We also discussed the possibility of introducing paid parking to manage parking demand, particularly during evenings. While this approach has been successful in retail areas, its effectiveness in an industrial area like Wiri is uncertain. We are open to trialling paid parking in a small area if there is sufficient support from local businesses.

Additionally, we have requested a parking review from Auckland Transport to identify areas where no-parking zones on one side of the road might alleviate congestion.

Next Steps

Following the one-month trial, we aim to arrange a meeting between Auckland Transport and businesses who have provided feedback on this issue to discuss next steps and potential solutions.

We appreciate your continued cooperation and feedback as we work towards a solution that benefits all stakeholders in the Wiri area.



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Wiri Business Profile: A Thriving Economic Hub



Wiri is a powerhouse within Auckland's economy, boasting over 18,000 jobs and experiencing remarkable growth in recent years. Since 2002, an impressive 9,600 additional jobs have been created, highlighting the area's dynamism. The latest data from Auckland Unlimited paints a picture of a thriving industrial precinct with a diverse range of sectors contributing to its success.

Key infrastructure investments, such as the Wiri Inland Port (2005) and the rail link to the Ports of Auckland (2010), have been instrumental in this growth. These developments have spurred a thriving logistics and distribution sector in Wiri. Additionally, the establishment of the two correctional facilities has brought a substantial number of public administration and safety jobs to the area.

While Wiri draws labour from across the Auckland region, the area also offers a large local labour force which helps make Wiri an attractive location. A focus on encouraging youth employment is another way the Wiri Business Association can contribute to the economic growth of their area. Engaging with employers and businesses to create job opportunities for young people can result in increased local spending, improved business vitality, and a thriving economy.

Diverse Growth

Beyond its traditional manufacturing base, Wiri has seen significant expansion in several other sectors. Construction, administrative and support services, wholesale trade, and retail trade have all experienced significant job growth in recent years. This diversification underscores the area's robust economic health and adaptability.

The demand for commercial space in Wiri is exceptionally high, with prime industrial properties fully occupied as of February 2023. This demand is reflected in a sharp increase in rental costs, further demonstrating the area's desirability.

Sectoral Landscape

Manufacturing and wholesale trade remain the primary employment sectors in Wiri. Manufacturing, in particular, is highly concentrated in the area, with several manufacturing sub-sectors exhibiting a strong presence. However, the growth in public administration and safety, as well as construction, has contributed to a more balanced economic profile.

Sectoral Changes: 2012-2023

While manufacturing remains a cornerstone, other sectors have been on the rise, notably since 2016. Public administration & safety, construction, and administrative & support services have each added around 1,000 new jobs since 2012. Wholesale trade has also seen significant growth, with 750 new jobs created during the same period.

The Wiri Inland Port has fueled growth in the transport, postal, and warehousing sectors. Auckland Transport's electric train maintenance depot, opened in 2013, has further contributed to this trend.

Public administration and safety employment has expanded due to the establishment of the women's and men's correctional facilities.

Importantly, no sectors have experienced a significant decline in jobs since 2012, showcasing the area's resilience and broad-based growth.

Key Trends:


- The transport sector's growth is largely driven by road freight transport and transport-related services, with several logistics companies strategically located near the inland port.

- Public administration and safety growth is primarily linked to the correctional facilities.
- Administrative and support services expansion is driven by employment services (labour hire and recruitment) and building cleaning services.

