



## Covid-19 Information and Support

Kia ora koutou katoa

As we all begin self-isolation, we want to let you know, that while the office is closed, we are working remotely and still very much available to you.

You will see a bunch of smiling faces at the top of the page. Thanks to our member Neil Jones from [YourTour 360](#) for the new Board photo. Our board is committed to our community and as business owners and employees, understand the difficult time our community is experiencing.

Due to the current circumstances, our events are all postponed and the iPhone XS draw will take place later in the year.

We have put together information that we hope you find useful and will answer the questions you have been sharing with us. We have started a [Chamber Members Facebook](#) Group for discussion, support and encouragement.

These times will challenge us all, but we are resilient, and we will support each other, our businesses and organisations. It has never been more important to talk to each other and connect. Together we will get through this - day by day. Kia kaha Whanganui.

Ngā mihi

Sue Stuart  
Chief Executive

# COVID-19 Useful Resources

These links will direct you to the latest information and resources regarding COVID-19.

[Official COVID-19 Government](#)

[Ministry of Health - Updates](#)

[Ministry of Social Development - Assistance](#)

[Wage Subsidy Application Form - Employer](#)

[Wage Subsidy Application Form - Self employed/trader](#)

[Inland Revenue - Assistance](#)

[Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment - Workplace Guidance](#)

[Business Govt - Guidance](#)

[NZTE - News for Exporters](#)

[FAQs](#)

## Adviceline

The Whanganui Chamber now has access to **Adviceline** for **free business support and advice**. If you require information on the current situation, such as applying for government assistance, please phone 0800 800 362. **Adviceline** is open 8am to 8pm.

As you can imagine, this service is currently very busy, so wait time may be longer than usual.

## Business Partner Programme

Funding is available through the Business Partner Programme to support businesses with one on one support for HR, Health and Wellness, Continuity Planning, and Financial and Cashflow Management.

To find out more, get in touch with Tim Easton, Business Growth Advisor  
[tim.easton@whanganuiandpartners.nz](mailto:tim.easton@whanganuiandpartners.nz)

# Message from Inland Revenue

If your business is unable to pay its taxes on time due to the impact of COVID-19, we understand. You don't need to contact us right now.

Get in touch with us when you can, and we'll write-off any penalties and interest.

It would help a lot if you continue to file however, as the information is used to make correct payments to people, and to help the Government continue to respond to what is happening in the economy.

The following link is the latest news coming out of Inland Revenue:

<https://media.ird.govt.nz/articles/inland-revenue-updated-advice-to-businesses/>

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We are working with our partners to support business and community. To access them please click the hyperlinks below.



[Te Mana Atatu](#) [Whanganui & Partners](#) [Whanganui Chamber of Commerce](#) [Mainstreet Whanganui](#)