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Here's Hoping For A Positive Budget

Kia ora tatou,

With this year's Budget due to be delivered by Finance Minister, Hon. Nicola Willis tomorrow, there's a lot of anticipation regarding the measures that are going to be announced that will help businesses and the economy to make some positive headway. When asked what her message was to businesses ahead of the Budget, the Finance Minister said that the Government wants to back business to succeed and the Budget is designed to give businesses more confidence. She also noted that the country needs businesses to create jobs for New Zealanders.

In the same pre-Budget announcement, Prime Minister, Hon. Christopher Luxon, noted that the focus was on growing the economy, with a need for wages to rise faster than the cost of the products they are buying, which can only be achieved through growing the economy. He also noted that the Government's relentless focus on growth means we won't see an irresponsible spending spree in this Budget and the Government has been careful with its spending choices.

Only time will tell what the benefits of any Budget announcements for businesses will be, but hopefully the comments made will be reflected by some positive, tangible outcomes for members.

Ngā mihi mahana,

Kevin O'Leary

General Manager, Business North Harbour

Upcoming Workshops & Events



Business After 5: Networking Event proudly hosted by Marsden Suites Hotel, Albany
Thursday, 22nd May, 5.00pm - 7.30pm
Marsden Suites Hotel

Join us for a special evening of networking, hospitality, and celebration as we showcase the newly opened **Marsden Suites Hotel Albany**—a premium 4-star suites hotel located in the heart of our Business Improvement District.

Operated by the stellar team behind **Ramada Suites Albany**, Marsden Suites promises the same exceptional guest service and high standards guests have come to expect.

Enjoy a relaxed evening of drinks, canapés, and great company while exploring this stylish new property. Plus, be in to **win exciting prizes**, including accommodation vouchers to stay at Marsden Suites Hotel and Ramada Albany!

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow business professionals, experience a standout new addition to our BID and enjoy an evening of fun.

Drinks and Nibbles will be served and there will be an opportunity to tour the wonderful new hotel!

[Register Here](#)



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](#)



2025 DATES: WEDNESDAY 28 - THURSDAY 29 MAY



NORTH HARBOUR STADIUM

Opening Times:

Wednesday 28 May:
4pm to 7:30pm

Thursday 29 May:
9:30am to 2:30pm and 4pm to 7:30pm

North Shore Career Expo
Wednesday, 28th May 2025, 4.00 – 7.30pm
Thursday, 29th May 2025, 9.30 – 7.30pm
North Harbour Stadium

Past Events



LEARNING LAB: Work Smart, Stay Healthy

Ajmol Ali, Professor of Sport and Exercise Science, Massey University and co-founder of Imago Wellness Coaching.

Business North Harbour’s first Learning Lab of 2025 set a high bar for the year!

Aj is an engaging speaker who draws on both personal anecdotes and extensive scientific research to offer meaningful insights and advice. At the core of all his work is a simple premise: promoting wellness to prevent illness.

When considering a “healthy” workplace, Aj urged participants to think of culture as a verb rather than a noun – constantly evolving and requiring nurture.

During a highly interactive 90 minutes, Aj brought to life the principles of his “Four Pillars of Wellness”: 1. Think well 2. Move well 3. Eat well 4. Sleep well

For more information about the event, [click here](#)



More than 30 local businesses and nonprofits took part in this vibrant “mini-expo,” seizing the opportunity to connect with potential clients, suppliers, investors, and partners. The atmosphere was buzzing well before the official 5:30 PM start, with excitement rippling through the crowd. Exhibitors also had the spotlight with a 30-second promo slot, giving everyone a chance to make valuable connections and share what they offer.

Attendees enjoyed plenty of chances to win great prizes, too!

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

Latest Information From Business.govt.nz



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

- [Landlords, are your rentals up to healthy homes standard?](#)
- [Claim expenses to lower your tax bill](#)
- [Know your obligations for employee share schemes](#)
- [Have your say: Companies Office fees and levies](#)
- [Brush up on business finance](#)
- [Unmask cyber crime to help keep your business secure](#)

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**

Carmen's Candidate Connection: Your Shortcut To Top Talent



Looking for the perfect candidates? Carmen Winterbach is ready to help (for FREE) through the Ember Employment Talent Showcase. We connect you with a diverse pool of jobseekers, from seasoned professionals to those launching their careers, making hiring simple and effective. As one of Aotearoa's largest NGOs, we're committed to creating opportunities for everyone, envisioning an Aotearoa where all people are supported to be who and what they want to be. Whether you need administrators, technicians, site supervisors, or other skilled talent, we have the right candidates for you.

This FREE resource is supported by Business North Harbour. Contact Carmen today at carmen.winterbach@ember.org.nz - don't miss out!

