

Press Release: **Edwina O'Brien joins ISK's Kawerau Pathways to Work**

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Industrial Symbiosis Kawerau's (ISK'S) Workforce Development Chair Deanne Butler announced that Edwina O'Brien has been appointed Kawerau Pathways to Work (KPtW) Manager and will commence with the team in January next year. "We are fortunate to have secured the services of Edwina who brings a wealth of experience to the position." Deanne said. "Edwina is a Kawerau resident and has worked in many of the sectors involved with the KPtW programme."

KPtW is an ISK initiative funded through the Provincial Growth Fund. The objective of the programme is to work with Industry to identify opportunities to connect employers and potential employees and develop a skilled workforce ready to meet the demands of the proposed Eastern Bay of Plenty developments.

"A strong focus in the new year will be to identify both the existing training programmes and the gaps in the offerings to ensure all needs are covered" Deanne said. "The unique factor about KPtW is that the programme is completely industry-led in Kawerau and able to provide insights into the type of work that might be coming up in the next few years. With the developments proposed to commence in 2020, we are striving to be as ready as possible to be able to have a work force in Kawerau and the Eastern Bay ready to fill the positions. This involves working with other agencies within the District to coordinate activities to gain the maximum benefit. "

Edwina will start with KPtW on the 13<sup>th</sup> January and can be contacted then via

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**About ISK:** Industrial Symbiosis Kawerau (ISK), a collaboration of like-minded parties working together for mutual gain, was established in Kawerau in 2012.

Industrial symbiosis is a smarter way of companies sharing and utilising their resources, residues and by-products in order to eliminate waste. This leads to new commercial opportunities, job creation and better environmental outcomes.

ISK offers a unique opportunity to operate sustainable industry that benefits business, the environment and the community. This is created by combining our geothermal capacity and abundant natural resources with this new business thinking.

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**About KPtW:** Kawerau Pathways to Work (KPtW). ISK members recognise the importance of balancing commercial aspiration with a belief in the greater good and social values, and are taking a positive leadership role in the development of programmes that enable the full participation of the community in the workforce.

Kawerau Pathways to Work (KPtW) is an employer driven initiative designed to establish a local 'employer-employee connect' system to improve the likely outcomes and sustainability of employment in our workplaces.

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