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Where Will It All End?

Kia ora tatou,

The latest Gross Domestic Product (GDP) figures released by Stats NZ which showed a drop of 0.9% came as a surprise for economists as it was far worse than the 0.4% decline that most had predicted. Manufacturing and construction were particularly hard hit, but there were falls in 10 of 16 industries making the decline broad-based, which is further cause for concern. This unexpected and somewhat disappointing result means that the Government is now under even more pressure to stimulate economic growth, as we all eagerly await turning the economic corner, a wait that was predicted to end by much earlier this year.

Whilst we wait to see how the Government responds to the current situation, all eyes will be firmly fixed on the Reserve Bank Of New Zealand's (RBNZ) Official Cash Rate (OCR) announcement due on 8th October. Most if not all economists are predicting that the RBNZ will have to cut the OCR more aggressively than it was planning, with some calling for a 50 basis points reduction, followed by further reductions before the end of the year.

Currently, there's a viewpoint that things will improve as GDP growth is already tracking better in the September quarter, but I don't think too many people are holding their breath. I sincerely hope that the economic 'green shoots' that people often refer to continue to grow and bear fruit sooner rather than later, so that members can enjoy a little relief from their ongoing economic pressures as we head towards the end of what has been for many another very challenging year.

Ngā mihi mahana,

KEVIN O'LEARY

General Manager

Upcoming Workshops & Events

13TH TO 17TH OCTOBER 2025
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Inorganic Collection

Monday, 13th October - Friday, 17th October 2025

We have now confirmed the collection dates for our next Inorganic collection for all members. From Monday 13th October 2025 any inorganic items you require to be collected need to be available for collection by Abilities Group. The items will be collected progressively across the week to Friday 17th October. Refer to our website for more details and to register for a collection:

www.businessnh.org.nz/inorganiccollection

BOSS'
老板节 DAY

Asian Business Collective

Oct 17 Fri | 05:30 pm | 55 Café
55 Corinthian Drive, Albany, Auckland

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Asian Business Collective | Boss' Day 2025

Friday, 17th October 2025, 5:30pm - 7:00pm

55 Cafe - 55 Corinthian Dr, Albany

Mandarin Event

Teachers have Teacher's Day, nurses have Nurse's Day, workers have Labour Day... But bosses? They worry every day, take on all the responsibility, and rarely get a day off. Boss' Day is here to appreciate them, respect them, and celebrate them.

Join us at Business North Harbour's First Boss' Day for guest talks, interactive sessions, lucky draws, and networking with fellow business leaders.

Sign up now and celebrate the people who keep it all running!

[Register Here](#)

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THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER 2025 | 4.30PM

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ATTENDEES ARE WELCOME TO ARRIVE FROM 4:15PM

The 2025 Business North Harbour Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday 23rd October at the offices of Business North Harbour commencing at 4:30pm.

Please RSVP via email to Kevin O'Leary (General Manager) kevin@businessnh.org.nz.



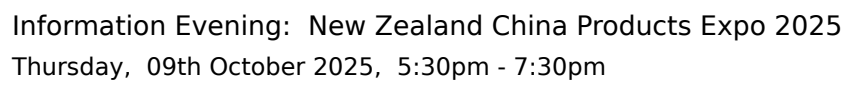
**Understand It.
Use It.
Grow With It.**



With AI rapidly reshaping the business landscape—and the launch of New Zealand’s first National AI Strategy—the timing couldn’t be better. In response to overwhelming member demand, Business North Harbour is proud to present its very first action-packed half-day AI conference, designed to empower local businesses to harness the power of AI and lead with confidence into the future.

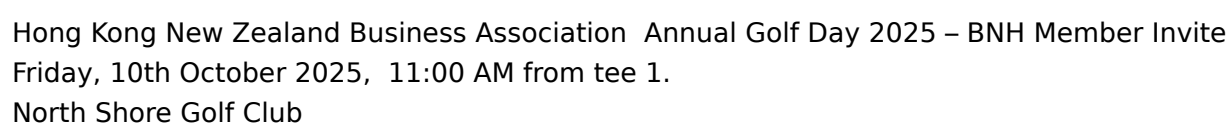
- Inspiring Keynotes from renowned thought leaders including **AI Tech Hall of Famer Greg Cross** (*Eighty.20.AI, Soul Machines*), **Justin Flitter** (*New Zealand.AI*) and more exciting names to be announced.
- A **1-hour hands-on Workshop** focused on real-world applications of AI.
- **Panel Discussion** with industry experts
- **AI in Action:** Live demos and interactive tech zones to experience the AI tools shaping the future of business
- Networking Opportunities

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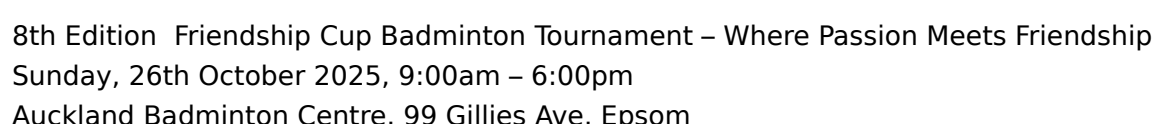


Join us to learn how your business can make the most of this unique event.

