



## Event backgrounder: Opening of the TechPark campus at Manukau Institute of Technology (MIT) on Friday 23 April 2021

<b>To:</b>	Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister Hon Chris Hipkins, Minister of Education
<b>From:</b>	s9(2)(a), Acting Manager Delivery and Projects
<b>Date:</b>	13 April 2021
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### Purpose

1. You are scheduled to visit Manukau Institute of Technology (MIT) on Friday 23 April 2021, from 9.30am – 11.00am.
2. The purpose of the visit is for the Prime Minister to open the Technology Park campus (TechPark) and unveil a plaque at MIT.
3. The Hon Jenny Salesa will also be attending the event. MIT expect 80 – 100 people to be in attendance.
4. The following officials from the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) will also be attending the event; Chief Executive, Tim Fowler, and Principal Relationship Manager, s9(2)(a).
5. The event will commence with a mihi whakataua. No kaikōrero is required.
6. A speech has been prepared for the Prime Minister.
7. This backgrounder provides you with a brief summary of TechPark and information about MIT including issues that may be raised. The following have been attached as appendices:
  - TechPark event brief and runsheet – Appendix A
  - Biographies of key attendees – Appendix B
  - An overview of MIT's funding for 2021 - Appendix C
  - TechPark invitation list – Appendix D
8. After the opening ceremony, there will be a 20 minute tour of the TechPark campus. Please wear closed-toe shoes for the campus tour. If required, a hard-hat and high-vis vest will be provided by MIT.
9. We recommend this event backgrounder be proactively released following the event.

## About MIT

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10. MIT is one of the largest subsidiaries of Te Pūkenga, with a 2021 Current Approved Allocation of \$59.7 million.<sup>1</sup> This includes funding from the Targeted Training and Apprenticeship Fund (TTAF) to the value of \$3 million (refer Appendix C). MIT is funded to deliver provision to approximately 4,300 equivalent full-time students (EFTS) in 2021.<sup>2</sup>
11. MIT is a Category 1 provider<sup>3</sup> that delivers to a high proportion of Pacific students. MIT's main campus is situated in South Auckland, with delivery at four other sites around Auckland.
12. MIT delivers a wide range of tertiary programmes with the majority at levels 3 and 4; and at degree level. MIT's tertiary programmes include: engineering; building and civil construction; automotive; nursing; specialist trades (such as plumbing and electrical); education; social work and sport; primary and creative industries; logistics; marine engineering; languages; and hospitality and tourism.
13. Between 1 July and 31 December 2020, 880 learners were enrolled in a TTAF eligible programme at MIT. This includes 230 carpentry apprentices. The majority of learners (72 percent) are enrolled in either the Construction (40 percent) or Electrical Engineering (32 percent) target areas. Of the 880 learners studying a TTAF eligible programme at MIT, 570 learners (65 percent) started an eligible programme after TTAF was introduced on 1 July 2020. This includes 85 apprentices who started a managed apprenticeship.<sup>4</sup>

### **New Zealand's Largest Educator of Pacific Peoples at Tertiary Level**

14. South Auckland is home to a large Polynesian community. MIT is New Zealand's largest educator of Pacific peoples at the tertiary level, with nearly 3,283 Pacific students enrolled. Approximately 29.4 percent of MIT's 2020 student population identify as Pacific people, while 14.9 percent identify as Māori.<sup>5</sup>
15. In 2018 MIT launched the Pasifika Strategic Plan. The five year plan has four goals: transforming student success; establishing powerful connections between students, the institute, and communities; strengthening academic quality; and growing capacity. Targeted outcomes include: increasing Pacific peoples' enrolments at MIT by 20 percent, and lifting course completion rates by 10 percent, over the next five years.

### **MIT hosts the Construction Sector COVE – ConCoVE**

16. ConCoVE is comprised of 42 consortia members predominantly from industry (including the Construction Sector Accord) and providers. ConCoVE is hosted by Te Pūkenga through its subsidiary MIT, and is housed at the new TechPark campus.

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<sup>1</sup> Data sourced from Qlik as at 6 April 2021, My Allocations and Payments App, using the Summary sheet with filters for reporting year (2021) and TEO (6010 - Manukau Institute of Technology).

<sup>2</sup> Data sourced from Qlik as at 6 April 2021, My Commitments App, using the Summary sheet with filters for reporting year (2021) and TEO (6010 – Manukau Institute of Technology).

<sup>3</sup> New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA), External Evaluation and Review Report, October 2016.

<sup>4</sup> All TTAF values are indicative only and subject to change due to the addition of new qualifications/programmes being reviewed and added to the applicable target areas. Please note new TTAF target areas eligible from 1 January 2021 are not included in the above numbers.