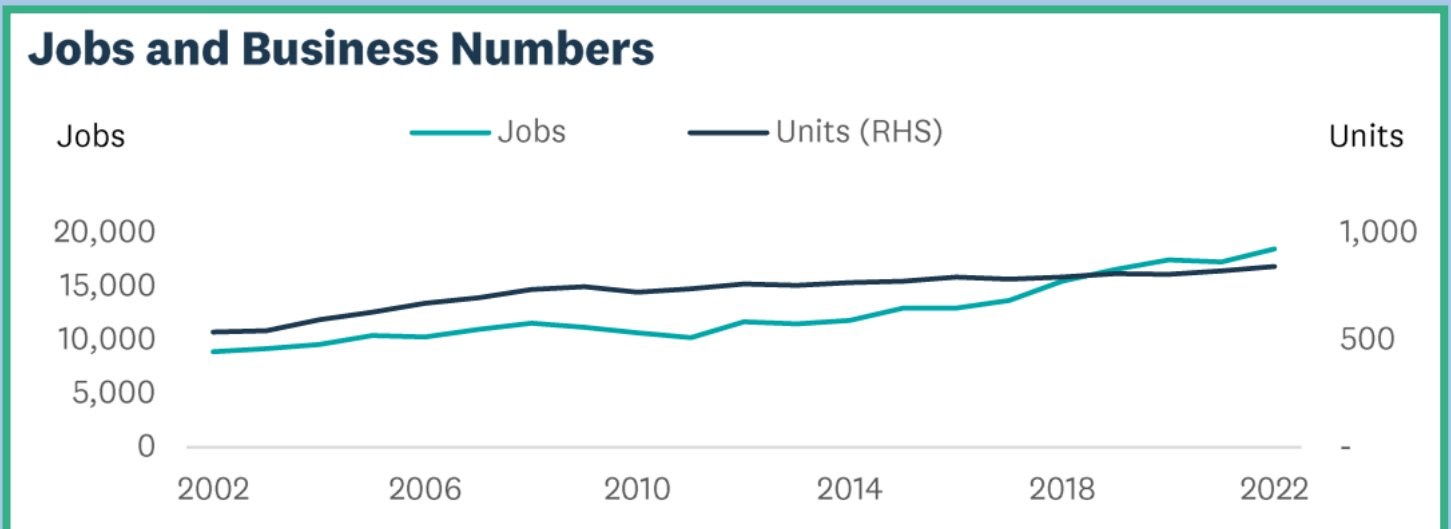
Conclusion

Wiri is a dynamic and thriving economic hub within Auckland. Its strategic infrastructure investments, diverse economic base, and strong growth across various sectors position it for continued success in the years to come.

	Wiri	% of AKL
Population (2022 est.)	1,310	0.1%
Area (SA2 157600)	8 KM ²	0.2%
Jobs (2022)	18,500	2.2%
Jobs (2002-2022)	9,600	3.2%
Business Units (2022)	843	0.4%
Business Units (2002-2022)	306	0.3%



Broad Sector	Jobs	Wiri %	AKL %	LQ
Manufacturing	4,450	24.1%	9.6%	2.5
Wholesale Trade	2,850	15.4%	7.4%	2.1
Construction	2,050	11.1%	8.6%	1.3
Transport, Postal & Warehousing	1,450	7.8%	4.5%	1.7
Public Admin & Safety	1,400	7.6%	4.6%	1.6
Admin & Support Services	1,350	7.3%	6.0%	1.2
Healthcare & Social Assistance	1,350	7.3%	10.3%	0.7



Upcoming events

AGM Lunch Speaker

Hon David Seymour, Leader of Act Party, Future Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Regulation and the Associate Minister of Health (Pharmac), Finance, and Education (Partnership Schools)

2024



3 October 2024
11.30AM - 1:00 PM



GroundFloor
Restaurant, 770A
Great South Road,
Wiri

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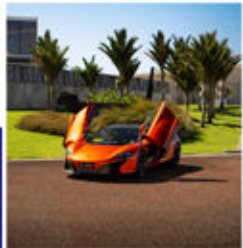


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Past events

Networking drinks – June, July

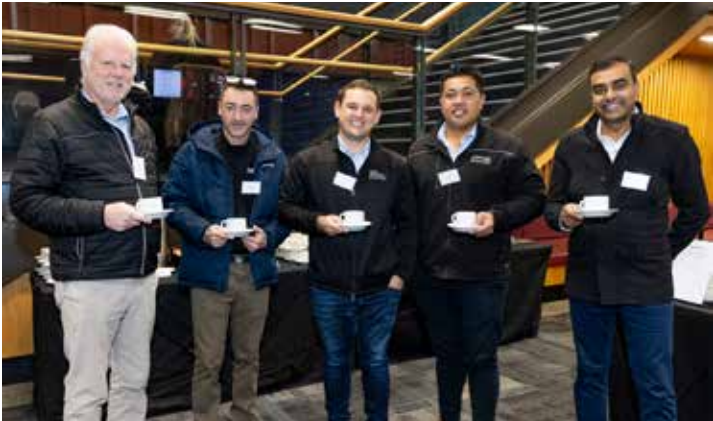


Coffee cart events – June, July, August



Past events

Networking breakfast with Sir Wayne (Buck) Shelford





Pictured: Joe Hay and Chris Brett

In the driver's seat with MotorShare

The purr of an engine starting, the slick lines of an exotic car, driving with the top down and the wind through your hair...

