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It's Time To Have Your Say

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Kia ora tatou,

I sincerely hope that all our members have overcome any adversity relating to flood damage and are able to optimise their operational capacity as much as the ongoing pandemic issues will allow.

As we move further into 2023, it's time for members to have your say regarding the Auckland Council Annual Budget 2023/2024 which is now open for consultation. Council is facing a budget shortfall of \$295M based upon which the Mayor's proposals include:

- \$130M savings for Council CCOs (Auckland Transport, Tātaki Auckland Unlimited and Eke Panuku)
- \$60M savings for Council
- A general rate rise of 7%
- A reduction in the Natural Environment and Water Quality targeted rates
- Consultation on a higher general rates increase of 13.5% and additional use of debt
- Pausing the long-term business differential strategy for one year
- Changes to other fees and charges

There are also a number of other proposals which will affect you and your property or business so please make sure you have your say before consultation closes at 11pm on 28th March.

BNH will be making a joint submission with some of the other Business Improvement Districts across the city as well as an individual submission on behalf of our members, but it is imperative that as many members as possible also make their own submissions. Please follow the link to ensure that you make the most of the opportunity to voice your opinion.

<https://akhaveyoursay.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/hub-page/annual-budget-2023-2024>

To inform our submission BNH will be sending out a survey to members so please take the time to complete it when you receive it.

Ngā mihi mahana,

Kevin O'Leary

General Manager, Business North Harbour

Upcoming Workshops & Events

**St John**

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID WORKSHOP

FRIDAY 17 MARCH 2023, 8.30AM - 12.45PM**@BUSINESS NORTH HARBOUR**

This workshop is fully subscribed, please email [Bernadette Roberts comms@businessnh.org.nz](mailto:Bernadette.Roberts@businessnh.org.nz) to join the wait list.

Mental Health First Aid Workshop

Friday 17th March 8.30am - 12.45pm

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.

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2023 REAL ESTATE FORECAST

INSIGHTS ON PROPERTY
PREDICTIONS, INTEREST RATES,
AND VALUATIONSFOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY
OWNERS & LEASERS

THURSDAY 30 MARCH 2023 | 5.30PM - 7.30PM

2023 Real Estate Forecast for Commercial Property Owners and Leasers with Ian Little and John Darroch

Thursday 30th March 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Join us for an informative and engaging event for commercial property owners and leasers. Our expert speakers Ian Little Associate Director at Colliers and John Darroch Director of North Harbour Valuers will provide valuable insights on property predictions for the coming year, valuable insights in relation to current interest rate predictions and their possible impact on the market, and will give you the tools to understand property valuations in today's market.

Don't miss this opportunity to stay ahead of the curve and make informed decisions for your property portfolio.

[Register Here](#)



Business North Harbour - Special General Meeting
Wednesday 5th April 2023 5.30pm-7.00pm

BNH is required to call a Special General Meeting of members as amendments of the Rules of the Business North Harbour Incorporated Constitution are required to ensure that those Rules are not inconsistent with the Auckland Council Business Improvement District (BID) Policy 2022.

The proposed draft Constitution has been approved by Auckland Council and now in accordance with the Rules of BNH, needs to be approved by BNH members at a Special General Meeting (SGM).

Prior to the SGM, the proposed changes will be available at businessnh.org.nz/SGM2023, along with all the relevant SGM documentation from 15th March 2023.

We look forward to your attendance.

[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!

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



BNH's 20th Anniversary Celebration

In late February, there was a party atmosphere at BNH's offices as dozens of members and associate members gathered to mark the organisation's 20th birthday.

Ketien Chuor, the first female chair of BNH's board, warmly acknowledged the sterling efforts of board members past and present, and the diligence and hard work of the BNH team. Guests then took full advantage of the chance to network with their neighbours whilst indulging in some delicious chocolate celebration cake.

[View Event Photos](#)

Applications Invited For The BNH Leadership And Business Mentoring Programme



Final call - only four Mentee places left!!

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 kevin@businessnh.org.nz click [here](#) for more details.