<sup>5</sup> Information from December 2020 Single Data Return (SDR). Note: Students are able to identify as more than one ethnicity.

17. ConCoVE drives and oversees a number of projects – they focus on five areas of concern and opportunity for the Construction sector.
- *Disruptions* – Prepare the sector to manage future disruptions (for example, new technologies) through identifying these disruptions and developing training solutions.
  - *Entry* – Fundamentally reform entry level training by decreasing the time it takes for workers to be engaged in meaningful paid employment.
  - *Productivity* – Improve retention and productivity by developing an end-to-end career support service and linking it with career stage appropriate training, mentoring and networking.
  - *Diversity* – Provide tested solutions and opportunities to strengthen and diversify the construction sector workforce, particularly by increasing the number of Māori, Pacific people and women in hands on roles.
  - *Sustainability* – Respond to the increasing demand for environmentally sustainable practices by incorporating sustainability into appropriate training

## **MIT's TechPark brings trades and engineering schools under one roof**

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18. Construction of MIT's TechPark, a new centre for engineering and trades education in South Auckland, began in April 2019. The modern 9,000m<sup>3</sup>, purpose-built facility is located across the road from MIT Manukau in close proximity to the Manukau bus and railway stations.
19. TechPark brings all MIT trades and engineering schools under one roof for the first time. These include: building and civil construction; engineering; plumbing and gasfitting; refrigeration; and electrical and automotive schools. More than 1,200 students and 100 staff are expected to utilise the facility each week when it is fully operational.
20. MIT's intention is for the TechPark to play an instrumental role in its trades academies. MIT is the lead provider for *The School of Secondary-Tertiary Studies*, and *The MIT Trades Academy*. These academies target learners who are at risk of dropping out due to underperforming in the traditional academic school environment; are from a low decile school; and are interested in a vocational career path. It enables year 11 to 13 students interested in a career in trades and technology to combine study at the Trades Academy with studies towards their National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA).
21. Emphasis will be on preparing learners to work with green technologies such as solar power and electrified transport. TechPark's School of Professional Engineering is part of the Advanced Energy Technology Research programme based at Victoria University, training technicians to maintain the country's increasingly electrified heavy transport network of the future in shipping, rail, and heavy trucks.
22. TechPark is part of the broader project to rejuvenate Manukau and delivered in partnership with the Auckland Council organisation, Panuku Development Auckland, and Haydn + Rollett.

## **TechPark aligns with the Government's focus on vocational education**

23. TechPark aligns with the range of initiatives underway to promote vocational education, increase the number of qualified tradespeople in the New Zealand workforce, and meet ongoing industry demand. Initiatives include:
- The TEC Vocational Education and Training (VET) information campaign launched in late 2020;
  - The Reform of Vocational Education (RoVE); and

- COVID-19 recovery and rebuild initiatives, such as TTAF and the Apprenticeship Boost (which is available to employers).

## Matters they may raise with you

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24. MIT and Unitec have a joint Chief Executive, Gus Gilmore, and Board of Directors.

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28. MIT has recently discontinued two marine engineering qualifications through the NZ Maritime School. This has raised industry concerns as MIT is the only provider that delivers these qualifications. The delivery of these qualifications was reliant on international students. With the borders closed to international students, the low number of domestic students has made delivery unviable. Options for existing students to complete the marine engineering qualifications are being managed by MIT.

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Acting Manager Delivery and Projects, Delivery  
Tertiary Education Commission

13 April 2021

**Hon Chris Hipkins**

Minister of Education

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## Appendix A: Event Run Sheet

Time	Task	Responsible Staff	AV Content
7am	Sam arrives for final setup	Sam & some help	
7am	AV team arrive for technical rehearsal for unveiling of the Pou	Kenny & AV Company	
7:30am	TS Team arrives for setup of screens	TS Team	
8:30am	All staff arrive	All	
9am – 9:20am	Invited guests arrive		
9:25am	Gus and any Peter to be at the entrance to receive PM	Gus and Peter	
9:30am	PM arrives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gus and Peter to escort PM</li> <li>- Karanga by Kui</li> </ul>	PM, Gus, Peter and Kui	
9:35am – 9:55am	Event Begins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karakia</li> <li>• Himene He Honore</li> <li>• Mihi Whakatau               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mihimihi 01- tanga te whenua</li> <li>○ Waiata</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Te Tari Matauranga Māori Team	
9:55am -10am	Official welcome by Chief Executive (5min max) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gus invites PM to speak</li> </ul>	Gus	
10am – 10:05am	Option for MIT Board member to speak <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peter invites PM to speak</li> </ul>	Peter – TBC	
10:05am – 10:15am	Speech by Rt. Hon Jacinda Ardern the Prime Minister of New Zealand	PM	
	<b>Unveiling of Plaque</b>		
10:15am – 10:20am	Unveiling of the plaque and the building	PM and Te Tari Matauranga Māori Team	
10:25am	Closing Karakia	Te Tari Matauranga Māori Team	
10:30am	Refreshments and networking	All	
10:30am -10:50am	Option for TechPark tour for the PM	Pip and PM	
11am	PM departs		
11am – 11:20am	Option for TechPark tour for the Guests	TechPark Team	
11:30am	Event concludes	All	
11:35am	Pack down begins	All	
12noon	Pack down completed by	All	

