

CONNECT 2 UPDATES

MID WINTER 2022

Jocelyn's Highlights

We are now nearly through winter, and the seasons will soon be changing with it getting lighter in the morning. Summers not far away.

We are living in a world of change and it's important to focus on "changing the things that we can" in our businesses to make it easier to operate in this ever-changing world.

For those of you looking at moving more into a digital marketing world:

Digital Facilitation Scheme

Digital Boost is a programme designed to improve the digital capability of businesses under 20 FTE's who have a NZBN and have not previously registered for the digital boost programme. There is 24 hours of delivering programme content, tailored to cohort needs – over 3 to 6 months, and optimally in person.

Check out - <https://digitalboost.business.govt.nz>

CONGRATULATIONS DANNI

Congratulations to Danni for passing her final Cap Stone exam! We are so proud of all the hard work and hours she has put into it.



WELCOME SHANNON!

We are very excited to welcome Shannon to the team as Practice & Marketing Co-Ordinator taking over for Micaela as she continues with her studies and moves into her new role to take on more responsibility.



Hot Topics

Parental Leave Payment Increases

Parental leave payments will increase by 6.33% from Friday, 1 July 2022, to match the rise in the average weekly earnings.

The maximum weekly rate for eligible employees and self-employed parents will increase from \$621.76 to \$661.12 gross per week.



Cost of Living Payment

As part of Budget 2022, the Government announced the introduction of a Cost-of-Living Payment of \$350 split over 3 monthly payments starting 1 August to help with the rising costs of inflation for eligible individuals.

IRD will pay the Cost-of-Living Payment automatically if you're eligible for it, you do not need to apply.

Please check the link for eligibility:

<https://www.ird.govt.nz/cost-of-living-payment>



Five things you should know about Bright Line

1. It applies to residential property not commercial properties
2. There are different dates and timelines
3. Different rules for new builds
4. There are exemptions for your own home, but you can get caught in the net if you've rented your own home during the period
5. It pays to give us a call to discuss before signing the sales and purchase agreement

Client Feature

Strategic Landscaping



Strategic Landscaping provides the full landscaping package from design to plant & construction through to maintenance. For both residential and commercial locations to transform any outdoor area.

Located in Te Puna, operating throughout Bay of Plenty, Waikato, and surrounding areas.

Take a look at there website:

<https://strategiclandscaping.co.nz>

Upcoming Events

2 – 23 July – Learn Embroidery Stitching

8 July – Zespri Annual Rugby Charity Auction

30 July – Stars Aligned – Opus Orchestra

7 August – Gentle Man - The Best of Chris Parker

27 August – The Boss: Bruce Springsteen Tribute

27 – 28 August – Tauranga Food Show