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By email: s 9(2)(a)

Tēnā koe s 9(2)(a)

Request under the Official Information Act 1982 – Email of 1 December 2023

Thank you for your email of 10 May 2024, requesting the following information from Te Pūkenga – New Zealand Institute of Skills and Technology (Te Pūkenga):

... I request a full copy email sent by/on behalf of Peter Winter on 1 December 2023 to staff regarding his and Murray Strong's meeting with the Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills (the same email as partially released as document 16 here).

We note that the document you reference is from within an OIA response that is published on our website, specifically that found on page 38 at:

www.tepukenga.ac.nz/assets/OIA-Responses/TP230277-Appendix-Two_Redacted.pdf.

We can advise that the information redacted and removed from this email, as published on our website, was due to it being outside the scope of the OIA request it pertained to.

This letter provides a formal decision on your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

The decision

The email within scope of your request was sent by Peter Winder to all Te Pūkenga kaimahi via Ngā Taipitopito, our internal newsletter, on Friday 1 December 2023, titled:

Ngā Taipitopito | Peter Winder has a first meeting with the new Minister.

A copy of the email is attached at **Appendix One**.

With the exception of Peter Winder, our former Chief Executive, photographs of individuals have been withheld under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA to protect the privacy of natural persons. We do not believe the need to withhold this information is outweighed by the public interest in its release.

You have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the OIA if you are not happy with this response. Information about how to do this is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

We may publish our OIA responses and the information contained in our reply to you on our website. Before publishing we will remove any personal or identifiable information.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gus Gilmore', with a large circular flourish above the name.

Gus Gilmore
Tumuaki | Chief Executive

Appendix One

From: NoReply <noreply@tepukenza.ac.nz>
Sent: Friday, 1 December 2023 11:01 am
To: Megan Gibbons
Subject: Ngā Taipitopito |Peter Winder has a first meeting with the new Minister.



Ngā Taipitopito

Nau mai ki te putanga hou o Ngā Taipitopito
Welcome to our latest fortnightly edition of Ngā Taipitopito



He kōrero mai i a Peter Winder

A note from Peter Winder

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou

Yesterday, Board Chair Murray Strong and I met with new Minister of Tertiary Education and Skills, Hon. Penny Simmonds. Many of you will know her from her tenure as Chief Executive of Southern Institute of Technology (SIT). As you will have seen in the Government's 100 day plan announcements, the Government intends to "begin disestablishing Te Pūkenga". The Minister has undertaken to provide us with a new Letter of Expectations shortly. Once we receive this, we will have greater clarity about the direction the Government wishes to take in relation to vocational education and training.

Until we receive greater clarity, I can appreciate the stress and anxiousness that you may be feeling. Please do reach out to your leaders and our PCW team, and look after each other.

While these are uncertain times, I also encourage you to remember our purpose and our commitment to delivering excellent vocational education and training for our ākonga, employers and communities.

Last night, Tumu Whenua ā-Rohe 1 | Executive Director, Region 1 Peseta-Sam Lotu-liga joined kaimahi and whānau to celebrate the achievements of ākonga with MIT | Te Pūkenga Trades Academy. The business division is the country's largest tertiary-based provider of the scheme which allows secondary and kura ākonga opportunities to forge vocational pathways while completing NCEA at high school.

No fewer than 14 Prime Minister's Vocational Excellence Awards were handed out. Each of these represents the success of a young person who has really excelled and is moving towards a bright future in one of a wide variety of fields ranging from construction, automotive engineering, plumbing, hospitality, business and IT.

The trades academy was first established eight years ago and in that time has expanded from 200 places at Level 2, to today providing 862 allocated places at Levels 2 and 3. Well done to all those who have built such a strong programme for south Auckland schools. Being part of these celebrations is a reminder to us all of the influence we have to really make a difference

for ākonga, to break down those barriers to ensure equity and diversity is celebrated and kept front of our minds.

There are many other end of year celebrations taking place throughout the motu, and I hope that as we recognise our ākonga at these events, you also take time to reflect on the important role you play in their success.

This has been a big year on so many levels, and we still have a few big weeks ahead. I want to once again thank you for your huge commitment to Te Pūkenga and especially to our ākonga.

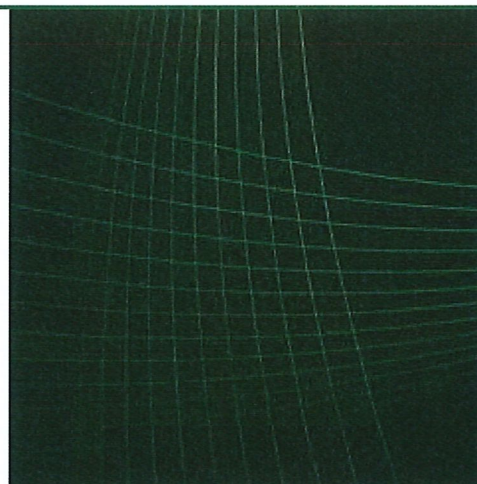
Ngā mihi nui
Peter Winder
Tumuaki | Chief Executive

