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### Here's To A Positive New Year

Kia ora tatou,

After hopefully enjoying a well-deserved Christmas and New Year break spending quality time with family and loved ones, many members have now returned to work ready to take on whatever challenges may arise in 2026. I sincerely hope that the new year proves to be a successful and positive one that members can enjoy without having their resilience and financial management capability tested to the same degree as in recent years. The economic climate appears set to remain challenging for a little while, but I hope that all members can achieve some positive outcomes during the year, whatever business and personal goals may have been set.

BNH is once again looking forward to sharing some of these successes and some of the outstanding results that will no doubt be achieved this year by our members, as we celebrate with and acknowledge our local business community at the BNH Business Excellence Awards later in the year.

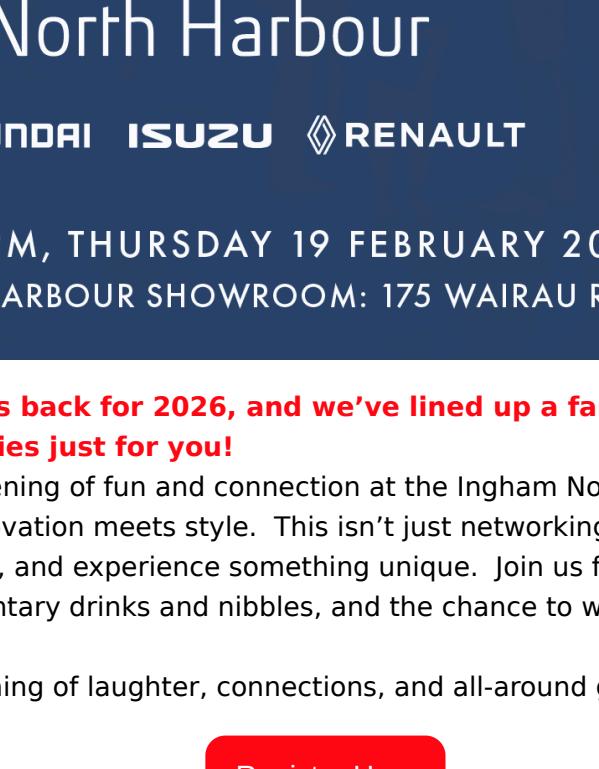
In the meantime, the Team at BNH look forward to engaging with you and hope that everyone enjoys a happy and successful 2026.

Ngā mihi mahana,

**KEVIN O'LEARY**

General Manager

### A Warm Welcome To Debbie Cannon



We're excited to welcome Debbie Cannon to the team as our new Marketing & Events Manager! Debbie brings a wealth of experience in creating impactful campaigns and delivering memorable events. Her passion for connecting people and driving engagement will help us take our marketing and events to the next level. Feel free to reach out to Debbie at [comms@businessnh.org.nz](mailto:comms@businessnh.org.nz) to say hello or discuss upcoming opportunities.

### Upcoming Workshops & Events

#### BUSINESS AFTER 5 NETWORKING

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GREAT PRIZES UP FOR GRABS

North Harbour

 HYUNDAI  ISUZU  RENAULT

Kaipātiki Local Board

Auckland Council

5.00PM-7.30PM, THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2026

INGHAM NORTH HARBOUR SHOWROOM: 175 WAIRAU ROAD

**Business  
North  
Harbour**

**BNH Business After 5 is back for 2026, and we've lined up a fantastic series of networking opportunities just for you!**

First up, join us for an evening of fun and connection at the Ingham North Harbour showroom in Wairau Valley, where innovation meets style. This isn't just networking; it's an opportunity to build relationships, share ideas, and experience something unique. Join us for an evening of great conversations, complimentary drinks and nibbles, and the chance to win fantastic prizes!

See you there for an evening of laughter, connections, and all-around good vibes!

[Register Here](#)

### BNH - Massey University Leadership And Business Mentoring Programme

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**Business  
North  
Harbour**

A group of diverse individuals are gathered around a table, engaged in a collaborative discussion. They are looking at papers and writing in notebooks. The background shows a window with a view of the outdoors.

Following the successful completion of the fifth year of the programme, Business North Harbour in partnership with Massey University will once again be offering members the opportunity to participate in a unique leadership and business skills development opportunity in 2026.

The Mentoring Programme, which has proven to be of great value to both mentors and mentees, will run from mid-March to mid-December and we're looking to expand the opportunity to include up to 15 pairs of mentors and mentees this year, but we need your engagement.

