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New challenges identified as Omicron takes hold



Kia ora tatou,

There are some new challenges affecting members as Omicron tightens its grip, in addition to the ongoing issues already highlighted such as financial sustainability, the shortage of labour, reduced operational capacity and problems with the supply chain. Staff unavailability (isolating) and inflationary/cost pressures can now be added to the list of common obstacles that members are having to deal with on a daily basis.

effects of COVID-19 on their business, with the availability and use of Rapid Antigen Self-testing, additional Government financial support, staff recruitment and business strategy and planning being some of the areas highlighted where businesses urgently need support. Business North Harbour (BNH) would like to thank the hundreds of members who responded to the

survey. On your behalf we will continue to advocate to Ministers and our local MPs, highlighting the

In our recent Member Resilience Survey, 86% of respondents noted major concerns regarding the

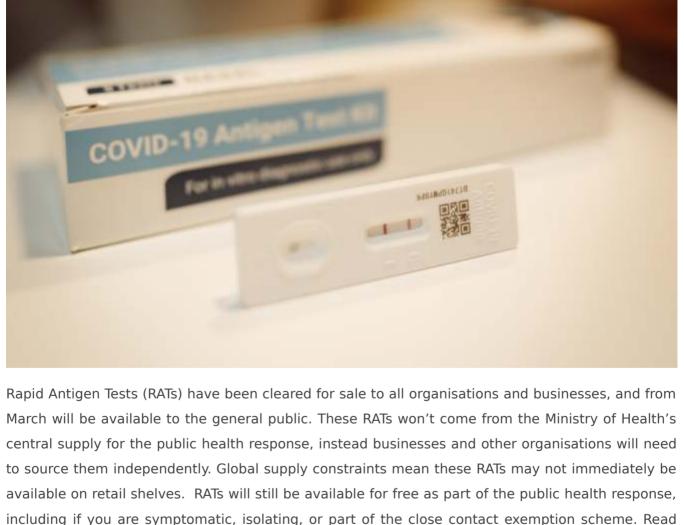
issues and asking for their support in lobbying the Government to take action to provide the necessary assistance our members need to get through these difficult times. These letters to Hon Grant Robertson, Hon Stuart Nash, Hon Chris Hipkins, Vanushi Walters MP for Upper Harbour and Erica Stanford MP for East Coast Bays are all available to view under 'Submissions 2022' **here**. In addition, BNH will programme some online webinars engaging subject-matter experts to offer

Ngā mihi mahana,

support in the most relevant areas based upon the feedback received.

Kevin O'Leary General Manager, Business North Harbour

Accessing Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs)



Latest COVID information from business.govt.nz



more here.

- COVID-19 Response Update
- New financial support for businesses affected by Omicron • Further MSD support available during Omicron
- Managing the impact of COVID-19 cases at your business
- Testing positive for COVID-19 • Testing and returning to work during Omicron

Got questions or need support? Call the free COVID-19 Business Helpline on 0800 500 362.

Inorganic Office Collection - 24th & 25th March



BNH's next Office Inorganic Collection is taking place on Thursday 24th and Friday 25th March. This is the perfect opportunity to clear out your old office furniture, e-waste and other items cluttering up valuable workspace. Register here.

BNH COVID-19 Response Policy

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CONNECT COMMUNICATE **COLLABORATE**

At Business North Harbour the health and safety of our staff, visitors and members is a priority. We create opportunities for people to connect, communicate and collaborate with one another. This means that we put on events for our members and at these events we also provide food and drink services which means that the latest mandatory vaccination orders (The COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Order 2021) require all workers at these events to be fully vaccinated. Please click **here** to view our BNH COVID-19 Response policy document.



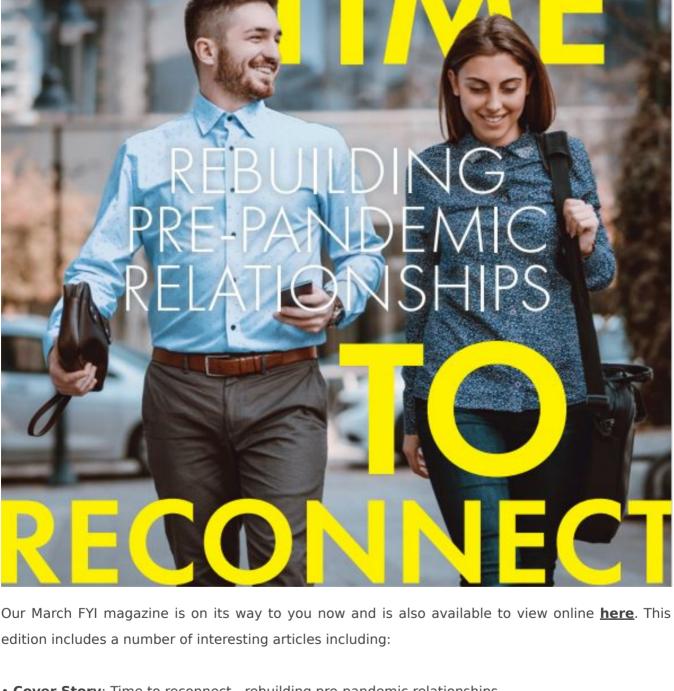
encourage kiwi's to head out to their local and to grab a drink whether it be a refreshing G&T, beer, wine, coffee, juice, whatever you fancy. Let's help our hospo friends, they need us! It's all about supporting local so let's look at Douglas Alexander Parade, Airborne Road and

