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Major TV Commercial Shoot in Wellington

Wellingtonians shouldn't be alarmed by a low-flying helicopter and spotlights next Monday and Tuesday nights (June 29 and 30).

Film Wellington says a major US television commercial, involving a helicopter and lights being shone onto streets and buildings, will be filmed in Wellington's CBD next week.

The helicopter is expected to finish its flight over the city by 11.00pm; afterwards, production will continue with additional lights being projected from vehicles and from buildings around the city.

The commercial being filmed is for a large American telecommunications company. Wellington's reputation as a film-friendly location was evident from the fact it had been used numerous times in the last year as a stand-in for overseas cities on major productions.



Don't Miss The Escalator

The next Escalator workshops will be held on Wednesday 8 July at Grow Wellington's Manners Street premises.

The two four-hour workshops will focus on topics such as what investors look for in a business, how deals are structured and what help is out there to become investment ready, as well as working on your pitch.

Attendance is fully funded by New Zealand Trade and Enterprise. For more information, click [here](#)

Deloitte Fast 50 Open

It's that time of the year when New Zealand's most outstanding companies are invited to step forward and take a bow.

Registrations have just opened in this annual competition that allows Kiwi businesses to benchmark and celebrate their growth.

Deloitte Fast 50 Companies enjoy:

- Recognition and positive media coverage
- Enhanced profile across the business and financial community
- Boost in employee morale
- Strengthened employer brand.

So what are you waiting for? For more information, click [here](#)



Electra Business Breakfast

Warm up a cold winter morning with a hot breakfast and some robust debate at the Nature Coast's Electra Business Breakfast in Kapiti on July 1.

Guest speaker is Chris Ineson from *Drivingforces* who has been a businessman and CEO for

over 30 years working in a range of sectors, including exporting and international sport. He is a former Olympian and was CEO of the NZ Sports Foundation for 10 years.

Come along and hear Chris's insights into what makes sports people successful and how you can apply those principles to your business.

Date: Wednesday 1 July 2009

Venue: Southwards Museum

Time: 7.15am

Cost: \$15 per head for buffet breakfast

For more information, click [here](#)

Xero Launches 'Real Time' FOREX Tool

Wellington online accounting software service company Xero has released a multi-currency feature for small companies that trade internationally.

Using Xero, businesses can now raise invoices and reconcile foreign currency bank accounts in more than 160 currencies. Conversions are done in real-time and updated hourly.

It allows foreign currency exposure and the effect on cashflow to be managed in a way that until now has only been available to the largest of companies.

For further information, click [here](#)



Japan Festival Business Breakfast

To celebrate the Japan Festival that's taking place in Wellington on 10 and 11 July, a special networking breakfast is being held to kick start the festivities that recognise the 50th anniversary of the Japan Society of Wellington and the 15th anniversary of Wellington's sister city status with Sakai.

Presenters include Mr Tatsuya Kawase, Senior Vice President of Mars and Company, a leading global strategic consulting group, and Ms K-J Dillon, who was responsible for the first venture partnership between Mitsubishi Motors Japan and Meridian Energy.

Date/Time: Friday 10 July, 7.15-9.00am

Place: Wellington Town Hall Auditorium

To register, click [here](#)

Bizzone Business Expo

It's a little way off, but mark it in your calendars - from Wed 22nd July to Friday 24th July, the Bizzone Business Expo will be in Wellington.

Featuring 40 free seminars, specialised zones, free business mentoring and free smart marketing, Bizzone will again bring business people the most up-to-date and relevant information about increasing sales, pricing strategies, business planning, cost reduction and investment advice.

Where: TSB Arena

Date: Wed 22 July - 9am-4pm; Thur 23 July 9am-8pm and Fri 24 July 9am-4pm

For more information, click [here](#)





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