We have numerous highly skilled and successful businesspeople within our local business community, so please consider giving back by becoming a programme mentor. We also have numerous potential mentees whose personal and professional development would benefit from being paired up with an amazing mentor, so don't be shy, come and join the programme as a mentee.

Full details of the programme are available on a dedicated page on the BNH website [here](#) and include details of how to apply to participate as a mentor or a mentee.

If you want to find out more about what's involved as a mentor or a mentee please register for the programme information Evening, which will be held here at BNH on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, starting at 5.30pm, by e-mailing [kevin@businessnh.org.nz](mailto:kevin@businessnh.org.nz).

### Graffiti And Illegal Dumping Reporting



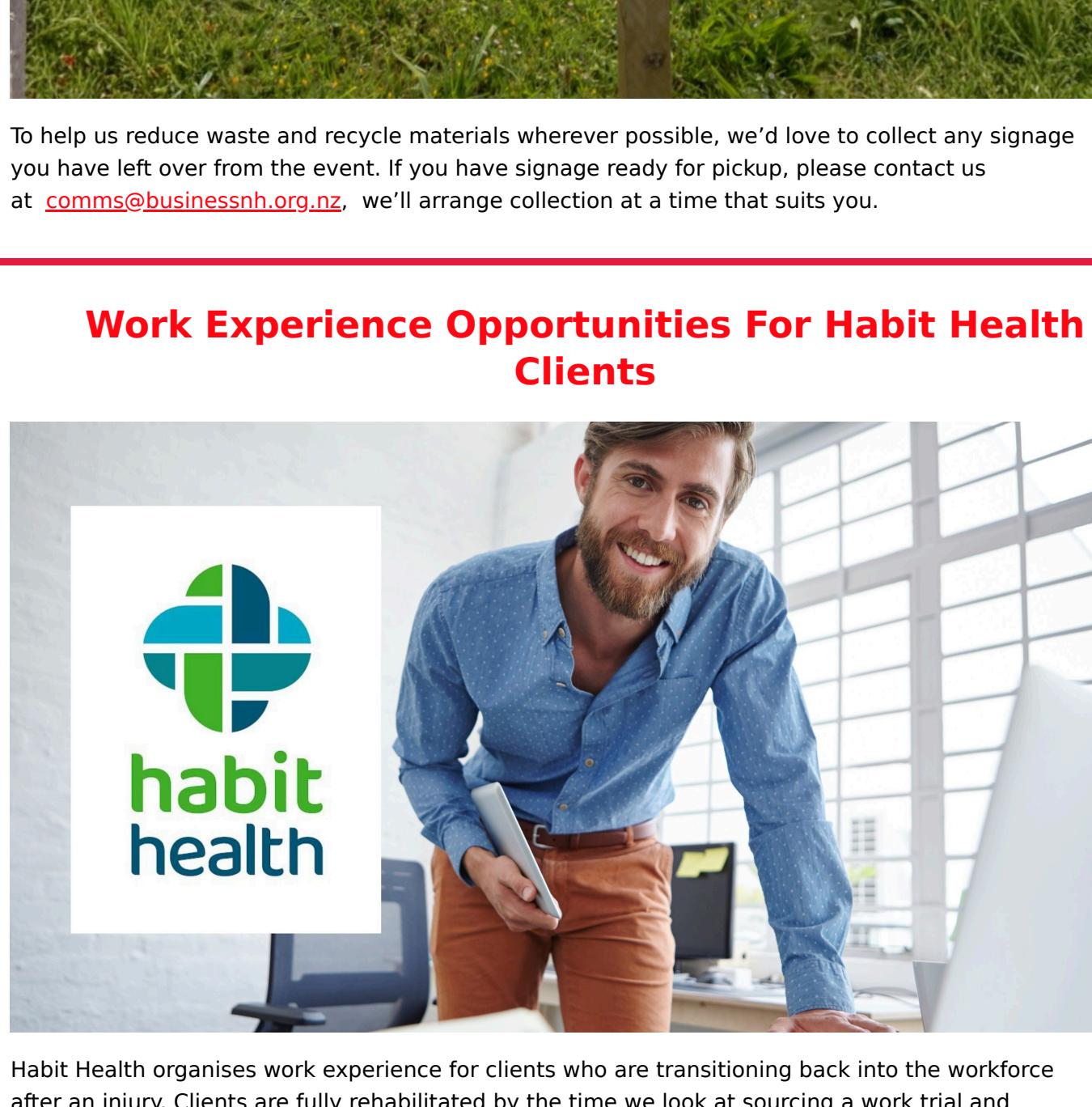
To help keep our business community clean and safe, members can report graffiti and illegal dumping within our area through either of the following channels:

**Auckland Council**, or Email our **Crime Prevention Manager**

at [crimeprevention@businessnh.org.nz](mailto:crimeprevention@businessnh.org.nz)

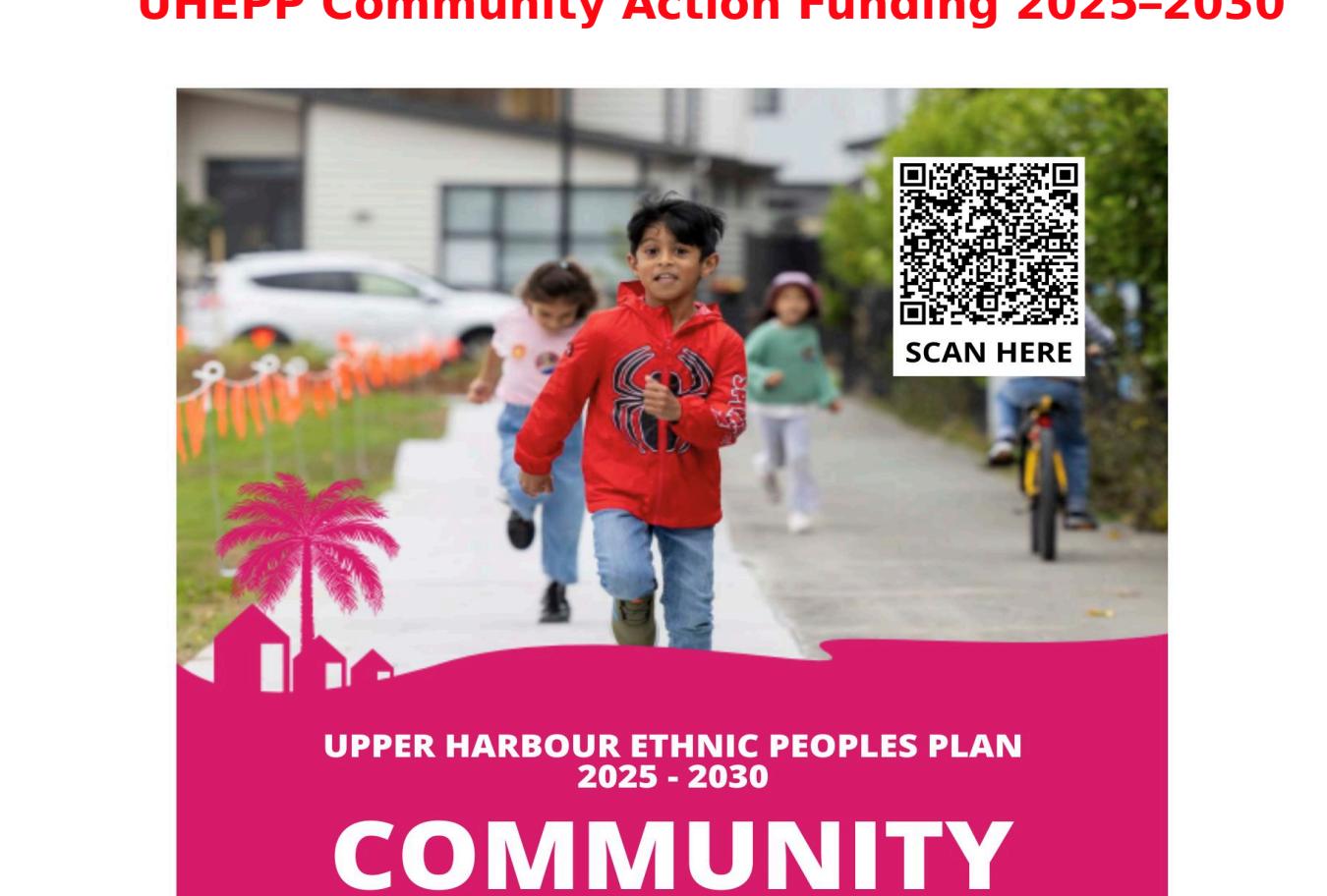
Your reports help us respond quickly and maintain a safe, well-presented environment for everyone.