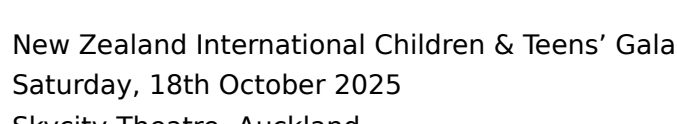
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To register your team or explore sponsorship, contact: iwanzinternational@gmail.com



Now in its 8th year, the Gala—proudly organised by Cubee Group—celebrates the creativity, talent, and compassion of young people through world class performances. Beyond the stage, it carries a

heartfelt mission: supporting Radio Lollipop, bringing joy and encouragement to children in hospitals. With strong backing from sponsors such as Precise Homes and Spark NZ, the Gala has become where art meets love, inspiring hope in performers and the community alike.

[Register Here](#)



ONE DAY SALE 2025 – REGISTRATIONS OPEN!

One Day Sale is back — The Biggest Sales Day of the Year for our BID Members!

Celebrating its 13th year, this iconic event is open to all Business North Harbour members, whether you're a retailer, wholesaler, or distributor — large or small.

For businesses unable to open their warehouses or premises to the public, we're hosting a **Pop-Up Market**. This gives every business the chance to showcase products and connect directly with thousands of eager shoppers.

ONE DAY SALE SHOPPERS GUIDE – Advertising Opportunities

The ODS Shoppers Guide is the go-to resource for bargain hunters. Distributed across the North Harbour and North Shore regions — and shared widely online — the guide is relied on by thousands of shoppers every year. It also features a shoppers Map of all participants.

As a participant, you can purchase advertising space to boost visibility and attract even more foot traffic.

Register your business for **One Day Sale** by downloading the registration form [\[here\]](#).

Register for our **Pop-Up Market** by downloading the registration form [\[here\]](#).

Latest Information From Business.govt.nz

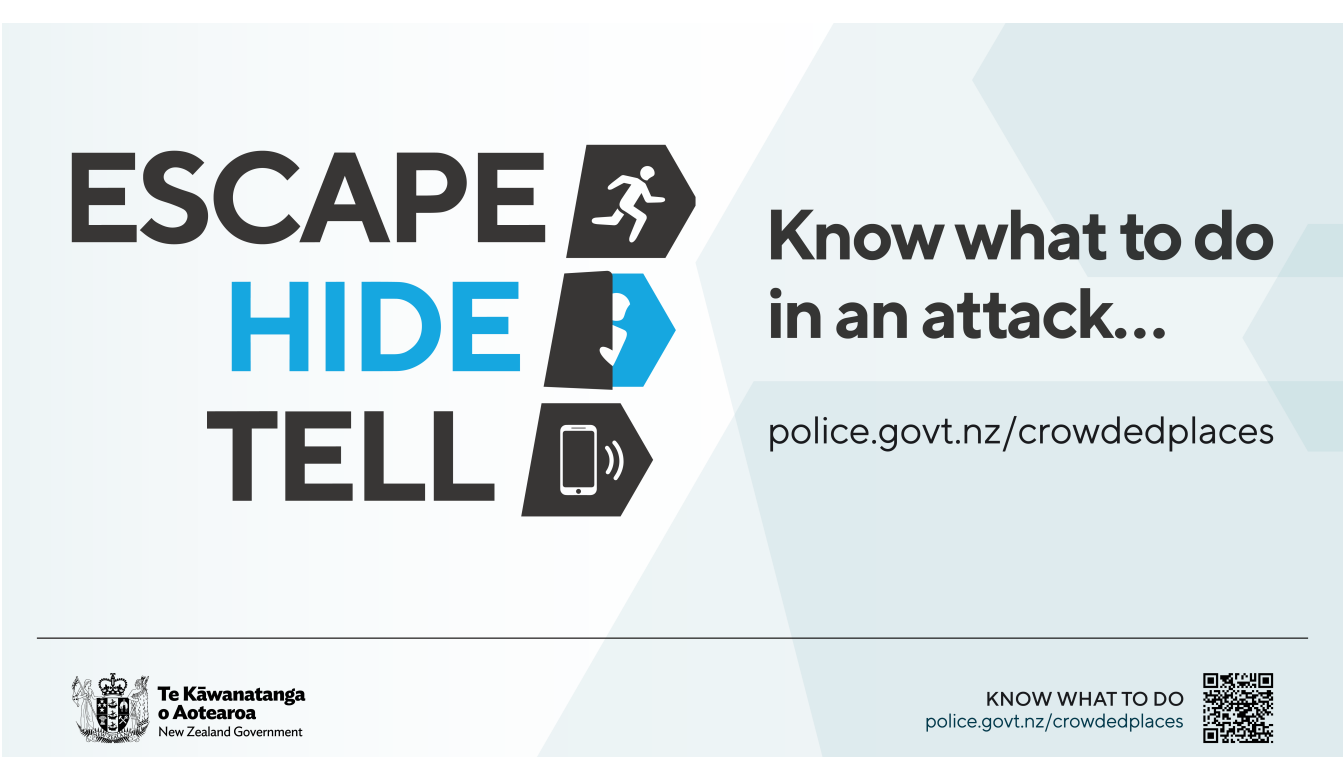


The business.govt.nz and other Government sources provide the latest information for businesses.

