

## UPDATE FROM THE MARLBOROUGH REGIONAL SKILLS LEADERSHIP GROUP

Kia ora koutou,

We are excited to welcome you to the first update of the Marlborough Regional Skills Leadership Group (RSLG). Twelve members have now been appointed by government to the group with the key deliverable of producing a regional workforce plan for Marlborough. We have a diverse group of people from a range of backgrounds and have a real opportunity to play a part in making sure that Marlborough has an inclusive workforce that everyone is able to participate in and is future proofed.

This year has continued to demonstrate the need for a resilient and agile workforce and we would like to acknowledge the June flood event, as well as the latest COVID-19 outbreak and the impact that it has had on business and whanau.

The permanent RSLG will build on the work of the interim RSLG and we would like to thank the members of the interim RSLG for their work over the past year. Since the last update of the interim RSLG:

- We have worked with bringing together the Aged Residential Care forum. There are five emerging work streams aimed at improving outcomes for employees and making sure that providers can identify and retain skilled staff.
- With a number of big construction projects planned in Marlborough over the next 2-3 years, the RSLG is working with the Building and Construction ITO and the sector, to identify and address barriers to these projects getting the workers they need.

Engagement and partnership with you is going to be a key part our success and achieving our aspirations for the region and we look forward to speaking with you soon.

Ngā mihi

Corey Heberd and Jennifer Moxon (co-chairs of the Marlborough Regional Skills Leadership Groups).



Photo credit: Te Pātaka o Wairau Night Market

### WELCOME TO THE MEMBERS OF THE RSLG

**Co-Chairs:** Jennifer Moxon (Non-executive director) and Corey Heberd (GM Rangitāne)

**Members:** Craig Churchill, Neil Henry, Kay Saville-Smith, Mark Watson, Celia Daniels, Marcus Pickens, Erika Te Whiu, Steph Benseman, Tracy Johnston, David Kettley.

**MBIE Regional Lead:** Vance Kerslake

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### PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE WORKFORCE NEEDS

We are working to develop Marlborough's first Regional Workforce Plan by June 2022.

The focus of the report is on labour and skills issues in the Marlborough region and will broadly set out:

- Marlborough's current state
- Our aspirations for the region
- What actions we need to take to make our aspirations a reality

The plan will help us co-ordinate at a regional level and understand what needs to be done to achieve our goals.

The plans will be delivered to Government and they will be required to respond



### KEY DATES GOING FORWARD

**September to November:** Consultation on current state and our regions aspirations

**February to March 2022:** Consultation on Draft Workforce Plan

**June 2022:** Regional Workforce Plan finalised