

more questions.
It said the column was factually incorrect but didn't say which facts were wrong.

"We have acted entirely appropriately and according to law and provided what we considered to be the minimum information required under the law," Xero said.

So what does "what we considered to be" mean?

Westpac demonstrated very publicly in Nicky Hager's case that all it considered necessary was for the police to ask for it to provide 10 months of transactional details.

That was in contrast to other businesses, notably Trade Me, phone companies and airlines, which asked the police to provide a war-

any other person to deliver to the Assignee any document relating to the bankrupt's property, conduct, or dealings in that person's possession or under that person's control."

The key words appear to be "relating to."

The documents provided were those of the spouse's company but Ms Buxton's husband

ROD DRURY: Declining to comment on Hidesight allegations



NBR also asked whether the Official Assignee instructed Xero not to tell Kristina Buxton that her company records were provided to the Official Assignee and, if so on what grounds and under what authority.

There was no response by NBR's deadline.

The day the column was published, Xero founder and managing director Rod Drury agreed to an interview with me but said he needed to be

threat and has only ever emailed Mr Drury twice. NBR has copies of both emails.

Mr Drury also said there was a court judgment which backed Xero's actions in this case. Despite extensive investigation, NBR can't find any trace of such a judgment but searching for it has delayed this story.

A Xero official Mr Drury referred me to failed to respond to phone calls and emails for days before finally saying he couldn't help me.

Last week, NBR informed Mr Drury it was going ahead with the story and again invited him to answer questions but he failed to respond.

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Rich Lister encouraging low-decile school students to think about prospects before it's too late

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A Manurewa High School partnership linking students with business studies and opportunities has been signed off by NBR Rich Lister John Hynds.

The Manurewa High School Business Academy Foundation encourages the application of business principles to all of the school's departments and connects students with universities and future employers.

"It's about connecting with young people and their minds, and encouraging them to pursue worthwhile jobs and become worthwhile members of society."

"So many of them get NCEA level 2 and they can't get a job because they don't know how to get one. That's got to change," Mr Hynds, an alumni of the south Auckland school, says.

Manurewa High School principal Salvatore Gargiulo agrees, saying students achieving NCEA



RICH LISTER: John Hynds has set up a business academy at Manurewa High School

level 2 without any knowledge of what can be achieved with it is similar to "having a ticket to go somewhere but not knowing what to do with it."

Business heavyweights such as Icehouse founder David Irving and Young Enterprise Trust chief executive Terry Shubkin have joined the foundation's board to help develop a business-focused curriculum.

The practical functions of the academy include facilitating student participation in Young Enterprise programmes, visits from and to universities and businesses and providing networking opportunities with business people.

The main difference between high and low decile schools is that kids struggle to make connections with people outside their inner circle, Mr Gargiulo says.

"When kids wonder where they can take their studies and future, they generally look at what their friends' parents or relatives are doing and they've all got careers."

With our kids' families, there's very little in the way of careers. Their parents have got crappy jobs and crappy hours and it's all about survival," he says.

"At the end of the day there's a group of kids we need to get into employment, and we're getting a lot of different institutions wanting to come and help us achieve this."

One of the foundation's goals is to build a new department to replace prefab buildings which have been at the school for more than 50 years.

Mr Hynds says his personal investment into the building has



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topped \$500,000, Xerox has donated \$200,000 and various other businesses have also contributed.

"Businesses can't just sit back

and hope it's going to happen. It's not going to happen unless we influence it," says Mr Hynds.

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