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Welcome to the July issue of our e-newsletter.

Well winter has set in and the chilly breeze might be here to stay for a while. However with the speed of which this year has been going, it will be summer before we know it.

Read on to find out what we've been doing and our latest news.

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The event about events - Wellington Conference & Events Expo 2008

The regional Wellington C&I and Events Industry tradeshow is back at the TSB Bank Arena on Wednesday 22nd October.

Having attracted a crowd of more than 850 attendees and 95 exhibitors in 2007, this annual expo has surely cemented its status as one of Wellington's must-attend exhibitions for any event organiser.



The Wellington Convention Centre is proud to be hosting the Expo for the eighth consecutive year and is excited about the continued growth and popularity of the event. Gillian Officer, Manager- Business Development, of the Wellington Convention Centre considers the event to be a real asset to event organisers and exhibitors alike.

"Since opening bookings for this year's exhibition we have already confirmed 60% of the stands; and are looking forward to another exhibition offering event organisers lots of diversity and ideas from the local Wellington providers".

There are still some spaces left - so we encourage exhibitors to be in quick to confirm your space. Check out www.wellingtonconferenceexpo.co.nz. Registrations for event organisers wanting to attend are now open.

Be in to win VIP tickets to WOW

With a database of over 5000 contacts, it is a constant challenge to make sure that we have all your details correct. Mobile numbers change, businesses' move address, and sometimes even change their names.

So in an effort to make sure that we have all your details right - we are offering you the chance to win a "fabulous" WOW package" if you help us with this task. If you click on the following link and update your details, you will go into the draw.

Featuring two VIP passes to WOW on the 4th October and a night at the luxurious Museum Hotel and breakfast for two to wrap things up - we think you're in for a fantastic night out.

Please [click here](#) to update your details.

With an out-flux of some of our key sales staff heading off to the UK for their OE, we have some great new people on board.

Daniel Hayes replaces Charlotte Martelli in the role of Business Development Executive and will work with Kim Hancock in selling the Convention Centre venues.

Raewyn Tse takes over from Aaron Hamilton and will be your contact for new incoming business.

Daniel and Rae are ready and waiting to help you find the perfect venue solution for your next event. Call them today for a chat.



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Restaurant Associates - our cuisine team

A well known character of the catering landscape Herwig Lanzerstorfer - General Manager of Restaurant Associates - drives a dedicated team of food & beverage professionals to deliver great catering to some of the top events held in Wellington.

As the exclusive provider to the Michael Fowler Centre and the Wellington Town Hall, and preferred supplier to the TSB Bank Arena, Restaurant Associates are experienced in catering for a wide variety of events - whether an intimate degustation experience or a gala dinner for thousands. Their creative catering team will work with you to custom design a menu to ensure a truly memorable dining experience.



RA team - Chris Hossell, Herwig Lanzerstorfer, Dan Mikkelsen, Monica Ellis & Vale Verboom

Grand organ showcase

With a musical gem located right here in one of our venues, we felt that we should share it with the rest of the world.

The spectacular grand pipe organ in the Wellington Town Hall is world-renowned for its near perfect acoustics, and will be featured in a series of recitals to showcase both its history and sound. The Organ Recital Series includes five concerts spread from June to November and features performances from the Wellington City Organist Douglas Mews and international guests.

With free admittance and held on Sunday afternoons - it is the perfect weekend treat, and we hope you can make it along.



Organ concert in the Wellington Town Hall Auditorium.

Upgrade continues

The work to upgrade the linkage area between the Michael Fowler Centre and the Wellington Town Hall

is now finished.

With a new disabled access ramp, new steps and paving in place - the journey between these two buildings is now much more user-friendly and certainly prettier than it was before. Further work is planned for the roadside area too - so watch this space!.

What shows are coming up at the Wellington Convention Centre

Lenny Henry - Where You From?

Thursday 31st July - 8pm
Michael Fowler Centre

Fresh from a sell-out UK season, multi-talented comedian Lenny Henry returns to New Zealand for a national tour with his new show, 'Where You From?'

Where You From? brings together the very best of Lenny Henry, it's an electrifying mix of stand-up, music, character comedy and unexpected pathos all wrapped in his warm comic take on our world.

What else?

Saturday 12th July	Vector Wellington Orchestra - Music from a Farr	Wellington Town Hall
Saturday 19th July	Scotland the Brave	Michael Fowler Centre
Friday 25th July	Shihad Concert	Wellington Town Hall
Thursday 31st July - 3rd August	The New Zealand Affordable Art Show	TSB Bank Arena
Thursday 31st July	Lenny Henry - Where you from?	Michael Fowler Centre
Saturday 9th - Sunday 10th August	Women's Lifestyle Expo	TSB Bank Arena
Sunday 10th August	Wellington City Organ Recital - Guest Organist: Robert Costin	Wellington Town Hall
Wednesday 13th August	NZSO Celebrity Series - Yefim Bronfman	Michael Fowler Centre
Sunday 24th August	Wellington City Organ Recital - From Tchaikovsky to China	Wellington Town Hall

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