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Tariff Wars

Kia ora tatou,

After the positive news a couple of weeks ago that we were officially out of recession thanks to a 0.7% increase in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the December 2024 quarter, the world at large has seemingly been thrown back into turmoil after America's decision to increase the tariff on imported goods across the globe.

As you are all no doubt aware, this has had a hugely negative impact on stock exchanges all over the world as the fear of trade wars becomes a reality, with a number of countries threatening retaliatory tariff increases in return.

Only time will tell what the effects of this latest unforeseen circumstance will be on the economy and business in general, but just as there seemed to be some relief on the horizon for businesses, it appears that there could be another economic headache waiting in the wings to manifest itself.

Whatever challenges arise from this decision by America, I sincerely hope that members, particularly our exporters and importers, are able to show their resilience and weather yet another storm not of our making.

Ngā mihi mahana,

Kevin O'Leary

General Manager, Business North Harbour

Upcoming Workshops & Events

BUSINESS NORTH HARBOUR | LEARNING LAB



WORK SMART, STAY HEALTHY
UNLOCKING WELLNESS
WITH PROFESSOR AJMOL ALI

FRIDAY 9 MAY 2025
12:00-2:00PM BUSINESS NORTH HARBOUR





LEARNING LAB: Work Smart, Stay Healthy: Unlocking Wellness with Professor Ajmol Ali
Friday, 9th May, 12.00pm - 2.00pm
Business North Harbour

Join us for an enlightening workshop on the secret to working smart and staying healthy, featuring Professor Ajmol Ali, a renowned expert in Exercise Science at Massey University. Professor Ali will take you on a journey into how you can help yourself manage the demands of a hectic professional life, sharing valuable insights from his extensive research and personal experience. Discover practical wellness tips to integrate into your routine – some may not stick, but the exploration will be enjoyable!

ABOUT OUR EXPERT:

Ajmol is currently Professor of Exercise Science at Massey University. His research spans several themes including paediatric exercise science, supplementation for health, wellness and performance, sport performance, and wellness at work. Ajmol is also Director of **Imago Wellness Coaching**, collaborating with national and international organisations to provide online, customised wellness coaching to help employees become more productive and lead healthier lives. Away from work Ajmol still continues to play football (albeit at a much slower pace than in his younger years!) and also enjoys coaching his two young children.

A light lunch will be served, please get in touch if you have any dietary requirements.

[Register Here](#)

TABLETOP NETWORKING

**NETWORKING
& BUSINESS
SHOWCASE**

5.30PM–8.00PM, WEDNESDAY 14 MAY 2025
NORTH SHORE GOLF CLUB
REGISTER NOW | ONLY \$79+GST PER BUSINESS



Business After 5: Networking & Business Showcase 2025
Wednesday, 14th May, 5.30pm - 8.00pm
North Shore Golf Club

We're excited to announce that our **Business After 5: Networking & Business Showcase** is **back by popular demand** in 2025—bigger, better, and bursting with opportunity!

After a fantastic response last time, we're thrilled to bring this high-energy event back, giving you the chance to **showcase your business**, make valuable connections, and grow your network within the BID community.

What's in it for you & your business?

You'll get your own **designated tabletop** to display your products, services, or expertise while mingling with fellow business owners, members, and associate members. It's the perfect platform to raise your profile, share your story, and spark new conversations

And yes—prize draws are back too!

You'll run them right from your stand, enabling you to collect your own contacts and business cards on the night - so what you want to give away, is up to you!

[Register Here](#)



Step Up To Leadership



Step up to be the leader you are meant to be.

Learn How To:

- Transition from doing to leading
- Lead by example
- Listen with empathy
- Earn trust and build cooperation
- Create a sense of direction for your team
- Foster collaboration
- Delegate and hold people accountable
- Hold a performance appraisal and provide recognition that builds confidence and loyalty in others
- Resolve conflicts and convert negativity into positive production
- Give difficult feedback without creating resentment
- Be cool under pressure

When: Tuesday 15th April 2024 8:30am - 4:30pm
Location: BNZ North Shore Partners Centre, Level 3, 55 Corinthian Drive, Albany
Investment: \$800 + GST
Email to register: michele@dalecarnegie.co.nz

This workshop is registered with the Regional Business Partner Network. To explore if your business may be eligible for support, contact us, so we can put you in touch with your local Regional Business Growth Advisor it appropriate to discuss further



View Course Programme

Contact: michele@dalecarnegie.co.nz | 0275 988 430 | www.dalecarnegie.co.nz

Member Event: Step Up To Leadership brought to you by Dale Carnegie
 Tuesday 15th April, 8.30am - 4.30pm
 BNZ North Shore Partners Centre

Step up to be the leader you are meant to be

Don't supervise.... *super-lead* your team to breakthrough performance!

In this programme, you will smooth your transition from individual contributor to leader.

[Register Here](#)

Past Events



On April 3rd, we celebrated the 5th Anniversary of the Business North Harbour Asian Business Group at Lunar House Restaurant. It was a vibrant evening of connection, inspiration, and community. A heartfelt thank you to our sponsors—RSM, Jas Wood Timber NZ Ltd, and Ignite Growth Consulting—for their generous support. From engaging speakers to a lively lucky draw, the event marked a meaningful milestone and highlighted the strength of our growing network. Here's to continued success and collaboration ahead!

To view event video and photos, [click here](#)

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**

Introducing Carmen Winterbach: Your New Contact At Ember Employment Talent Showcase!

Ember Employment Talent Showcase



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

Introducing
Carmen

Contact: carmen.winterbach@ember.org.nz
 today to learn more.



We are excited to announce that Carmen Winterbach is now leading the Ember Employment Talent Showcase. Having worked closely with her predecessor, Janey Housego, Carmen is well-prepared to step into this role seamlessly.

If you're seeking candidates to fill your vacancies, Carmen is your go-to person. Ember Employment boasts a diverse pool of jobseekers, ranging from seasoned professionals to those just starting their careers.

To learn more about our jobseekers, reach out to Carmen at carmen.winterbach@ember.org.nz.

Ember Employment is dedicated to connecting employers with the right talent, whether you need administrators, technicians, or site supervisors. As one of Aotearoa's largest NGOs, we are committed to creating opportunities for everyone, envisioning an Aotearoa where all people are supported to be who and what they want to be."

This FREE resource is supported by Business North Harbour. Don't miss out—contact Carmen today!

Auckland Transport (AT) Paid Parking Price Increase

AT's parking prices in most paid parking areas and carparks will be increasing by 50 cents per hour. This increase will take place in two weeks (14 April).

Why the increase?

- AT is responding to approximately 30% more requests from Aucklanders to respond to issues that are frustrating them such as blocked driveways, footpaths and clearways. Operational costs to manage parking have increased by 13%.
- Public parking prices are adjusted annually, based on data including demand, market conditions, economic conditions and operating costs. This takes into consideration socio-economic considerations.
- This is similar to the approach taken each year to review public transport fares, and ensures that users are paying a small share of the costs of running and maintaining Auckland's parking, so that this doesn't fall on ratepayers.

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Thank you to our 2024-2025 SILVER PARTNERS



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Women in Business



Business North Harbour Business Excellence Awards



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