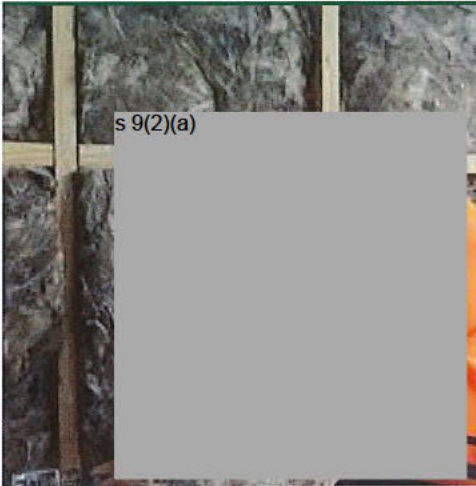
Ngā kōrero hou Our updates

New appointments update

Recruitment continues at pace this week with several appointments including a Pounuku | Director appointment in **Ākonga me te Ahumahi** | Learner and Employer Experience. All appointments have been added to our new appointments page on Te Whare.

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EIT | Te Pūkenga kaimahi getting Hawke's Bay campus up and running

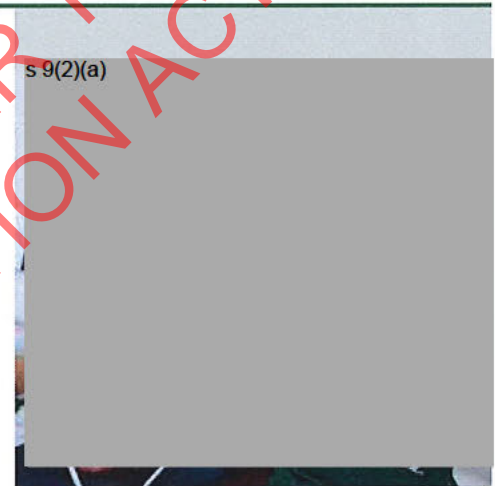
The collective efforts of kaimahi in Hawke's Bay and Tairāwhiti have enabled continued delivery post-Cyclone Gabrielle.

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Preparing ākonga for the collaborative future of healthcare

A new home for Te Kotahi Oranga | Health and Wellness Centre has been opened at Wintec allowing ākonga work-placement opportunities supporting their development of interprofessional skills.

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First Rainbow Nursing Scholarship for New Zealand launched in Palmerston North

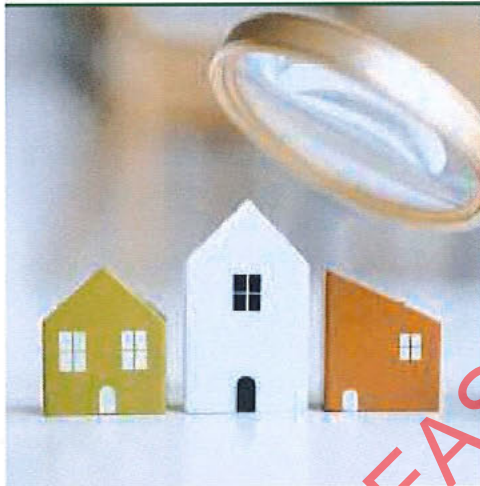
UCOL | Te Pūkenga has joined with Te Whatu Ora MidCentral to launch Aotearoa New Zealand's First Rainbow Nursing Scholarship, available for LGBTQI+ Bachelor of Nursing ākonga studying at UCOL's Palmerston North campus.

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Learner representatives meet to discuss the future of learner representation at Te Pūkenga

Learner representatives from around the motu met in person for the first time in Wellington to discuss the future of learner representation at Te Pūkenga.

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Stay informed of the latest property updates and developments across each region via Te Whare

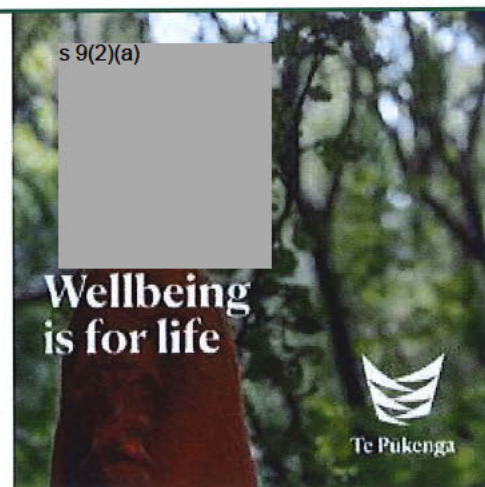
The property page will provide updates involving workspaces, moves, buildings and land. Impacted kaimahi, ākonga, employers and key stakeholders will continue to be engaged early and directly. This page will compliment this engagement, offering high level updates on developments across Aotearoa.

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- a brochure about Te Pae Ora
- Take Five spinner
- Mindful Coloring card
- a small nature sticker



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Get in quick to register for Te Pūkenga Pacific Research Symposium

Organisers of the inaugural Te Pūkenga Pacific Research Symposium are delighted with early registration numbers, the range of abstracts and calibre of speakers. The deadline for registration is Monday (4 Dec) – anyone not yet registered is urged to get in quickly.

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Movember challenge raises more than \$4000

Together, as an organization, we have successfully raised almost \$5000 in support of Movember—a remarkable achievement that we can all take pride in.

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Network wins

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- Second Kilmarnock cohort earn Ara | Te Pūkenga qualifications

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- Otago Polytechnic proud to support Grand Business South Awards

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