Census 2023

Tuesday 7th March is Census Day and it is important that as many people as possible complete the survey. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Latest Information From Business.govt.nz



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

- [Cyclone and flooding recovery support announced](#)
- [Farmers and growers can apply for recovery support](#)
- [Working through employment issues](#)
- [Minimum wage goes up on 1st April](#)
- [Sponsor migrant workers to help with recovery](#)
- [Take care of your wellbeing](#)

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

Back To Work Grants To Support Business Recovery Open For Applications



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The Auckland Business Chamber has opened the Back to Work grants for applications. Announced as part of the Government's \$5 million package of emergency support to help businesses significantly affected by the Auckland Anniversary weekend flooding, the Back to Work grants focus on supporting businesses at high risk of closure, or who have experienced a very significant impact on their operations. For more information about the grants, [click here](#).

Need Help To Settle Your Insurance Claim?



If you have been impacted by the Auckland floods or Cyclone Gabrielle, please talk to your insurer first, but if you can't resolve your claim, register with New Zealand Claims Resolution Service [here](#).

Inorganic Collection On 16th & 17th March

16TH & 17TH MARCH 2023
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protect the environment
and save money!

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\$49 plus GST applies

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BUSINESSNH.ORG.NZ/INORGANICCOLLECTION

Closing soon, Register today

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 [click here](#) to register or contact david@businessnh.org.nz.

Crime Prevention Programmes



A good summary can be found [here](#)

Retail Crime Prevention Fund

This fund was expanded earlier this year to include retailers who were victims of Aggravated Robberies, as well as Ram Raids.

Initial information is collected (can be done on the website) and then a phone interview or site visit is completed by police to complete assessment.

Police have an established range of suppliers who provide protective equipment and install security products ie. fog cannon, siren, alarm, roller doors, bollards etc. [Click here](#) for more information.

Fog cannon Fund

Administered by MBIE, provides up to \$4000 reimbursement for fog cannons. [Click here](#) for more information.

Keeping Aucklanders Moving In March



AT thanks customers for their patience and asks them **to plan ahead**, as roads and public transport services continue to get busier heading into March.

The beginning of March is the time of year when we see a very congested road network and busier public transport services. The reasons for this include school and university students returning to their normal study routines for the year, as well as workers coming back from summer breaks. All these factors combine to create pressure on Auckland’s transport network.

Richard Harrison, AT’s Manager of Metro Optimisation, thanks Aucklanders for their continued patience as AT continues to work closely with bus operators to address the shortage of bus drivers. During March there will be pinch points at peak travel times, so AT encourages those who have flexibility at work to consider travelling outside peak if possible. This is when there are more likely to be seats on buses, trains and ferries.

For those who do need to travel during the peak, please allow extra time for your journey and check **AT’s Journey Planner** to see if there are alternate routes. AT also reminds customers that access to Karekare, Piha, Te Henga Bethells Beach, Muriwai, Anawhata, Huia, Little Huia and Whatipū are compromised and to avoid travelling to these areas.

Te Hōnonga a Iwi Community Working Bee



Te Hōnonga a Iwi

Restoring Rosedale Park

Community working bee

**25 March
9-11am**

Join us at the Rosedale Park Restoration site for a community working bee. Weather dependent.

Where: Behind Hilton Brown Swimming

Bring: Thick gloves and secateurs if you have them, old shoes, raincoat, sunscreen, hat and waterbottle

Parking: Park at the playground in Rosedale park and walk across the bridge – to behind Hilton Brown Swimming – please do not park at Hilton Brown.



In addition to human capital for onsite help at the restoration (business/community working bees), we are also looking for an organisation who would be willing to become a part of a climate positive solution by:

- Funding \$1600 worth of cover crop seeds for May planting (increasing soil health, plant survival, carbon sequestration and reduction of erosion)
- Funding 4 teaching sessions for school students to visit the site, learn about sustainability and urban regeneration (\$1000 per session/\$4000 for 4 education sessions in 2023)
- Funding the materials for 6 new bioreactors to harvest onsite mulch to turn into 4 tonnes of bioorganic compost to reinvest onsite (\$2500)
- Funding the 2023 seed collection and growth of new seedlings for planting in 2025 (\$700)
- Undertaking a 90 minute organisational working bee on site this May 2023.

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