



# Alumni News

Welcome to the November 2017 edition of the KPMG New Zealand Alumni E-comm. This monthly update is a great way to keep you connected to KPMG New Zealand.

We value your feedback and if there is something in particular that you would like to hear more about please get in touch with us via our Website, Alumni email address or KPMG Alumni page on Linked in.

See below for some of our latest news, publications and events which we hope will be of interest to you:

- **Disruptive influences: Three key trends transforming the face of retail.** Today's consumers are looking, above all, for value, convenience and a unique experience. These three trends are driving disruption to existing markets and business models on an unprecedented scale. Retailers who fail to respond to these trends are being punished — often severely. Retailers who deliver on one or more of these trends, however, are being rewarded — often handsomely. Who are the winners in this brave new world, and what can we learn from them? [Click here](#) to read the full article.
- **Promoting cyber literacy for youth around the world.** KPMG participated in the inaugural KPMG Global Cyber Day, a Corporate Citizenship program aimed at educating youth about the importance of cyber security. KPMG NZ joined hundreds of fellow Cyber Security colleagues from around the world to lead short classroom discussions in local schools. These sessions focused on personal data, social media, cyber bullying, and online gaming, with the purpose of helping today's youth better understand Internet and cyber risk.
- **Fuelling Community Prosperity.** KPMG staff spent a day preparing meals for the Kiwi families staying in the Ronald McDonald House in Grafton while they are away from home with a hospitalised child. [Click here for further details about volunteering with the Ronald McDonald House.](#)
- **Alternative tools to unclog NZ's infrastructure pipeline.** The Infrastructure NZ Building Nations Symposium took place in Wellington late October. The KPMG Markets Team produced a pop-up space to engage attendees around our expertise in the area of alternative infrastructure financing options. KPMG's Head of Global Infrastructure and Global Cities, Stephen C Beatty, was on hand to address Symposium delegates. [Click here to read more](#)
- **Best Innovation in Graduate Sector.** KPMG took out the NZ Association of Graduate Employers (NZAGE) award for best innovation. We were recognised for our Student Summits, a new concept event developed and rolled out in Auckland in 2016 and in Auckland and Wellington this year. The other finalists that we were up against were Deloitte, DLA Piper, Xero and Teach First. The Student Summits have been focused on innovation and disruption with this year's Summit entitled 'Workforce of the Future – How to survive the 4th industrial revolution' – with this year being a competition to design the best robot within a 3 hour period. [Click here to see all the winners for NZAGE](#)
- **EVENT – FIPS Non-bank Launch.** KPMG will launch for the first time their annual Non-Bank Financial Institutions Performance Survey. This will be held at the KPMG Auckland office on Thursday 14 December at 7.30am and will finish by 8.30am. At this complimentary seminar, we will outline what's happened in the industry and the key trends for the 2017 period, both with an industry overview and sectorial performance analysis. If you wish to attend please contact Aniselina Aholelei on (09) 367 5331 or via email [aaholelei@kpmg.co.nz](mailto:aaholelei@kpmg.co.nz) by Friday 1st December.
- **KPMG Tax updates.** The new Government has indicated that it will hit the ground running. Our latest issue attempts to sketch out the new Government's policy positions (or what they are likely to be). [Click here](#) for our Post-election Taxmail.
- **Reporting News.** Our latest issue looks into new standards for Public Benefit Entities. It will assist preparers to ensure that all relevant PBE Standards have been applied correctly and to identify, and consider PBE standards not yet mandatory. To find out more, [click here](#).

We value your connection with us and invite you to visit our Alumni website periodically to stay abreast of all the latest news and happenings at KPMG New Zealand. Please reach out to us if you would like additional information regarding any of the above topics.



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