1200noon	Exit venue	All	
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## Appendix B: Biographies of key attendees

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### **Peter Winder, Chair of MIT Council**



Peter Winder was appointed Chair in December 2013. He is a Director of McGredy Winder & Co, an Auckland based consulting firm providing services to central and local government and those who work, or engage with the public sector. He was Chief Executive of the Auckland Regional Council from 2005–2010, where he was previously Director Transport, and Chief Executive of Local Government New Zealand. Previously he was General Manager Industry Strategy at Tourism New Zealand.

Mr Winder was appointed to the Board of the New Zealand Institute of Skills & Technology Establishment Unit.

### **Gus Gilmore, Chief Executive of MIT**



Gus Gilmore was educated at the University of Auckland with a Masters of Business Administration. He joined MIT in September 2016. Gus' focus at MIT is to provide great education for students and have them ready for their next steps in life and he is passionate about education parity for Māori & Pasifika. Prior to joining MIT he was Deputy Chief Executive, Operations at the Tertiary Education Commission where he had been focused on improving sector operational performance and delivery.

## Appendix C: Summary of MIT's Funding for 2021

### Allocations by fund: 2021

Fund	Indicative allocation	Final allocation	Amendments	Current approved allocation	Funded value commitment
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$49,802,805</b>	<b>\$59,693,589</b>	<b>\$32,206</b>	<b>\$59,725,795</b>	<b>\$44,159,717</b>
ACE in TEIs	\$133,373	\$133,373	-	\$133,373	-
Equity Funding	\$414,676	\$414,676	-	\$414,676	-
ESOL - Intensive Literacy and Numeracy	\$1,523,977	\$1,523,977	-	\$1,523,977	\$1,523,967
ESOL - Refugee English Fund	\$111,943	\$111,943	-	\$111,943	-
Fees-free Payments	\$2,990,942	\$2,990,942	-	\$2,990,942	-
LN - Intensive Literacy and Numeracy	\$304,779	\$304,779	-	\$304,779	\$304,786
LN - Workplace Literacy Fund	\$74,469	\$74,469	-	\$74,469	\$74,467
MPTT (Brokerage)	-	\$127,650	\$2,042	\$129,692	-
MPTT Consortium	-	\$1,141,260	\$18,260	\$1,159,520	-
MPTT Fees Top-Up	-	\$744,000	\$11,904	\$755,904	-
Performance Based Research Fund	\$397,895	\$397,895	-	\$397,895	-
Secondary-Tertiary Interface	-	\$6,466,408	\$0	\$6,466,408	-
Student Achievement Component Levels 1 and 2	\$2,757,489	\$2,757,489	-	\$2,757,489	\$2,757,455
Student Achievement Component Levels 3 and above	\$35,549,620	\$36,961,086	-	\$36,961,086	\$36,960,265
Targeted Training and Apprenticeship Fund	\$3,000,572	\$3,000,572	-	\$3,000,572	-
Youth Guarantee	\$2,543,070	\$2,543,070	-	\$2,543,070	\$2,538,777

## Appendix D: Invitation List

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### **MIT - ELT**

Gus Gilmore  
Michelle Teirney  
Martin Carroll  
Simon Nash (Unitec)  
Nick Shepperd (Unitec)  
Peseta Sam Lotu-liga  
Kirsten Sargent  
Jacky McManus  
Wiremu Manaia  
Antoinette Wood  
Lynnette Brown

### **MIT Board**

Peter Winder  
Steven Renata  
Robert Reid  
Monique Cairns  
Ziena Jalil  
Peter Parussini  
Andrew Lesa

### **Te Pūkenga**

Stephen Town

### **Previous Board members**

John Hannan  
Theresa Stratton  
R Tuwhangai  
K Schaffler  
J Tattersall  
Ulu Aiono

### **Ex-MIT**

Stuart Middleton  
Jenna Woolley  
Paul Hollings

### **Project Team and Key Parties involved in the Project**

Karen Tusani  
Neill Laurenson  
Brian Austin  
Gerald Masters  
Kim Smith  
Jaala Jacobs  
Hasita Wimalachandra