Ever wanted to drive the car of your dreams? MotorShare can make it happen.

Chris Brett and James Punnett are the driving force behind MotorShare, a car subscription platform for exotic vehicles based in Auckland.

The platform allows members to choose from a range of plans which can be paid for monthly or yearly, granting them access to some of the world's most sought after cars for 10, 20, 30, or more, days per year, depending on the plan selected.

"Our Silver Plan offers access to cars in our essential, premium range, private collection (after 12 months). Upgrading to a Gold or Platinum membership allows access to all collections right away!" says Chris.

Though the concept of an exotic car subscription company exists elsewhere in the world, Chris and James discovered the concept is new to New Zealand.

"Over lunch one day, we came up with the idea of MotorShare, to help all Kiwis enjoy exotic cars without breaking the bank".

"It's not very often you think of an idea and no one's doing it. It is an expensive business to set up with a lot of complexities around getting insurance so that's probably why no-one was doing it in the first place. But we just ran with it, bought a couple of cars, and wanted to see how things went".

"The first car that we started with was the Porsche GT4 followed by the Mercedes AMG GT and our Audi R8. We have thirteen cars in total and are always looking at additional cars to add".

They have also introduced a new syndicate programme to help expand their fleet of cars, where anyone is able to own a share in a vehicle. A share gives them a number of days per year for that specific vehicle. Syndicate owners can then enjoy the car and also allow members to use an allocation of their days to help cover some of those expenses relating to the vehicle.



The MotorShare headquarters can be found tucked away at the Wiri Station Road Business Park, off Wiri Station Road. They moved to Wiri in late 2023 and have expanded to a team of four with Cole and Joe joining the business.

“Wiri is a good location as we’re close to the airport and can service our South Island customers that travel up to Auckland. We operate a shuttle for these customers from the airport.

Additionally, prices in the Wiri area are good compared to the city or the North Shore”.

MotorShare is quickly growing their membership base. A range of Porsches (GT4, 911 & Boxster), McLaren 650S, Nissan GTR R35, Mercedes G63 (G-Wagon), Mercedes AMG-GT, Aston Martin DB9 and Jaguar F-Type S are part of the fleet and waiting to be taken for a spin.

“We operate a membership waitlist, interview new members, and put them through the usual checks before they can sign a contract”.

“At the moment, we are car-heavy, so there’s plenty of availability for new members. Once we get to a magic number, we will cap the numbers to ensure it stays an exclusive club”.

Though Chris and James are not new to running a business, there are always new things to learn.

“James and I have run several businesses in the past. We have learned a lot from these businesses, so that knowledge crosses over. Getting insurance coverage for the business was very complex!”

MotorShare has an exciting future ahead of it. Expansion across the fleet and locations is all on their radar.

“Over the coming years, we will be looking to expand our fleet, grow our membership base, and potentially expand into other areas. Shortly, a Lotus Elise 2021 Final Edition and a Lamborghini Huracan will be added to our collection. We will soon be able to offer a track car for our members as well” explains Chris.

MotorShare often hosts experience days, special events for members only and we run regular open days for potential new members to come check us out. The team at MotorShare is more than happy for people to drop by during business hours to have a chat about a membership, syndicate or just to say “hi”.

If you would like further information, contact team@motorshare.co.nz or check out their website Motorshare.co.nz.



Images courtesy of Joe Hay, MotorShare

Wiri Business Association is pleased to be hosting an After 5 event at MotorShare.

Come and support a local business, learn about what they do and enjoy some drinks and nibbles on us.

Event: After 5 with MotorShare

Date: Thursday 19 September

Time: 5pm to 6.30pm

Venue: MotorShare HQ,
23/114 Wiri Station Road, Wiri

Please scan QR code to RSVP





Home away from home: take a peek inside The Sebel Manukau

Wiri Business understands that meeting spaces and places to dine are in short supply in our business district. Earlier this year, we held two lunch and learn functions for International Women’s Day and Youth Employment at The Sebel Manukau. We talked to the manager, Prasheel Churi about what The Sebel Manukau has on offer and their upcoming Business After 5 event.

The Sebel Auckland Manukau opened in September 2018, boasting 70 guest rooms and 82 apartment-style accommodation. They are one of five hotels under the Sebel brand in New Zealand and part of the wider Accor group.

