

# Workbridge Taranaki Newsletter

December 2021



## Building a bridge over employment barriers

We are excited to connect with our local community and provide information about our free employment services.

Kia ora koutou, welcome to the December edition of our regular Workbridge Taranaki Newsletter. As part of our ongoing commitment to establish and develop our stakeholder relationships, being able to reach out through our newsletter will be an important part of this process. We have some upcoming changes in our office this month, Nichola Lobban will be leaving us in December and we would like to introduce you to Phill, our new Employer Focused Employment Consultant, who is now on board.

**Wishing everyone a safe & merry Christmas!**

Phill Weston

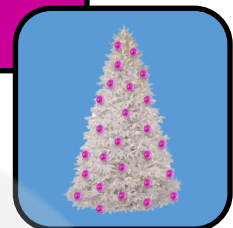
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I am an Employer Focused Employment Consultant & having lived overseas for the past 12 years I returned to Taranaki about 6 months ago. I have had an extensive career in the recruitment sector both in NZ & overseas, however about 2 years ago I switched to Employment services in Australia so that I could use the skills & experience gained from close to 20 years in the recruitment industry to assist anyone who may be struggling to move into paid employment & I feel privileged that I am able to continue in this line of work back in Taranaki



### Workbridge Christmas Period

We will be closed from Thursday 23 December and our Taranaki office will be re-opening on Monday 10 December. Our Contact Team will be available over some of this period - Free Ph 0508 858 858 or contact us via our website <https://workbridge.co.nz/get-in-touch/make-an-email-enquiry/>



## Lets answer some Frequently Asked Questions...

### What do we consider a disability or health condition for our service?

We consider a disability or health condition to be anything that someone feels impacts on, or creates barriers to either gaining or maintaining employment.

### How long is our service?

We have 12 months to work with each person to support them into employment and then an additional 12 months to support them when they gain employment.

We call this post placement support and we understand that maintaining employment is just as important as gaining employment and our service supports both aspects of the job search process.

### Do we also work with employers?

Yes - we have some great relationships with Taranaki based employers and we can profile our clients direct to employers as well as submitting them forward for suitable vacancies that may come into our office.

### Can we work with people who are already employed?

We can only work with people who are not already working more than 5 hours per week. As we are focused on supporting people to move into employment, they are not eligible to work with us if they are already employed, however circumstances can change and we are always happy to meet with anyone to explain our services regardless of their current employment status.

The Covid pandemic might have changed many things, including the way Workbridge interacts with jobseekers and employers, but what remains is the campaign to find work for all, based on abilities...Traffic lights wont stop Workbridge Mahi!

All of our staff are vaccinated and we can still provide service for everyone.

Under the Green traffic light of the Covid Protection Framework (CPF), Workbridge offices will be open and there will be little difference in the way both vaccinated and unvaccinated jobseekers are dealt with.

Under both Orange and Red settings, Workbridge will work just as hard to help unvaccinated jobseekers but will offer a remote service. Please check our national Facebook page for more detailed information.