

KPMG Alumni News

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Welcome to the September edition of the KPMG New Zealand Alumni News.

We have collated our latest news and publications on the current business environment which we hope will be helpful to you.

KPMG New Zealand CEO Outlook 2020



The 2020 KPMG New Zealand CEO Outlook pulse-check finds New Zealand's chief executives using this unparalleled moment in history to lead with increased purpose and impact, both societal and economic.

KPMG initially surveyed CEOs across the globe in January and February, before many key markets were beginning to feel the full impact of the pandemic crisis. In July and August, KPMG conducted a pulse-check, which included 50 New Zealand CEOs across 11 different industry sectors, to understand how CEOs' priorities and concerns have evolved during the crisis.

We've identified five key themes in the survey results, showing either a clear change caused by dealing with the pandemic or an interesting contrast between New Zealand CEOs and their global peers. Read our pulse-check [here](#).

You can also read our [KPMG Global 2020 CEO Outlook: COVID-19 Special Edition](#) which offers a unique lens on the evolving attitudes as the pandemic continues to unfold around the world.

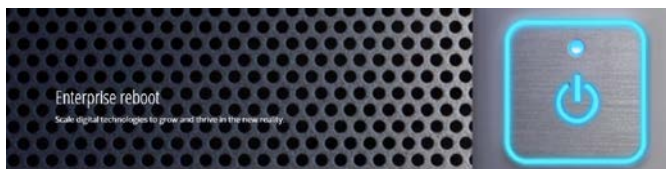
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Enterprise Reboot

Scale digital technologies to grow and thrive in the new reality.

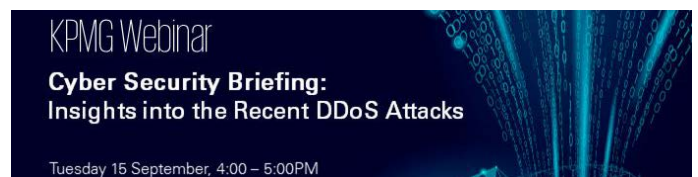


Embracing new technologies is no longer just about doing things better, faster, and cheaper. It now has implications on survival and growth in the new business reality. Emerging technologies are transforming every industry, requiring legacy businesses to radically reinvent themselves – faster than they ever imagined.

The COVID-19 pandemic has reinforced the importance of driving enterprise transformation using technology as an enabler. Emerging technologies which enable automation, artificial intelligence, powerful computing, connected devices and equipment, massive data transfer, collaboration, and business resilience are heroes in these turbulent times, helping enterprises recover from the initial impacts of COVID-19 and set a strong foundation for the future.

Enterprise Reboot. A new report by KPMG International and HFS research, provides data and research on driving tangible value from emerging technologies in this new reality. Read the report [here](#).

Webinar: Cyber Security Briefing – 15 September 2020



In a year where we are constantly being disrupted, the recent DDoS attacks on New Zealand organisations remind us that we need to be ever vigilant. KPMG New Zealand, in conjunction with TUANZ invite you to a webinar with Philip Whitmore, Declan Ingram, Hilary Walton and Craig Young, looking at the recent DDoS attacks, what this means to New Zealand organisations and what we should all be doing about it. Register [here](#).

Consumers & the new reality

A timely reminder for New Zealand retailers



As we face a new outbreak of COVID-19 in New Zealand, the *Consumers and the new reality* research undertaken by KPMG Global earlier this year comes back into focus.

No doubt you will have made many changes to the way your business operates and engages with your customers since the start of the pandemic, but we think this is a helpful reminder of the key changes in customer behaviour and may highlight some additional areas for reflection. Some points worth considering include – the clear desire to 'shop local'; the fundamental importance of an effective digital strategy and platform; and while New Zealand largely returned to 'life as normal' for consumers, physical retail continues to be disrupted.

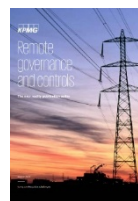
We also share insights on what organisations in the banking and insurance sectors are thinking about. Read the full 'Consumers and the new reality' report [here](#).

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Remote Governance and Controls

The new reality publication series



The impact of COVID-19 lockdown measures on firms' existing governance arrangements and controls cannot be underestimated. Overall, there is recognition that firms and regulators have fared reasonably well in response to the immediate impact. However, governance arrangements and controls need to be reinforced and enhanced in this new reality – where firms and regulators have been given an insight into how things can be done differently in the future; both need to seize this opportunity.

KPMG's *Remote Governance and Controls* paper looks at key points such as the pivotal role that culture has had to play; how strong corporate governance is often the glue holding a firm together; recalibrating risk and rethinking the associated controls; and the evolving regulatory agenda. Read our latest report [here](#).

Community @ KPMG

Centre for Social Impact launches the National Action Plan for Community Governance

Help is coming for half a million board members of community organisations



Research has consistently shown that the capability of boards and committees in the community sector is variable both across sectors and between regions. These governance roles are rewarding but can be difficult. Independent director and Chair of the Community Governance Steering Group (CGSG), Mele Wendt, knows that many in the community sector are facing unprecedented challenges and opportunities for innovation due to the repercussions of COVID-19 and therefore the need for good governance has never been so important.

In addressing this need, the Centre for Social Impact (CSI) has been collaborating with the CGSG to develop a National Action Plan for Community Governance. During the initial lockdown, and in recent months, over 150 people from across New Zealand involved in community governance, including some of the KPMG team, contributed to shaping an action plan to support and enhance governance in the community sector.

The Plan presents a range of practical solutions to the pressures and opportunities that present themselves from a governance point of view. Read the National Action Plan for Community Governance [here](#).

If you are interested to know more or would like to support ongoing implementation, please contact us.

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Tax

Stranded in New Zealand? Mind the tax!

For many New Zealanders, working from home is becoming the new normal thanks to technology advances enabling individuals to virtually connect with colleagues, attend meetings and essentially operate in business as usual conditions remotely. And with remote working becoming so accessible and acceptable, the geographic constraints which usually operate in an employment relationship no longer apply. Increasingly, we are seeing individuals operating from a completely different country and time zone to their employers. It's important to note potential tax issues while working in this new environment. You can find a summary of tax considerations and how these might impact you as an employee or an employer in our update [here](#).

Election Tax Policy

New Zealand has a good tax administration system due to the relatively recent billion-dollar investment to make it fit-for-purpose. So, as we battle the COVID-19 crisis and other 21st century challenges, does New Zealand have its tax settings right? KPMG Partner - John Cantin, shares his insights in our tax update [here](#).

Employer Tax Update

Many employers are working through their tax obligations as a result of employees choosing to relocate to, or becoming stranded in, other jurisdictions. For those grappling with displaced workers, the Inland Revenue's draft operational statement *Non-resident employer's obligations to deduct PAYE, FBT and ESCT* may be of interest as well as KPMG's summary of the latest COVID-19 tax updates for New Zealand and Australia. Read our tax update [here](#).

Reporting Updates

Amongst the topics covered in this issue – we share KPMG's latest guidance through our publications on IFRS 17 *Insurance Contracts*; as well as the implementation of NZ IFRS 16 *Leases*. We also look at the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board's latest amendments to the accounting standards; and the UK's Financial Reporting Council's recent thematic review of company disclosures related to COVID-19, in our Financial Reporting Updates. In Business Reporting, we share guidance for organisations requested to provide information under the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act 2019. In Business Governance, we look at *Climate Change – time for no regrets*, an article by KPMG recently published by the Institute of Directors' outlining how COVID-19 presents the opportunity for a climate and sustainability reset. Read our latest reporting updates [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. Kia Kaha, take care of yourselves and your family.



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