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### Wellington on a Plate is almost here!

Get your appetite ready - Wellington's newest culinary festival is about to serve up some good deals and great times!

With a tasty line-up of over 30 events, the inaugural Wellington On a Plate festival runs from 17-30 August. The main event this year is Dine Wellington, a fortnight where 43 of the city's finest restaurants offer lunchtime set menus including two courses, a cup of coffee or tea, and a glass of Wairarapa wine for \$25 or \$35. Some also have \$15 options available (wine excluded). Dinner deals and discounts are also on the menu.



Other Wellington On a Plate events include the craft beer festival Beervana, a sneak peek into the kitchens of some of the Capital's top restaurants, espresso tasting, an array of food and beverage matching, cocktail training, banquet lunches, lunch and dinner theatre, and a 70s throwback. Organised by Grow Wellington and Positively Wellington Tourism, this festival looks set to cement the Capital as New Zealand's top foodie destination. For further information, click [here](#)

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### Win sponsored places to the MORGO Conference

MORGO is an exclusive entrepreneurs conference that provides a unique opportunity to engage with New Zealand's most entrepreneurial minds. Held at **Waitangi from 27-28 August**, MORGO features 20 exciting speakers from around the world, and this year even includes a Jetpack demonstration!

You could win one of six sponsored places at the conference which covers Conference registration and two nights' accommodation. Sponsored places are available for two academics, two students, and two cool companies.

Applications close on 6 August, so register [here](#) to be in the draw to win.

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### Turning the tables on Dragon's Den

We've probably all seen the TV show *Dragon's Den* where budding entrepreneurs pitch their business ideas to a group of Dragon investors. But in *Damsel's Den*, the Dragons get to pitch to the entrepreneurs!

The Damsels are a group of business angels from Angel HQ, and they are about to tell business people who they are, what they've done, what other investments they've made, the networks they can access and, of course, what they look for in a winning opportunity.



If your business is interested in raising capital anytime soon - or if you'd just like to know more about what investors look for in a business - and wish to enjoy some top-

notch Wellington networking at the same time, then don't miss Damsel's Den.

**When:** Monday 31 August, 5.30pm-8.00pm

**Where:** Deloitte House, 10 Brandon Street

For more information, click [here](#)

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### Wellington Region Export Awards

The Wellington Region Export Awards have been a feature event for regional exporters for many years. They provide exporters with an opportunity to be recognised for their important contribution to the New Zealand economy. It is one of the most popular events on the Wellington business calendar, attracting participation from Ministers, local dignitaries and top business people.

This year the Hon Tim Groser, Minister of Trade, is hosting the event which is being held at the same venue as last year, the Beehive's Banquet Hall on 12 November.

Awards will be presented for the following categories:

Services Exporter of the Year

Product Exporter of the Year

Emerging Exporter of the Year

The coveted Exporter of the Year award winner will be chosen from the winners of each of the above categories.

For further information contact Daniel Farley, Export NZ Wellington on 04 934 8222

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### Calling all geeks!

Wellington's premier road show event for the IT industry is back, and bigger and better than ever!

Gadgets, Games and Geeks 09 features an exciting lineup of speakers, including keynote speaker Bill Reichert, Managing Director of Garage Technology Ventures, a California-based seed and early stage venture capital fund. What Bill doesn't know about starting and growing a successful technology company isn't worth knowing! Bill will speak about *The Future of Innovation: Entrepreneurship, Venture Capital and Emerging Technologies*.

**When:** Monday 24 August, 4.30pm-9.00pm

**Where:** St James Theatre, Courtenay Place

For further information, click [here](#)

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### Business and trade delegation to China

Interested in doing business in one of the most populous nations on earth?

Ground Zero Ltd is organising another business and trade delegation to China, this time to coincide with the China International Fair for Investment and Trade (CIFIT) being held next month in Wellington's sister city, Xiamen.

There are two opportunities, including an eight-day familiarisation tour of Beijing, Xiamen and Shanghai or a joint presence at a New Zealand trade booth at CIFIT Xiamen.

Indications of interest are needed by mid August so either contact Chris Lipscombe on 04 913 8110 or click [here](#)

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