Shiu Verma  
Ryan Tongapau  
Kenny Leong  
Carolyn Pene  
Tony Bellamy  
Martin Udale

**TechPark Artists/ Designer**

Ted Ngataki  
Maaka Potini  
Peter Boyd  
Euan Castle

**Haydn & Rollett**

Kim Barrett - Managing Dir  
Hagen Gibbs - Development Mgr  
Greg Church

**Panuku**

Paul Majurey - Chair  
David Rankin CE

**PCK**

Letoa Henry Jenkins (Chair)  
George Makapatama (Deputy Chair)  
Reverend Salafai Mika  
Amatailevi Stella Muller  
Tunumafono Ava Faamoe  
Dr Radilaiti Cammock  
Frances Topa-Fariu  
Michelle Johansson

**Local Board/MPs**

Lotu Fuli  
Ashraf Choudhary

Apulu Reece Autagavaia  
Swanie Nelson  
Ofa Dewes  
Ross Robertson, QSO JP  
Dawn Trenberth

Hon Jenny Salesa  
Arena Williams  
Dr Neru Leavasa  
Christopher Lucon  
Hon Aupito William Sio  
Hon Judith Collins

Chairperson Local Board Otara-Papatoetoe  
Deputy Chairperson Local Board Otara-Papatoetoe  
Board Member Local Board Otara-Papatoetoe

Panmure - Otahuhu MP  
Manurewa MP  
Takanini MP  
Botnay MP  
Mangere MP  
Papakura MP

**TEC**

Tim Fowler  
Kim Ulberg

**Student Council Reps**

Micah Sili - President  
Lovepreet Singh - Vice President  
Lorrissa Hamon - TechPark Rep

**MIT Runanga Committee**

Brendon Green  
Eruera Morgan  
Tipi Arthur  
Wyndi Tagi  
Jonaan McLeod  
Parehuia Enari

**Local Iwi**

Baari Mio  
Phil Hokianga  
Rachael Tuwhangai  
Kiingitanga Representation – Te Ariki Ngaire  
Lasika  
Manawhenua Marae – The Chairperson Te  
Puea Marae; Pukaki Marae; Makaurau Marae

Tāmaki Makaurau Regeneration Project  
Vertical Horizon  
already above in ex-Board list  
(please send to Luke Tai-Rakena)  
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**Concove Board**

Bharti Raniga  
Graham Burke  
Phil Hokianga  
Pamela Bell  
David Fabish  
Nick Clayton  
Amos Kamo  
Honor Columbus  
Craig West  
Heather MacKay  
Vanessa Nash

General Manager  
Co-Chair  
Co-Chair  
Board Member  
Executive Assistant

**MIT GMs and Heads of School**

Nuddy Pillay  
Pip Schollum-Manase  
Luka Crosbie  
Kylie Smith  
Ricky Versteeg  
Ryan Hollis  
Vaughan Lovelock  
Michelle Parsons  
Adam Cunningham  
Mike Frankle

Neel Pandey  
Sophie Czurajewski-Sweeney  
Kay Kirkland  
Nathan Rountree  
Deborah Rowe  
Rose Arts  
Robert Shaw

### **TechPark staff**

#### **Unitec Staff**

Lee Baglow  
Paul Jeurissen  
Susan Bennett  
Heather Stoner

#### **Schools Key Contacts - Graeme**

Robert Solomone  
Leanne Webb  
Karen Brinsden  
Louise Addison  
Iva Ropati  
Steve Hargreaves  
Tom Webb  
Peter Jones  
Nick Coughlan  
Diana Patience  
Vaughan Couillault  
Richard Barnett  
Sue Blakely  
Louise Moore  
Kiri Turketo  
Chris Betty  
Brian Evans

Alfriston College  
Aorere College  
Botany Downs Secondary College  
Edgewater College  
Howick College  
Macleans College  
Mangere College  
Manurewa High School  
One Tree Hill College  
Ormiston Senior College  
Papatoetoe High School  
Pukekohe High School  
Rosehill College  
Sancta Maria College  
Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate Senior School  
Tuakau College  
Wesley College

#### **Industry Contacts - Pip**

Greg Durkin  
Fiona Kingsford  
Susanne Martin  
Sam Sefuiva  
Nathan Grennell  
Diane Lithgow  
Garry Fissenden  
Jody Franklin  
Brett Williams  
Kevin Porteous

BCITO  
Competenz  
Competenz - ATNZ  
Maori Pasifika Trades Training (MPPT)  
MBIE  
The Skills Organisation  
The Skills Organisation  
MITO  
Engineering New Zealand  
Northpower