“We are part of the Accor hotels, the largest hotel operator in New Zealand which offers generous loyalty benefits through its ALL- Accor Live Limitless programme recognised world-wide. Some of the well-known hotel brands that come under the Accor umbrella include Sofitel, Pullman, Novotel, Movenpick, Mercure and Ibis”, says Prasheel.

A Prime Location

The Sebel Auckland Manukau’s strategic location is one of its biggest advantages. Close to Due Drop Events Centre, Rainbow’s End, Westfield mall and Wiri businesses, it caters to both business travellers and tourists.

“Our location is unique, and it works well for people. We’re close to the airport, and away from the central city – so travellers can avoid the premiums that those two locations command. You can be on the motorway in either direction in minutes”.

“We have a range of travellers that stay at The Sebel from CEOs at local businesses to sports teams and air crew”.

Accommodation and Amenities

The Sebel Auckland Manukau offers a range of accommodation options, from well-appointed studios and superior rooms to spacious one-bedroom apartments.

“Each room is designed with a modern aesthetic and are equipped with all the amenities expected of a four-star hotel, including smart tvs, complimentary Wi-Fi, minibars, Nespresso machines, and fully equipped kitchenettes in the apartments”.

Meetings and events

The Sebel Auckland Manukau offers onsite options for meetings and events. They have a boardroom for hire which is suitable for smaller meetings. With sound proofing, air conditioning and a TV screen, it makes a great space for a small team day.

The Ora Café has seating for 40 people and serves breakfast, lunch and dinner. It's a great place for a coffee or a business lunch; with ample parking available onsite.

Next to Ora Café is a private function space. This area can seat up to 40 guests for a seated function or 50 guests for a semi-standing function. It has its own air conditioning, fixed AV facilities and natural light streams into this space.

"It is the perfect space for anything from a business lunch to an intimate family dinner or Christmas functions. This space will be exclusively yours and can be closed off or partially opened to the main dining area".

A Commitment to Sustainability

In line with the growing global emphasis on sustainability, The Sebel Auckland Manukau is committed to reducing its environmental impact. The Sebel Auckland Manukau has initiatives in place that include sourcing eco-friendly local products, and reducing energy and water usage

"We are very proud to have no single use plastic in anywhere in our rooms. Bulk amenities are recycled once empty and made into items such as fence posts. Beehive on the roof top for rescued bees is a another small commitment towards Sustainability"

"The Accor group is a member of the Global Sustainable Tourism Council and committed to achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. The Sebel Manukau underwent a strict auditing process and



was the first Accor hotel in New Zealand this year to be certified as a Four Star Plus Qualmark Gold".

A focus on people and their community

Their team takes pride in looking after their community. They like to support local businesses and communities and encourage local trades where possible. They work with local charities such as Life South to support the community; recently supplying and serving 300 meals for the Otara Life South kitchen and their community.

The Sebel Manukau employs 63 people, most living in the surrounding suburbs. Their owners are very invested in the business, having lived in Auckland for over 30 years.

"Our team is like family, we are lucky to have good tenure, with most of the people that were here when we opened nearly six years ago still with us today. We believe our staff are the key to ensuring our visitors have a great stay", concludes Prasheel.



Wiri Business is pleased to be partnering with The Sebel Manukau to host a Business After 5 Event on 31st October.

You'll get a chance to see their meeting spaces and rooms and enjoy some canapes and drinks. All attendees will go in the draw to win a night at The Sebel!

As our event falls on 31 October, feel free to dress up (or not!) and go in the draw to win an extra prize.

Scan the QR code to sign up.



Meet Hydrovac – industry leaders in drain maintenance



It's no mean feat surviving 20 years in business. However, Hydrovac blew out the birthday candles and celebrated this milestone in June.

Over the years, they have grown from one truck to 50 and have 70 staff across three depots, looking after commercial and residential clients across Auckland, the Waikato, and Canterbury. The South Auckland branch, which can be found on Athy Place, Wiri, is headed by Cody Harbour, who is joined by business development advisor Alex Davidson, drivers Adam, Atish, Marvin, Dallas, Zachary, Harshvir, and assistant operators, Michael, Dylan, Deonte and David.

