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Financial Pressure Continues To Increase

Kia ora tatou,

With the rate of inflation still falling slowly, the Reserve Bank Of New Zealand (RBNZ) has reiterated that the Official Cash Rate (OCR) needs to stay at a 'restrictive level' for a sustained period of time. This means that interest rates, which are significantly influenced by the OCR, will also remain high, increasing the financial pressure on businesses, with recent figures illustrating the extent of the problem.

Consumers' disposable income has declined, resulting in a 1.9 per cent reduction in retail sales in the December 2023 quarter. Additionally, small to medium-sized businesses recorded a fall in productivity last year and the Companies Office recently reported that 282 companies went into liquidation, receivership, or voluntary liquidation last month, the highest number in nine years. With unemployment also on the increase, it's clear that business resilience will be further tested in the months ahead.

The BNH Team and I hope that all our members are able to successfully overcome any significant challenges they are facing as a result of the ongoing difficult economic climate.

Ngā mihi mahana,

Kevin O'Leary

General Manager, Business North Harbour

Be A Partner For The 2024 BNH Excellence Awards!



**BUSINESS
EXCELLENCE
AWARDS 2024**



PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Join the celebration of local business brilliance at the **2024 BNH Business Excellence Awards!**

As an Awards Category Partner, you'll boost your brand's profile as you champion the thriving North Harbour Business Improvement District business scene. This is your chance to shine alongside the best at our **2nd Awards Ceremony Gala Dinner** and you'll also benefit from pre-event hype, a prominent logo display, free tickets and extensive post-event exposure.

Reach out now to secure your partnership for this prestigious event!

For more details and partnership enquiries: Email: sandra@businessnh.org.nz Phone: 021 651 960

Upcoming Workshops & Events

2024 POST BUDGET LUNCHEON

Friday 7th June 2024

12.00pm – 2.00pm, National Hockey Centre, 159 Bush Road, Rosedale

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SPEAKERS

Hon Nicola Willis
Minister of Finance
for the National Party

Hon Barbara Edmonds
Finance Spokesperson
for the Labour Party

2024 Post Budget Luncheon
Business Luncheon
Friday 7th June 2024, 12.00-2.00pm
National Hockey Centre
159 Bush Road, Rosedale

Business North Harbour is pleased to announce a Post Budget Luncheon 2024, to be held on Friday, June 7th, at the National Hockey Centre located on Bush Road.

Speakers at this event will be [Hon Nicola Willis](#), **Minister of Finance for the National Party**, and [Hon Barbara Edmonds](#), **Finance Spokesperson for the Labour Party**, who will deliver their respective party's perspectives on the latest budget to attendees.

[Register Here](#)

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Asian Family Services
Together enriching lives

BUSINESS AFTER 5

Network & Nibbles

WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE | 5.30PM - 7.30PM
BUSINESS NORTH HARBOUR (322 ROSEDALE ROAD)

Business After Five
Wednesday 12th June 2024, 5.30-7.30pm
Business North Harbour
Level 1, 322 Rosedale Road, Rosedale

Business North Harbour invites you to join us at our Business After 5-Asian Business networking event, being held in partnership with Asian Family Services on Wednesday 12th June, at Business North Harbour (322 Rosedale Road), from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

Please come along and enjoy an evening of networking with other business owners and BNH members, whilst also enjoying a drink and some nibbles.

Don't miss out, register here, we look forward to meeting you on the night.

北港商会诚挚地邀请您参加我们与亚裔家庭服务中心共同举办的“Business After 5-Asian Business networking event”，活动将于6月12日星期三 举行，时间为下午5:30至7:30。我们相信您将与其他企业家和BNH会员一起享受一个充满合作与交流机会的社交之夜（我们将提供饮品和小吃）。

不要错过，立即在此处注册，我们期待您和您的朋友的到来。

[Register Here](#)



Women In Business
Thursday 20th June 2024, 10:00-12:00PM
North Shore Golf Club

Julie, also known as "that blind woman," has defied the odds to become an accomplished author, sought-after speaker, and empowering coach. She has captivated audiences worldwide with her story of resilience and the power of adaptation. From navigating single-blind parenting to embarking on adventures like walking every street in her hometown of Dunedin and visiting the Seven Wonders of the World, Julie's journey is one of triumph over adversity.

Join us to uncover the two small words that propelled Julie off the couch and empowered her to thrive amidst disruption. Learn firsthand what she said to those who questioned, "How can you sightsee when you can't see?"

Don't miss this opportunity to be inspired and empowered by Julie Woods' incredible story of courage, determination, and limitless possibilities.

[Register your interest](#)



North Shore Schools Careers & Pathways Expo
Wed 12th – Thurs 13th June, North Harbour Stadium
Cost: \$450 + GST per site

It is a great opportunity to engage with the next generation of career starters. 3000+ senior students from 19 North Auckland schools will be attending. Parents, whanau and anyone interested in Careers is also encouraged to attend. I would love to see you there.