William Pickering Drive to start with. Why not try visiting some of our wonderful establishments in this area which include; Altura Coffee Company; Anise Private Chef & Catering; Atlas Power Coffee; Bar Africa; Caffe Greco; Coffee Cabin; Columbus Coffee William Pickering Drive; Hak Ka

what's happening. We need to do something and now! Have one for hospo has been set up to

Hut; Kaffeine Café & Eatery; Kami Sushi; Katsubi Café and Restaurant; M2café; New Brew Café Bar & Restaurant; No.1 Pancake; Papaya Thai Restaurant Albany; Pita Pit Albany; Subway Rosedale; Dami Sushi; Uncle Chicken.

March FYI Magazine out now



• Cover Story: Time to reconnect - rebuilding pre-pandemic relationships • Local Business Spotlight: Orca Logistics and Hobby Games

- ONE DAY SALE retrospective

• Property Matters: Strong demand in the office market

Foodprint - reduce your food waste & make positive

result for your eatery - and our world.

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When you partner with **Foodprint**, you're committing to reducing food waste and making positive change. You're also exposing your business to our growing database of customers, building brand awareness and loyalty, and of course making a profit on food that used to be wasted! Whether you own a cafe, restaurant, supermarket, bakery, catering service, hotel, food truck or something we haven't thought of, let's chat and see how Foodprint can work for you. Simply click here to get started. Partnering with Foodprint is free and easy. We'll help you get set up to ensure the best

Minimum wage to increase from 1st April



The minimum wage is set to increase to \$21.20 per hour from the 1st April 2022. In a press release from Hon Michael Wood he states that "raising the minimum wage will directly benefit approximately 300,000 workers, and will help many households that have been most impacted by the effects of COVID. For someone working a 40-hour week on the minimum wage, this increase will see them earning an extra \$48 a week, and almost \$2,500 more each year." Read more here.

Auckland Council Annual Budget 2022/23 - have your say!



Consultation on the council's **Annual Budget 2022/2023** is now open and you can have your say until 5.00pm on the 28th March 2022. The public feedback that Auckland Council receives as well as input from Local Boards will help inform decisions before the Governing Body considers the budget for adoption at the end of June.

The council is managing some complex pressures this year. The uncertainty created by COVID-19 and unfavourable shifts in major economic influences will be with us for some time. The ongoing impacts of these pressures are hard to predict, but the key is to have resilience and flexibility in the budget. In addition to the council's response to financial pressures, we know Aucklanders want to see an increased and sped-up response to the climate emergency, so that is also a priority. The key objectives of this year's budget are to achieve (i) faster and further action on climate change, (ii) a resilient and flexible response to immediate budget pressures, and (iii) efficient waste minimisation. For more information, including the supporting information for this consultation document you can:

• Phone 09 301 0101

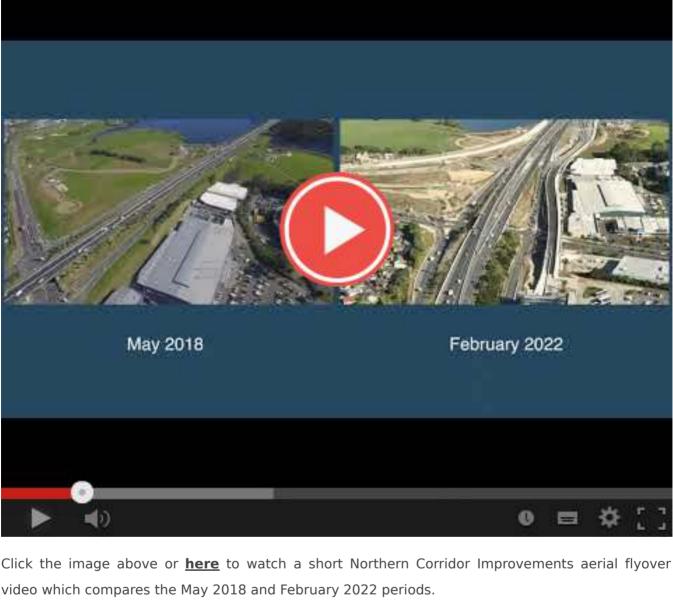
• Visit akhaveyoursay.nz/budget

- Visit your service centre or library

*** Please note that in the next publication of YOUR news there will be a Business North Harbour Member Survey included where we will also be seeking member feedback.

Comparison - May 2018 / February 2022

Northern Corridor Improvements Aerial Flyover





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