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This months video from me - strategy, marketing, and cautious optimism:



VIDEO: (2:15 min)

Link if Youtube picture not showing:

<https://youtu.be/FyDg-67SaJs>

Social Media marketing training

The Association is about to start working on our digital marketing strategy. As part of this we are also making available a **FREE** one day marketing webinar for Association members (run over two mornings - Aug 11/12). I've attended this myself so am very confident that that you will find this really useful/practical, immediately implementable. [Register now](#)

WEERS strategy workshop

Another date to lock in - August 5th. Our Window Energy Efficiency Rating System (WEERS) allows you to accurately assess the energy efficiency of individual windows and glazed doors specific to the New Zealand climate. WEERS ratings are used in calculating NZ Green Building Council Homestar ratings. However is it still fit for purpose? New members looking to adopt the system have not done so due to the cost. We are not growing adoption. Are there now other options?

It's really important as an Association that we have a clear strategy/road-map for such an important tool. This meeting is open to all members interested in the future of WEERS. [Book here.](#)

IGUMA/Glass meeting - visit to BRANZ and GGI

The next IGUMA/Glass meeting is 27th August. This meeting will be held in Wellington and will include visits to BRANZ and GGI's new premises. Details are still being finalised. Please contact me if you want details - all members are welcome.

Building Act reform - product info

A couple of weeks bill One had its first reading in Parliament. Bill One addresses four key areas:

1. Product Certification
2. Product Information
3. Modern Methods of Construction

4. Offenses and Penalties, Building levy and time to lay charges

We are particularly interested in the changes to product information. More info can be found in this [fact sheet](#).

Employer subsidy for apprentices

A new government subsidy (announced today): Apprenticeship Boost would pay businesses \$1000-a-month for each apprentice in their first year of training, and \$500-a-month for apprentices in their second year. Minister of Education Chris Hipkins said the scheme would run for 20 months from August this year until April 2020, and about 18,000 employers would be eligible to apply. The subsidy was focused on the first two years of apprenticeship, because that was when apprentices were most vulnerable, he said. I'll let you know how to apply as soon as more info is released.

Apprentice Awards

Judging is currently underway. Looking forward to announcing the winners soon.....

Architectural Aluminium Joinery qualification

BCITO will be kicking off a review of the AAJ qualifications later this year. We'll give you more information once the timelines are locked in. Please contact Ben Hilder if you would like to participate in the working group.

Westpac - \$10k interest free loan

Just a quick reminder of Westpac's \$10k interest-free loans to purchase heat pumps, solar panels, ventilation, **double-glazing** or insulation. The loans are interest-free for up to five years and are available to new and existing Westpac customers.

Kāinga Ora commits to 6 star

NZGBC were successful in getting Kāinga Ora to commit to 6 Homestar. By committing to meeting this new standard, Kāinga Ora will be building homes far beyond the requirements of the New Zealand Building Code. Since July 1,

2019, all new Kāinga Ora builds have been planned to meet 6 Homestar standards, and already 180 homes have achieved this standard. The new homes are assessed for their thermal performance, heating sources, water efficiency, ventilation and moisture minimisation, and they will be saving Kāinga Ora customers money – energy savings are estimated to be \$570 per household every year.

Technical Update

In case you missed Rob's newsletter he covered the following:

1. New building consent exemptions approved by Government
 2. Reminder re [NZS4223, Part 3](#), Appendix B provides an informative guide to re-glazing in terms of the Building Code...
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Meeting Calendar

Thursday 23 July - Board meeting

Wednesday 29 July - Component Suppliers

Please feel forward this email to others (or let us know if we need to add anyone)

Ngā Mihi - Regards



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