As an exhibitor you can raise the profile of your organisation or industry, advertise employment opportunities and be careers advocates! By purchasing a stand, you will have the chance to showcase your business and the range of career opportunities your industry offers. You will be able to connect with Schools and their students directly, network with other businesses and training providers, advertise your entry level jobs, internships, graduate programmes, and summer jobs!

[Click here](#) to register or contact [Ines Roberts](#) for more info.

Past Events

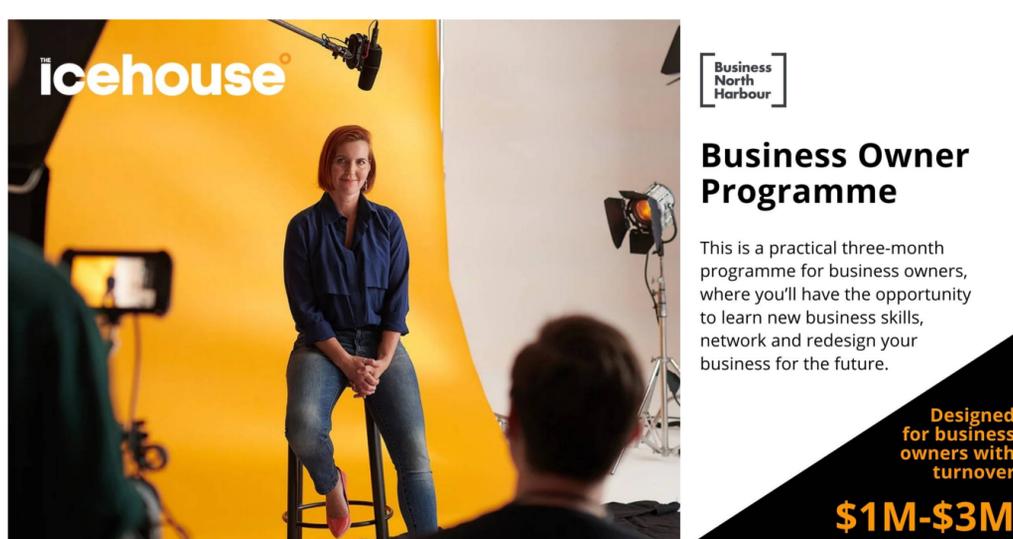


Discover the impactful insights from Business North Harbour's recent Business After 5 event hosted at MSD's Albany offices.

With a focus on employment rather than just income support, MSD's presentations revealed a proactive approach to integrating job seekers into the workforce. Highlighting the youthful energy of local job seekers and the tailored support through initiatives like Flexi-Wage and Mana in Mahi, BNH's event underscored MSD's role as a pivotal employment connector. For partnerships that empower both businesses and individuals, explore the possibilities at workandincome.govt.nz/employers and jobsandskillshubs.govt.nz.

To learn more and view event photos, [click here](#).

The Icehouse Business Owner Programme Exclusive Offer To BNH Members



Are you a business owner with a turnover of between \$1m-\$3m? BNH has partnered with Icehouse to offer a practical three-month programme where you'll have the chance to learn new skills, network, and redesign your organisation for the future.

50% funding is available from Regional Business Partners Funding. For more information and to register your interest please download the [full brochure here](#) or email Bernadette Roberts @ Comms@businessnh.org.nz

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**

The Ember Employment Talent Showcase Would Like To Introduce Kees

Ember Employment Talent Showcase

We've got the talent for the job you've got.

Introducing **Kees**

Contact Janey today to learn more about Kees and other talent.
janey.housego@ember.org.nz

Ember Employment have hundreds of jobseekers on their books ready to step into roles. Today, we'd like to introduce you to Kees, who is passionate about working in IT. He is looking for part-time entry-level work in IT while he studies cybersecurity at AUT. A North Shore local Kees has previously worked as a network technician and field engineer. If you want to access this free to employers resource or learn more about Kees, contact Janey today at: janey.housego@ember.org.nz.

We are Platinum Partner of BNH and are appealing to you, our fellow members, to support this initiative.

Ember Employment has a diverse range of talent, from IT specialists to data entry operators to early childhood workers and more. Our employment consultants support people with lived experience of mental health challenges, harm from alcohol or other drugs, or intellectual disabilities to find the right job with the right organisation. Furthermore, they continue to support jobseekers after they are employed to ensure a smooth transition.

Ember is one of the largest NGOs in Aotearoa, employing over three hundred people. Most Ember staff have lived experience. They are living proof of the power of recovery when people are given the right support to succeed. Our vision at Ember is to create an Aotearoa where all people are supported to be who and what they want to be.

The Future Of Driving At North Harbour Hyundai!

All-new SANTA FE

Book a Test drive 21-24 & 26 May
Join our event - Sat 25th May

Games
Kids Nexx
Hot chips
EV Popcorn

Join us for an exclusive unveiling of the All-New SANTA FE from **May 21st to May 26th**. Don't miss our special **Family Fun Day on Saturday, May 25th!** Test drive the latest SUV, enjoy fun activities like the boot putt challenge, savour delicious hot chips, and watch the IONIQ EV pop popcorn. It's a perfect day out for the whole family with activities and innovations on display. Come see why the All-New SANTA FE is more than just a car—it's an experience!