"Having a base in Wiri is an absolute asset; it means we can service South Auckland

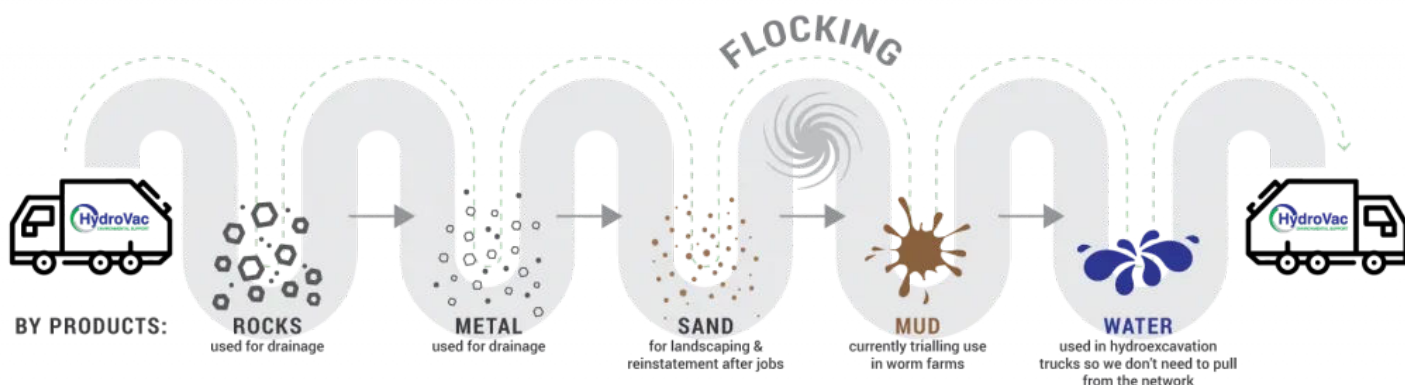
businesses and homes. Our reactive time is a lot quicker; our coverage is a lot wider, and we can tap into the Waikato from here," says Cody.

"One of the best things about being based in Wiri is that everyone seems to know their neighbours around here, which you don't always get in other parts of Auckland".

Hydrovac offers a range of services including stormwater maintenance, grease trap and converter maintenance, servicing wastewater treatment systems, hydro excavation, CCTV drain

inspections, septic tank cleaning, and spill and flood response—to name a few! They work with a range of local businesses including Griffin's, Fulton Hogan, and Watercare.

"Most of the call outs to our branch are requests for [septic tank](#) inspections and empties, [stormwater](#) filter and drain maintenance and problem-solving, emptying [grease traps and converters](#) for hospitality and manufacturing businesses, [CCTV](#) (that's sticking a camera underground to see what's going on) and – of course – [hydrovac](#), which is using water to excavate





or using our trucks as a vacuum to suck up liquids from cesspits, sumps, detention/retention tanks, soak holes or to clean up spills and floods”.

As time has ticked on, trucks have changed a lot in terms of vacuum pumps and their efficiency and power. Hydrovac has also emerged as an industry leader in the environmental and sustainability space.

“One of the things people find most interesting about our business is the custom recycling plant we’ve built to deal with the waste we get from our jobs. Instead of just sending everything to landfill, we run our job waste through a plant and process which sorts it into rocks, metal, sand, clay/mud, and water”.

“The water is cleaned and recycled for use again in our trucks. This is an environmentally friendly way of dealing with

waste, turning it into byproducts that can be used for other means, such as roading. It diverts waste from landfill and ensures an ethical, sustainable disposal method for clients. We’re very proud of developing an environmentally ethical solution our customers had been searching for when dealing with their waste”.

Hydrovac is often working in the background when you least expect it. Take car crashes and spills, for example.

“When you have a car fire, there’s petrol, oil, and other chemicals. The fire brigade puts out that car fire, but where is all that water going to go? We come out, clean up, and make sure nothing goes into the stormwater system and out into the ocean”.

“Every spill or cleanup response is slightly different depending on the job, the material, and what type of spill it is. It could be chemical, grease, septic, sometimes even plastic shards that need to be stopped from going into the stormwater system. Sometimes we need to use barriers to redirect liquid spills to a point—no two jobs are the same”.

The saying ‘When it rains, it pours’ proved true during the Auckland flooding in 2023, where Hydrovac

was kept busy, using their vacuum trucks to remove water and later clean up flood-affected areas.

“The infrastructure in Auckland is quite old and not built for the population volume”.