- [Getting the best out of ChatGPT](#)
- [Thinking of starting a business?](#)
- [Pets in rentals – new rules later this year](#)
- [Forecast your cash flow to plan for the future](#)
- [Join a local or online business tax seminar](#)
- [Claim expenses to reduce your tax bill](#)
- [Get ready to ShakeOut](#)
- [Prepare for the unexpected in crowded places](#)

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**

National Safety Campaign Launch - Escape. Hide. Tell.



Following a considerable amount of work by the Crowded Places Business and Community Advisory Groups, a number of other agencies and New Zealand Police, the Government have developed 'Protecting Our Crowded Places - New Zealand's Strategy', which intends to preserve the public's use and enjoyment of crowded places, while ensuring that their safety has been considered. BNH is offering our support to the launch of the **Escape. Hide. Tell.** campaign, as we believe that everyone's safety is of paramount importance.

Most people are aware of what to do in certain situations, in a tsunami – Long or Strong Get Gone, or in an earthquake – Drop, Cover and Hold and in a fire – Stop, Drop & Roll, but some of the feedback from the Westfield Bondi Junction terror attack identified that people in the mall didn't know what to do in an active armed offender situation.

Throughout our lives we will find ourselves in an array of crowded places such as airports, stadia, transport hubs, stations, malls, schools, restaurants and town centres to name but a few, so it's important that you know what to do in the unlikely event that you are caught up in such an event. It's important to be prepared to react quickly, so you need to remember three words:

ESCAPE: Move quickly and quietly away from danger, but only if it is safe to do so.

HIDE: Stay out of sight and silence your mobile phone.

TELL: Call the Police by dialling 111 when it is safe.

You can view the Crowded Places Strategy [here](#) or download a poster for your workplace [here](#)

Let's all do our bit to keep ourselves and others safe.

Auckland Emergency Management - Get Ready Campaign



Auckland Emergency Management (with Auckland Council) is encouraging Aucklanders to use daylight saving weekend as a reminder to make or update their household emergency plan.

It's time to talk emergencies. Make a plan this daylight saving weekend.

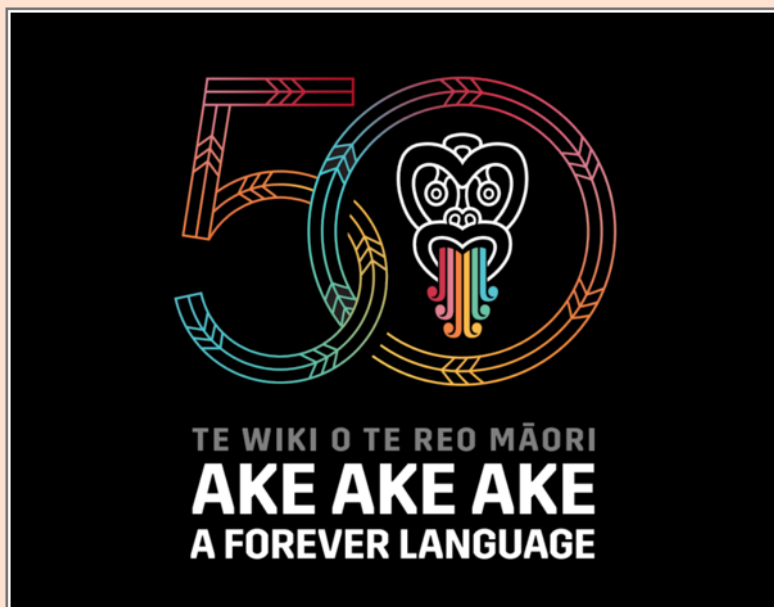
- Emergencies don't send calendar invites. We can't control the storms, earthquakes or tsunamis, but we can control how ready we are.
- Use this daylight saving weekend to sit down with your whānau and make your household emergency plan.
- Having a plan means you'll know what to do if an emergency happens.

- The more you do now, the more prepared you and your whānau will be in an emergency.
- It's time to talk emergencies, Tāmaki Makaurau

For more information visit:

- Auckland Emergency Management website: <https://aem.govt.nz/>
- Make a plan Resources: <https://aem.govt.nz/make-a-plan>

Te Wiki o te Reo Māori



Te Wiki o te Reo Māori began as a single day in 1972 and grew into a week-long celebration, first marked in 1975. Now, 50 years on, we continue to honour the language and culture that enrich Aotearoa.

Whether you're fluent, just beginning, or simply curious, this week offers a meaningful opportunity to engage with te reo Māori and the heritage it represents.

[You can find out more about Te Wiki o te Reo Māori online here.](#)

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