175 Wairau Road, Glenfield.

See you there! To book a test drive, [click here](#).

Hospice Awareness Week

we make life more joyful

HOSPICE AWARENESS WEEK
harbour hospice
13-19 MAY

It's Hospice Awareness Week from 13th – 19th May and over the week Harbour Hospice will be highlighting the importance of reaching those who have a life-limiting illness earlier in their journey, so more can be done to support them to live well. It's about being there for patients, families and their whānau, and **helping to make those final years, months or weeks more joyful** – not just less awful.

Find out how local businesses can get involved [here](#).

Upcoming EMA Events

EMA have some upcoming events which may be of interest to BNH Members.

On May 29th at the ASB showground is the Make NZ manufacturing industry conference. The link to register is [here](#) and EMA members get a discount of \$70 off the ticket price.

28th – 30th May at the ASB showgrounds is EMEX- New Zealand's largest trade show for the engineering, manufacturing technology and electronics sectors. It is completely free to attend. Learn more [About EMEX](#).

31st May the NZ Businesswomen's conference. Click [here](#) to register.

Invitation To Sponsor New Zealand Indian Hockey Championship - June 1st to 3rd



North Harbour Sports Club Incorporated (NHISC) is proud to be hosting the New Zealand Indian Sports Association (NZISA) annual hockey tournament the 'New Zealand Indian Hockey Championship' (NZIHC) this year. It will take place on 1st - 3rd June 2024 at North Harbour's National Hockey Centre, Rosedale.

For more information and to learn how you can become a sponsor click [here](#)

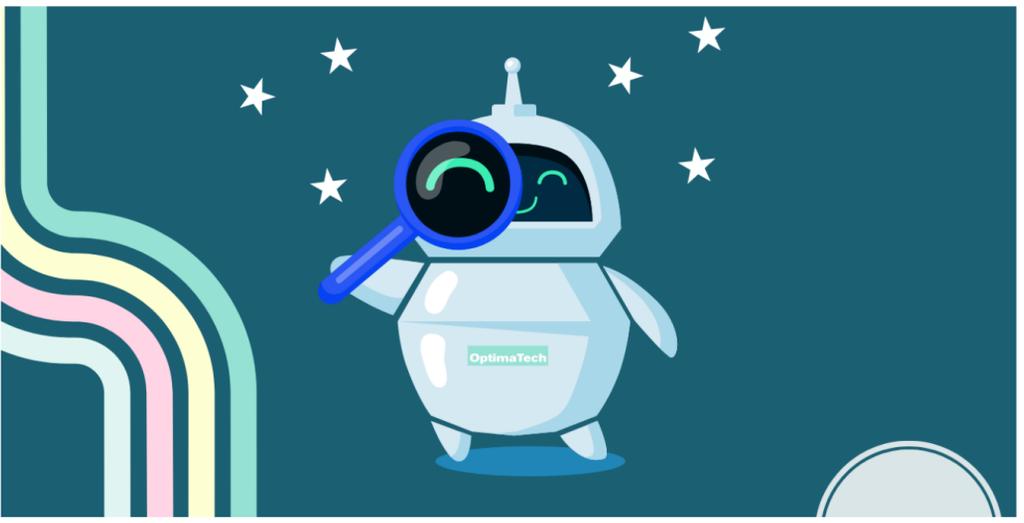
Looking To Partner With A Local Organisation And Make A Real Impact?



Littlemore is the leading provider of 280,000+ high quality, repurposed, baby items per year to 6,000+ families with newborns living in poverty and facing serious life challenges every day.

We're seeking local businesses to support our sustainable grassroots organisation that serves the whole Auckland region, so we can meet the growing needs of our community. If you're interested to donate baby essentials or make a financial donation to support babies living in hardship, please email Sarb at sarb@littlemore.co.nz or visit littlemore.co.nz to find out more.

Unlocking Secure Futures: OptimaTech's Exclusive TechWeek Sessions



OptimaTech is proud to present a lineup of [free online sessions](#) designed to empower businesses with cutting-edge solutions for [data security](#), [secure collaboration](#), and much more. Join them at [Techweek](#), Aotearoa's premier festival for tech that's good for the world, from May 20-26. Learn about the latest data security strategies, from a [smarter approach to address data security challenges](#) to [leveraging free tools for enterprise protection](#). They'll tackle [under-the-radar threats](#) like data leaks from [CCTV footage](#), and explore methods to [safeguard your intellectual property](#). Don't miss this opportunity to fortify your defences and gain valuable insights from industry experts. Look ahead to a more secure digital future with us at Techweek, powered by OptimaTech.

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Thank you to our 2023-2024 SILVER PARTNERS

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YOUR NEW WORLD OF GIFTS

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