“The crisis lasted about a week, but the flow-on effects lasted for at least another six months. We’ve been at the forefront and seen how it’s affected businesses and their productivity”.

The team at Hydrovac believes businesses need to be proactive and review when their last stormwater system maintenance was and if they have spill response plans in place. Auckland Council water quality specialists patrolled Wiri industrial businesses in 2023 to ensure there were spill plans in place.

“We encourage commercial property owners to be proactive and make sure they get their stormwater drains checked on a regular basis. This can help mitigate a swimming pool materialising in an unexpected place when it does rain!” concludes Cody.

Email service@hydrovac.co.nz or visit www.hydrovac.co.nz if you would like further information from the friendly Hydrovac team.





Leading Through Uncertainty? Start With Yourself

Article by Claire Le Grice, Skills Ignite

As a leader in a small to medium enterprise (SME) in South Auckland, you're at the heart of a dynamic and diverse business community. The success of your business doesn't just depend on your knowledge of the market or your ability to manage finances—it hinges on how well you understand yourself, how you build relationships with your team, and how you align your efforts with your organisation's goals. This is where the "Me, We, Us" model comes into play. It's a powerful framework that can help you grow as a leader, starting from within and expanding your influence to those around you.

Me: Building Your Leadership Foundation

Your leadership journey begins with understanding yourself. The "Me" aspect of the model is all about self-awareness and personal leadership. So, how well do you know yourself? Are you clear on your values, strengths, and areas where you could improve? Taking the time to reflect on these questions is the first step toward becoming a more effective leader.

We: Strengthening Your Team

The "We" component of the model is about building and maintaining strong relationships within your

team.

- **Empathy is essential.** Understanding your team members' needs, aspirations, and challenges is crucial. When you show empathy, you build trust and create a supportive environment where everyone feels valued.
- **Clear, honest communication is just as important.** Make sure you're fostering an environment where open dialogue is encouraged and everyone feels comfortable sharing their thoughts. Active listening ensures that every voice is heard and helps you lead your team toward common goals.
- **Empowering your team means delegating responsibilities and giving them opportunities to grow.** When you recognise and celebrate their achievements, you boost morale and create a positive, motivated workplace. Remember, success is succession – how are you setting up for success today?
- **Conflict is inevitable,** but it doesn't have to be destructive. As a leader, it's your role to approach conflicts with a mindset of finding common ground and solutions that benefit the whole team. This not only resolves issues but also strengthens the bonds within your team.
- **Learning doesn't need to be limited to formal training programs or workshops.** Look for opportunities to integrate learning into

everyday work activities. This could include job shadowing, cross-training, lunch and learns or sharing a book or article around for discussion (you could even use this one!).

Us: Aligning with Your Business Goals

The final piece of the puzzle is the "Us" aspect of the model, which focuses on how you align your team's efforts with the broader goals of your business.

- **Shared Vision**
Do you have a clear, compelling vision for your business? Make sure it's one that everyone can get behind and that it aligns with your overall mission. A shared vision inspires collective effort and ensures everyone understands how their work contributes to the bigger picture.
- **Culture**
Creating and maintaining a strong organisational culture is also crucial. Lead by example, and set the standard for behaviour and performance across your business. When you model the values you want to see in others, it creates a ripple effect.
- **Influence and Legacy**
Finally, think about your influence both within and beyond the organisation. By building strong relationships, sharing your knowledge, and contributing to the success of your business, you're not just leading today—you're creating a legacy for the future.



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te ngahere, ko te manu e kai ana i te
mātauranga nōnā te ao.

"The bird who eats the miro berry,
the forest is their domain. The bird
who consumes knowledge, the
(whole) world is their domain."



Inside the Village Collective

Nestled along bustling Druces Road, Village Collective stands as a beacon of support for Pasifika youth and families in South Auckland. Recently, Wiri Business had the privilege of meeting the Village Collective, to uncover their initiatives to enrich the community.

The charitable trust focuses on empowering the next generation by providing equitable and innovative services. Their logo consists of three fale that represent three workstreams; Talavou, Rainbow and Community.

A proud accomplishment for Village Collectives' Pasifika young people was having them lead the co-design and launch of Aotearoa's first Pasifika Youth One Stop Shop (YOSS). Talavou Village YOSS is an approach to remove the barriers that exist for young people to access health and wellbeing support. This includes not knowing where to go, cost, time, fear of embarrassment, judgement, lack of youth friendly practices, lack of trust in the health and social system and loss of confidentiality.

