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Business Confidence Remains Low

Kia ora tatou,

Economic commentators are predicting that the latest budget delivered by Finance Minister Grant Robertson may serve to make the current economic situation even more perilous, with inflation still high and interest rates predicted to rise once again in response to the latest increase in the Official Cash Rate (OCR).

It therefore isn't difficult to understand why business confidence remains very low, with recent national and local surveys reporting that business owners remain pessimistic about the economic environment in which they are having to operate. Locally, over half of survey respondents expect the economy to deteriorate, with 68% viewing the current state of the economy as poor and in a rather concerning response, 39% expressing little or no confidence in their ability to grow in the coming twelve months.

I sincerely hope that members who have had to become more resilient and resourceful to cope with the challenges of recent years, are able to overcome what are for many increasingly difficult economic pressures, which continue to challenge their financial sustainability.

Ngā mihi mahana,

Kevin O'Leary
General Manager

Upcoming Events - Register Now!



Business Continuity Planning Workshop: Mayday: Get Prepared! in conjunction with [Activate Tāmaki Makaurau](#).

Tuesday 30 May 12.00pm - 14.00pm

(English Workshop)

Tuesday 30 May 4.00pm - 6.00pm

(Korean Workshop)

[Register Here 12.00pm \(English\)](#)

[Register Here 4.00pm \(Korean\)](#)

Recent history has shown disaster can strike us at any time. Now is the right time to future-proof your business. Are you prepared to keep your business running in the face of an unexpected crisis? If not, it's time to act now. Join our "Mayday" Business Continuity Planning workshop and prepare your own plan to help prepare for the worst and reduce the impacts and costs of a future disaster. You'll join other business owners and gain valuable insights into how to keep your business running no matter what happens. With only 20 spaces available, sign up now to secure your spot. Don't wait until it's too late – join us today and get the peace of mind you need to keep your business thriving, no matter what challenges you may face!



Business After 5: Networking & Business Showcase

Thursday 15 June 5.30pm - 8.00pm

Visitors are welcome to attend and network,
Register Below!

[Register Here](#)

This is an excellent opportunity for you to showcase your business and connect with other businesses and associate members in the BID. This event will provide you with a unique platform to showcase your products, services, or expertise. Each business will have a designated tabletop where you can display your business and interact with other attendees. You will also have the chance to exchange business cards, discuss potential collaborations, and build valuable relationships with fellow business owners and managers. By participating in this event, you will have the opportunity to expand your network and increase your business visibility.



First On The Scene First Aid Workshop Friday 23 June 1.00pm - 3.00pm

[Register Here](#)

A customer or one of your staff needs urgent medical assistance. You are the first and possibly the only person there to respond. You've rung 111, and the St John Ambulance is on its way. What you do in the next 4-12 minutes before the St John Ambulance arrives could save that person's life.

St John has designed a two-hour workshop to up-skill staff. Attendees will be shown how to deal with the five most common situations they are likely to encounter in their workplace environment which could be a cardiac arrest, a falling injury, or a person cut and badly bleeding. The aim of this workshop is to up-skill staff to compliment, or assist, your fully trained first aiders.



2023 Sustainability & Environmental Leadership Summit

Thursday 29 June 12.00 - 14.00

[Register Here](#)

Opening Address: Olympian Eliza McCartney

Join us for an unforgettable afternoon of inspiration, innovation, and learning at the BNH Sustainability and Environmental Leadership Summit.

Hear from some of the most influential leaders in the sustainability field as they share their insights, strategies, and success stories on how to build a more sustainable and environmentally responsible business. Discover innovative solutions, and practical tips to reduce your environmental impact and make a positive difference in the world. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to learn, grow, and make a difference.

Review Of Past Workshops & Events



23 May | 2023 Post-Budget Luncheon with Hon Ginny Andersen (Labour Party) and Hon Nicola Willis (National Party)

With so many economic and social factors impacting business and home life, it was no surprise that representatives from all kinds of organisations filled the National Hockey Stadium's main conference room. BNH general manager, Kevin O'Leary, welcomed guests and began by thanking local MPs, Erica Stanford and Vanushi Walters (pictured above) for their ongoing support. This had been particularly appreciated in the wake of the January floods and Cyclone Gabrielle, as BNH advocated for financial and non-financial assistance for its members.

Introducing the event's keynote speakers, Kevin acknowledged that many business owners are doing it tough. Guests then heard from both parties on what the impact of 'Budget

2023' may be on small business and beyond.

[Read More](#)



17 May | Business Capability Workshop: Dale Carnegie - Employee Engagement in a Hybrid World, proudly sponsored by **Pathfinder Solutions**

Simon Weakly, Head of Training and Sales at Dale Carnegie

Engagement + ownership = highly motivated individuals. When employees willingly commit their brains and hearts to their roles, innovation and other great things happen. But how to achieve this in 2023's hybrid work environment?

Simon offered eight simple considerations, including taking a step back to assess how employees' experiences with the company have changed, giving people enough face-to-face time to keep relationships healthy and active, and, perhaps most importantly, understanding that company culture is all about people. "Old philosophies of leadership and management have been replaced to support the new world we live and work in."

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Latest Information From **Business.govt.nz**



The **business.govt.nz** and other Government sources provide the latest information for businesses.