## One Day Sale 2025 - Signage recycling



To help us reduce waste and recycle materials wherever possible, we'd love to collect any signage you have left over from the event. If you have signage ready for pickup, please contact us at [comms@businessnh.org.nz](mailto:comms@businessnh.org.nz), we'll arrange collection at a time that suits you.

## Work Experience Opportunities For Habit Health Clients



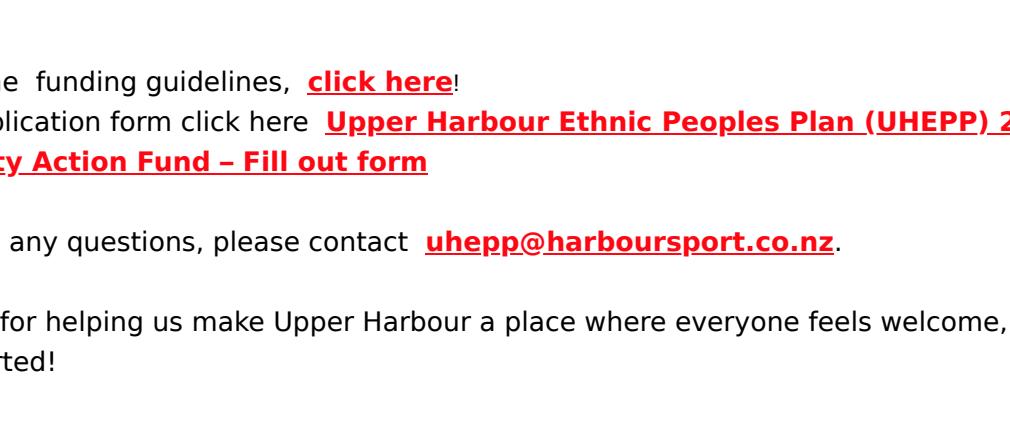
Habit Health organises work experience for clients who are transitioning back into the workforce after an injury. Clients are fully rehabilitated by the time we look at sourcing a work trial and currently we are trying to secure:

- an administration / customer support opportunity in the local area for a client who has completed Computer and Comprehensive First Aid training .
- work experience within an admin/health/project management setting for a highly skilled client.

The work experience is ideally for a minimum of 3 weeks (can be extended if desired by the employer), it is unpaid work, and there is no impact on ACC levies for the employer.

If you are interested in either of these opportunities or require further information, please contact Rachel Birchfield [Rachel.Birchfield@habit.health](mailto:Rachel.Birchfield@habit.health)

## UHEPP Community Action Funding 2025-2030



We're excited to announce that applications are now open for the **Upper Harbour Ethnic Peoples Plan (UHEPP) Community Action Funding 2025-2030!**

This funding supports grassroots projects that strengthen ethnic communities in the Upper Harbour Local Board area and align with the objectives of the UHEPP.

### Key Details:

- Two funding streams:
  - Stream 1: Larger projects (\$2,500-\$5,000) – Apply by 1st February 2026
  - Stream 2: Smaller projects (\$500-\$1,000) – Apply by 31st March 2026
- Projects must be delivered by 30th June 2026
- Priority given to applicants who have never applied for funding and new community-led ideas

To check the funding guidelines, [click here](#)!

For the application form click here [Upper Harbour Ethnic Peoples Plan \(UHEPP\) 2025-2030 Community Action Fund - Fill out form](#)

If you have any questions, please contact [uhepp@harboursport.co.nz](mailto:uhepp@harboursport.co.nz).

Thank you for helping us make Upper Harbour a place where everyone feels welcome, connected, and supported!

## Latest Information From Business.govt.nz



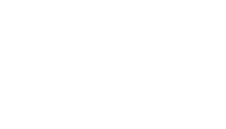
The [business.govt.nz](http://business.govt.nz) and other Government sources provide the latest information for businesses.

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**

Thank you to our 2025-2026 PLATINUM PARTNERS



Thank you to our 2025-2026 GOLD PARTNERS



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Thank you to our 2025-2026 SILVER PARTNERS



**Buy Local!** Don't forget to join the [Buy North Harbour Facebook group](#) to promote your business products and services and support your North Harbour neighbours.

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