Step inside Talavou Village Youth One Stop Shop (YOSS) and you're greeted by an explosion of colour and culture—a welcoming haven co-designed by Pasifika Youth for Pasifika Youth. Here, the emphasis is on prevention over cure, championing the holistic wellbeing of youth and families.

"We need a safe space from cultural insensitivity" says Yvette Sapatu, Youth Activator.

Community Fale

Community Fale focuses on community outreach initiatives in partnership with like-minded community groups or organisations:

- **Umata Network:** A peer support network for Pacific MVPFAFF/LGBTQIA+ practitioners in health and social services.
- **TEU Wardrobe:** offering young people free, accessible clothing within a safe and inclusive space. Additionally, the "Readiness" programme within TEU Wardrobe equips youth with skills to pursue their wellbeing goals, using fashion as a medium in a supportive environment.
- **Mātua ma Talavou (MMT):** In collaboration with TOA Pacific, MMT fosters intergenerational knowledge transfer between young people (Talavou) and older adults (Mātua) addressing isolation and loneliness through cultural identity.

Rainbow Fale

Rainbow Fale focuses on creating supportive and safe environments for Pasifika rainbow youth through these key initiatives:

- **Diversity Groups:** Increases safe spaces in schools through workshops that address but aren't limited to self-esteem, gender and cultural identity/ gender expression for rainbow young people. These are weekly engagements in eight South Auckland secondary schools.
- **Mafutaga:** Expands on diversity groups and brings together members of diversity groups. These psychosocial activities are held fortnightly at Talavou Village and is open to Rainbow identifying young people aged 13-20.
- **LLG (Legends Leadership Group):** A weekly initiative offering leadership workshops tailored for MVPFAFF+ students, aimed at developing practical skills for success in school, post-graduation, and everyday life.

Talavou Fale

Talavou Fale supports and prepares younger members of the community for their teenage and young adult years through these programs:

- **NAVIG8:** A comprehensive Relationships and Sexuality Education Programme

incorporating drama learning outcomes aligned with the NZ Health & Physical Education Curriculum.

- **Ola Fou Learning:** Free and accessible tutoring designed and led by young Pasifika for young Pasifika, aimed at supporting students in their studies within a safe and inclusive environment.

“Village Collective is important as it enhances the voices of our youth. Our programmes are designed for youth to fully express their concerns and passions that lead up to establishments of our facilities. Support from other businesses means more youth are being heard, encourages them that their voices matter and that they are deserving of the care as our next generation of leaders” concludes Jenna Fruean, Youth Activator.

Wiri Business is proud to have supported the Village Collective’s TEU Wardrobe earlier this year. Our donation goes towards purchasing items for the TEU Wardrobe to ensure Pasifika youth are work ready.

If your business is keen to support Village Collective, you can collaborate on social media engagement, sponsorships, and donations of resources—from clothing for TEU Wardrobe to educational materials for programs like NAVIG8.

For more information, reach out to Village Collective at info@villagecollective.nz or visit social media channels:

- Instagram: @villagecollective, @talavouvillage, @rainbowfale21, @teu_wardrobe
- Facebook: Village Collective, Rainbow Fale, TEU Wardrobe
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Breaking Ground at APD

Over a year ago we sat down with APD, specialists in Tank and System Solutions and talked about the how shortly they were going to outgrow their current facility.

That day has come. They have just broken ground at their Wiri site on 49 McLaughlins Road, marking the start of a transformative journey.

Over the next year, they’ll be constructing a modern and sustainable facility that will home to their dedicated team.

To accommodate the construction of additional manufacturing space and new office areas, they have temporarily relocated their Sales and Administration office.

The move is essential to ensure that the renovations could proceed smoothly, and their team could continue to operate effectively during this period of change. Their Sales and Admin office will now be located at 86E Plunket Ave, Manukau.

This project marks an exciting new chapter for APD, we look forward to revisiting this story in the future.

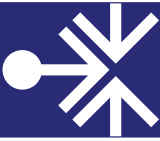
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WIRI

means business



Free networking and courses

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means community

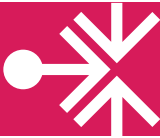


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WIRI

means security



Safer streets

WIRI

means environment



Keeping Wiri tidy



WIRI

means advocacy



Advocating for your business