1. **[Brave In Business: eLearning Series:](#)** Do you want to work smarter, run your business more effectively and improve your mental and physical wellbeing?
2. **[Doing Business with Government:](#)** Do you have ideas about how government procurement could work more easily in the future? Join a design workshop (in person or virtually), hosted by New Zealand Government Procurement, and share your views on how to update, reshape and modernise government procurement.
3. **[In Tourism and want to up your game?](#)** Sign up for the Free Digital Boost for businesses in tourism **[here](#)**.
4. **[File on time: Tax returns due 7 July:](#)** Find out about Tax Filing **[here](#)**.
5. **[Become an age-friendly business:](#)** Check out the advice and resources from the Office for Seniors to help you meet the needs of all your customers and clients - no matter what age, life stage and ability.
6. **[Workplace problems getting you down?](#)** If you need help quickly resolving workplace issues early, an Early Resolution service is available. Check out the resources on Early Resolution **[here](#)**.

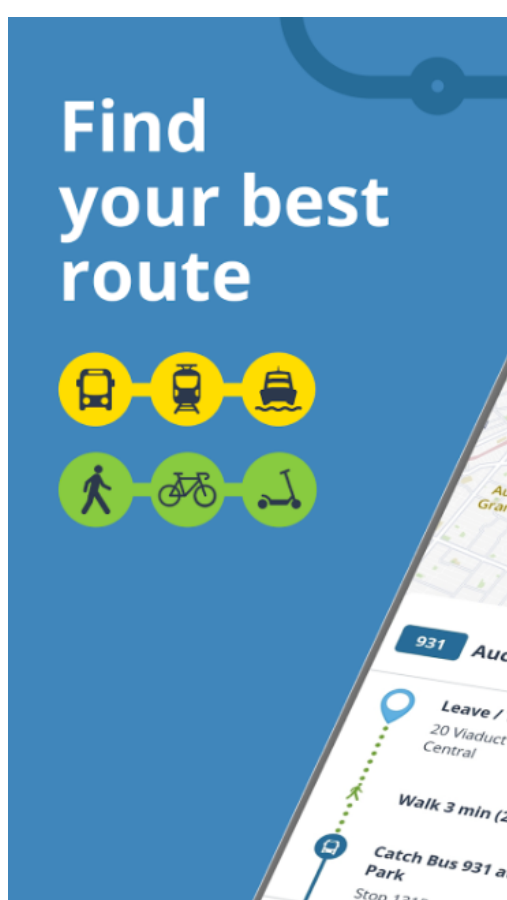
If you have any questions or need support please contact the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE)'s phone line for small businesses: Freephone **0800 424 946**

Supporting Members Starting Out On Sustainability



Article Three – Making Your Business Buying More Sustainable

More and more businesses are looking into the business sustainability of their suppliers before purchasing goods or services. If you want to introduce Sustainable Procurement practices into your business here are some useful tips to get you started. **[Find Out More](#)**.



Want Help Planning A New Way To Get To Work?

Auckland Transport (AT) offer workers assistance with planning their journeys to and from work. AT can provide free personalised journey plans that could help employees find the best route to work. Bus users will get updates of any changes and AT are offering a trial public transport pass, or walking/cycling equipment to anyone wanting to change the way they commute. If you are interested in finding out more, please email: **Transport@businessnh.org.nz**.

AT initiatives include: Ridesharing, Alternative Modes Projects, Travel Health Check, Give-it-a-Go Days, Flexi-working Journey Planner and a Travel Time Calculator.

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Remember to mention you are a Business North Harbour member and we will throw in a free set of tints!

CENSUS 2023 - There Is Still Time!



Haven't completed the census?

There is still time.

All of us count
Tatau tātou

Census | Stats ^{NZ}

BNH are supporting Stats NZ to encourage everyone to take part in the 2023 Census.

The census is the official count of people and dwellings in Aotearoa New Zealand, so everyone who was in the country on Census Day, 7 March 2023, is required by law to complete a census form.

Everyone's participation is important because census data is used by government, councils, iwi, community organisations, and businesses to make decisions in the years to come. The information collected ensures services like hospitals, schools, public transport, roads, and water are funded appropriately and communities' needs are better met. There are some great resources you can share with staff on the census website (links are provided in the comms below).

Census collectors are no longer visiting households to collect census forms (except in areas hardest hit by Cyclone Gabrielle in the Far North, and Te Tairāwhiti, and Hawke's Bay regions). So, if people need some help to fill out their forms, they will need to ask a member of their family, a friend, or a work colleague, or attend one of the census support events running through to 4 June (information on these is available at www.census.govt.nz/census-support). There is more information on the census at www.census.govt.nz, including in 28 languages other than English. Stats NZ thanks everyone for their support in making sure every community is counted in the 2023 Census.



Support Local Secondary Students With Work Experience

15 of our local high schools offer a Gateway Work Experience Programme for young people (Year 12/13 aged 16-18 years) to assist them with the employability skills that employers and industry are looking for.

It's a mixture of classwork and time in a business for an authentic work experience. This is usually one day a week, over 5 to 10 weeks over the months of February to August - but this is all completely negotiable to suit you and the student's goals. There is no financial cost to have a student for work experience and you will have the full support of your local school Gateway Coordinator during the placement.

We value our workplace employers and know that making a difference to a local student is only possible with the help of employers such as you. Want to find out more, or offer a placement to a local student? To find out more please [click here](#) and a Gateway Coordinator will be in touch.

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