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Difficult Times For Some Members



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Kia ora tatou,

The latest unprecedented weather event following shortly after the initial torrential rain of a couple of weeks ago, means that some members are going through really difficult times as a result of the two instances of flooding. It would appear that the majority of members have thankfully managed to avoid the devastation, but unfortunately there are some members who haven't been so lucky. Below are some useful links which I hope may be of use.

Additionally, a Flooding Support Package will soon be made available which includes:

- \$3 million for flood recovery payments to help significantly affected businesses
- \$1 million for mental wellbeing support through a boost to the First Steps programme
- \$1 million for small business advice focused on business continuity and resilience

The money will be delivered through the Auckland Business Chamber, the EMA, Whāriki and the Pacific Business Trust. Right now, you can access <u>First Steps</u>, the Business Helpline on **0800 500 362** and join the online <u>Business Community</u> for free information, support and links to useful information.

Other information you may find useful includes:

- <u>Extreme weather information for businesses</u>
- <u>Building assessment process</u>
- <u>Work and Income flooding assistance</u>
- <u>Tax relief for adverse events</u>
- Auckland Emergency Management updates

At BNH we will endeavour to keep you updated with the latest updates and information via our <u>Website</u> and social media channels (<u>Facebook</u>, <u>linkedIn</u>).

I hope that you can avoid any further damage and disruption moving forwards, but if you have been affected, please don't hesitate to contact BNH if you think that we can be of any assistance.

Ngā mihi mahana, **Kevin O'Leary** General Manager, Business North Harbour

Letter From MP Vanushi Walters



One of the key aspects of the support that BNH offers to members is to advocate to central and local government on behalf of our members on a wide range of topics. Following the recent floods, letters were sent to local MPs asking for their support in parliament for the development and implementation of a business support package. The positive response from Vanushi Walters (Labour MP for Upper Harbour) is available <u>here.</u>

Upcoming Workshops & Events



CONNECT COMMUNICATE COLLABORATE



Business After 5 BNH's 20th Anniversary Celebration 23rd February 2023, 5.30pm - 7.30pm

You are invited to celebrate the **20th Anniversary** of Business North Harbour! Join us as we reflect on the past two decades of supporting North Harbour Business and look ahead to an exciting future for our Business Improvement District.

Drinks and nibbles will be provided, and this is also an opportunity for you to network and meet fellow members. We look forward to seeing you there as we continue to build strong connections with our business community.

Register Here



MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID WORKSHOP FRIDAY 17 MARCH 2023, 8.30AM - 12.45PM @BUSINESS NORTH HARBOUR

The workshop runs from 08.30am until 12.45 pm with light refreshments provided. This workshop is being held at the Business North Harbour Offices. Learn how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health issues in work colleagues, friends and family members.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Using a variety of best practice learning methods, including discussions, videos and scenario work, this course is ideal for anyone wanting to help recognise mental distress and what they can do to help.





Showcase North Harbour 2023 - Where conversations start and business happens! 23rd March, 10am - 4pm

- » Build new supplier, partner and client relationships
- » Connect with your clients
- » Create new business opportunities
- » Grow your business networks
- » Build your brand profile
- » Expand your business and knowledge.

Formally known as Business Expo, this is Business North Harbour's signature B2B exhibition and business networking event. Come and be inspired, educated and grow your business networks. Registrations are now open and booth prices start from \$499 + GST.

Register Here



Upper Harbour Local Board in partnership with Harbour Sport is pleased to bring FREE Cultural Play to the Upper Harbour communities this summer!

From 10am to 1pm on the dates below: Albany Community Hub (575 Albany Highway, Albany) Sat 25th Feb 2023

Headquarters Building, Hobsonville (214 Buckley Avenue, Hobsonville) Sun 5th Mar 2023

Meadowood Community House - Unsworth Heights (55 Meadowood Drive, Auckland) Sat 15th Apr 2023

Each activation will feature Play Experts who will introduce different traditional Asian, Pasifika and Māori games and everyone is invited to give the activities a go! We have also prepared tonnes of play and active recreation equipment for you to enjoy with your friends and family. Our activities and equipment are open to all ages and abilities and we highly encourage families to come down and join us for a few hours exploring the joy of playing. There will be waffles & ice cream, a coffee cart and prizes such as LEGO® and Countdown vouchers so be sure to come on down this summer for some CULTURAL PLAY!

At Harbour Sport, we hope to create social connections, improve sense of belonging of the Upper Harbour whānau and encourage creative thinking through this Cultural Play initiative.



Review Of Past Workshops & Events

The BNH Lunar New Year Luncheon was a huge success, held on Friday, 7th February at the BNZ Partners Centre. Over 50 guests attended the event to celebrate the Year of the Rabbit. It was a great opportunity for networking and socialising.

View Event Photos

Applications Invited For The BNH Leadership And Business Mentoring Programme



Following the success of the Business North Harbour (BNH) Leadership and Business Mentoring Programmes in 2022, applications are invited from potential mentors and mentees for two new Leadership and Business Mentoring Programmes which will run concurrently in 2023. Developed in conjunction with Dr. Patricia Bossons, Honorary Teaching Fellow, Massey University Business School, one programme will accommodate female mentees who prefer a female mentor, while the other will be a mixture of male and female mentors and mentees. Applications for the programmes should be made by **no later than Friday 3rd March**, to <u>kevin@businessnh.org.nz</u> click <u>here</u> for more details.

Latest Information From Business.govt.nz



The following links from **business.govt.nz** and other Government sources provide the latest information on:

- <u>Recovering after the extreme weather</u>
- What to do in an emergency
- Look after your wellbeing
- <u>Tax if you've been affected by weather</u>
- <u>Webinar: Managing stress</u>
- How to keep operating during an emergency
- Support from your industry: <u>Dairy NZ</u>, <u>Hospitality NZ</u>, <u>Restaurant NZ</u>, <u>Retail</u>
 <u>NZ</u>

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

Inorganic Collection On 16th & 17th March



Inorganic Collection

16th -17th March 2023

Business inorganic collections for unwanted office furniture, equipment and e-waste. Pick ups are made from your business (not the roadside) and will be organised with you directly once you have registered for a collection. Please <u>click here</u> to register or contact <u>david@businessnh.org.nz</u>.

West To North Direct Motorway Connection Open This Week



People heading north from State Highway 18 (SH18) are in for a smoother and more connected journey as they travel through Constellation Interchange this week as the new SH18 to SH1 direct motorway connection onramp is set to open. For more information, <u>click here</u>



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