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It's Still Tough Out There

Kia ora tatou,

The welcome news that the Official Cash Rate was reduced to 3.25 per cent at the end of May has prompted further reductions in interest rates by some banks that hopefully members can benefit from to help ease any ongoing financial burdens. However, not all the recent economic facts and figures released make such positive reading.

Unfortunately, the latest statistics available from Centrix show that the number of company liquidations in the year to April were up 30 per cent year on year to 2612. The construction, property and hospitality sectors were all significantly affected, with the construction sector in particular bearing the brunt of this unwelcome statistic.

Whilst business and consumer confidence have overall shown some signs of improvement, it's apparent that there's still a long road ahead for many businesses to travel before they're able to enjoy a more positive and less stressful existence.

Ngā mihi mahana,

Kevin O'Leary

General Manager, Business North Harbour

BNH Member Survey 2025



Our annual **Business North Harbour Member Survey** is now open, and we'd really value your input. Your feedback helps us better understand your business needs, expectations, and any challenges you're facing.

As your representatives, we use your insights to inform the development of our programmes, services, and events—ensuring they're aligned with what matters most to you. Survey closes Wednesday, 11th June 2025.

[Take the Survey](#)

Upcoming Workshops & Events



Women in Business: Genevieve Mora: Voices of Hope

Thursday, 12th June, 10.00 am

The National Hockey Centre

Join us for an inspiring and thought-provoking session with **Genevieve Mora**, mental health advocate, co-founder of **The Voices of Hope**, and creator of the *Love Your Kite* app. Genevieve's powerful personal journey—overcoming the challenges of mental illness and turning her experience into a platform for change—demonstrates how vulnerability, resilience, and purpose can be transformed into powerful leadership tools.

Her insights offer valuable takeaways for business owners, leaders, and professionals looking to support wellbeing in the workplace while enhancing performance and connection.

Whether you're a people leader, entrepreneur, or simply looking to grow your understanding of mental health, this session will challenge, inspire, and equip you with tools to lead with empathy and impact.

[Register Here](#)

Past Events



Business After 5: Networking Event proudly hosted by Marsden Suites Hotel, Albany

Business North Harbour was delighted to hold our recent **Business North Shore After 5 Networking Event** at the beautiful **Marsden Suites Albany**. We extend our sincere thanks to the team for their warm hospitality and for creating a welcoming environment for our members. It was a pleasure to connect with so many members of our local business community in such a well-appointed and conveniently located venue. Events like these are a cornerstone of our mission—to support our members, foster strong connections, and encourage growth and collaboration across the region.

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Hibiscus Youth Hub Visits Ingham North Harbour For Industry Insight



On May 27th, Ingham North Harbour proudly hosted a group of students and staff from the Hibiscus Youth Hub for an engaging and informative half-day visit. The event was designed to give the young visitors a first-hand look at the inner workings of a modern motor vehicle dealership and to inspire the next generation of automotive professionals.

The day began with a comprehensive tour of the dealership, offering students a behind-the-scenes view of how different departments operate together to deliver top-notch service. Our team walked the group through the customer sales process, highlighting the steps involved in helping clients find their perfect vehicle.

Students had the opportunity to get up close and personal with our latest range of vehicles, including the newest models from Hyundai, Isuzu, and Renault. They learned about the unique features and innovations each brand brings to the market, with time to sit inside the vehicles and ask questions.

A key part of the visit included introductions to our service technicians and parts department, where students saw firsthand how technical skills and teamwork keep vehicles running smoothly. Our team shared valuable insights about day-to-day operations, the importance of each role, and how they all contribute to customer satisfaction.

One of the highlights of the day was a session focused on career pathways, where team members offered advice on how to pursue an automotive apprenticeship. They discussed the skills, mindset, and training required to succeed in the industry.

The visit was made even more impactful with a talk from Genevieve of *Voices of Hope*, who delivered an inspiring message about resilience and mental well-being. She hosted a thoughtful Q&A session, encouraging students to prioritise their mental health and seek support when needed.

At Ingham North Harbour, we're passionate about supporting youth development—both professionally and personally—and look forward to welcoming more future talent into the automotive world.

Latest Information From Business.govt.nz



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

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**

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