Support Pacific Talent In Auckland Workplaces – Your Network Can Help



Gravitas OPG is an independent research company partnering with Tātaki Auckland Unlimited on an important project to better understand the training needs of entry-level roles, particularly for Pacific workers.

Please take a couple of minutes to complete their survey using the link below – thank you.

<https://survey.gravitasopg.co.nz/survey/selfserve/219f/g064/250404>

Would You Welcome Some Free Labour And Energetic Minds From Massey University?



Massey MBA programme is **urgently** seeking a few local businesses who would welcome some 'free labour and energetic minds' to take on a problem or develop an initiative on their behalf.

These are MBA students (average age mid-30's with international work experience) who are completing an **Action Learning Project**. In this course, students are given a specific project by the firm (eg, creation of a new product, solving a problem, or exploring a new international market) and then are expected to work independently to complete the project. The students are expected to work approximately 40 hours 'onsite' over the next 3-5 week period. Ideally the business will meet with the students to discuss the project, provide them with access to relevant information (ie, background, strategy documents, etc), identify whom they should ask for questions, and then check-up on their progress. **Business are NOT expected to micro-manage the students**. At the conclusion of the project, students' conduct a formal presentation to the business (no later than 23rd June).

Our **Action Learning Project** has been a real win-win for the businesses and the students. The businesses can allocate a project they've been wanting to do (but don't have the resources) and the students get practical, hands-on experience working with a New Zealand business.

Over the years, this has been such a successful programme that this year we have a record number of MBA students enrolled in the course. Unfortunately the administrator who normally connects students-to-businesses, resigned unexpectedly and so now Karianne is tasked with 'playing matchmaker' in a very short timeframe.

Whatever help you can give her would be greatly appreciated. Karianne is needing to place the following:

5 x Global Business Specialisation students. They could work in 1 large or 2 smaller groups depending on the number of businesses

3 x Sustainability Specialisation students. They could work in 1 group

If you're interested and can help please contact Karianne K.Grimes@massey.ac.nz

Offers From Auckland Business Chamber



CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP OFFER FOR BNH MEMBERS

Chamber Membership for Business North Harbour Members – Just \$50+gst a Year
As a Business North Harbour member, you're eligible for Auckland Business Chamber membership at a special rate of \$50+gst per year. Chamber membership gives you access to a range of benefits, including:

- Savings through Alliance Partners – Get discounts with 2degrees, OfficeMax, Z Business, Bunnings, Noel Leeming, Yoogo Fleet, Clarity Insurance Brokers, Reliance Utilities and more. Full details here: [Alliance Partners](#)
- Exclusive member-to-member offers
- Chamber Toolkit – Access templates, guides, and business resources online, plus talk to a Business Advisor by calling 0800 543 543
- Free 30-minute consultation with one of our Growth Advisors to discuss business growth or innovation
- Promotional opportunities – Raise your profile through initiatives such as Feature Friday (a complimentary social media promo), and inclusion in the online Business Chamber directory
- Free Member Evenings and one BA5 networking event per year
- Member pricing on Chamber events throughout the year
- Discounts on international trade documentation

To take advantage of this offer, please click [here](#), enter coupon code: **BusinessNorthHarbour** to access your \$50+gst membership.

CHAMBER REGIONAL BUSINESS PROGRAMME

Subsidised Management Training and Connections - at No Cost to You
Through our Regional Business Partner Programme, our Growth Advisors can help identify opportunities for your business and connect you to government-subsidised management training* (both group and one-on-one options available). If you're working on new products, services, technologies, or innovation (including R&D), we can also guide you to funding, resources, and industry networks. Start with a free 30-minute consultation to assess your business needs and connect you to the right support to drive growth. To book at time with our Advisors click [here](#)

* Subsidised management training: the business is required to pay at least 50% of the cost.

Well Foundation Has A New Look



Well Foundation, the official charity for North Shore and Waitākere Hospitals, has unveiled a fresh new look that reflects their ongoing commitment to advancing healthcare for the local community.

Their updated logo, featuring a ripple design, symbolises the lasting impact of generosity — creating positive change for patients, families, healthcare teams, and the wider North and West Auckland region.

Since 2014, Well Foundation has invested over \$18 million in transformative healthcare projects, including a state-of-the-art Special Care Baby Unit, New Zealand's first Hospital Healing Garden, a youth mental health programme, and access to cutting-edge surgical technology and training. This visual refresh highlights the foundation's mission to build stronger community support for vital healthcare initiatives, ensuring a better future for all.

Explore their refreshed website to learn more and see the incredible projects supported by the community: www.wellfoundation.org.nz

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