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Costs Are Still On The Rise

Kia ora tatou,

Whilst there is a generally positive vibe around at the moment regarding an improvement in the economy, pressure continues to be placed upon business and household budgets according to the latest figures from Stats NZ.

Food prices increased by 4% overall in the year to December 2025, with electricity and gas prices increasing by 12.2% and 17.5% respectively in the same period. In addition to these increases, petrol prices were up 1.4% and diesel 4% annually, all of which leaves many people with little or no disposable income to put back into the local economy, a problem compounded by the job insecurity that a number of people remain wary of due to the increase in unemployment over recent times.

Despite these ongoing challenges, I trust that BNH members are managing to navigate their way through these difficult economic times and hope that the positive vibe turns into tangible economic growth for members in the not-too-distant future.

Ngā mihi mahana,

KEVIN O'LEARY
General Manager

Exciting News: Aaron And Michelle Join FYI As Editors

We're delighted to welcome **Aaron** and **Michelle Beard** as the new editors of BNH's FYI Magazine. With their combined experience, fresh perspectives, and passion for storytelling, we're excited to see the magazine continue to grow and evolve under their leadership. Please join us in welcoming Aaron and Michelle as they take on this exciting new chapter!

Upcoming Workshops & Events**BUSINESS AFTER 5 NETWORKING****Ingham®****GREAT PRIZES UP FOR GRABS****North Harbour****HYUNDAI ISUZU RENAULT****Kaipatiki 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!

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Harbour****FIRE
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NEW ZEALAND****WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2026, 9:00 – 9:45AM @ BNH**

BNH is hosting an engaging, insight-filled Fire Safety Session with the experts from Fire & Emergency Waitemata—and it's your chance to boost your safety know-how in just a short time.

This 45-minute session will give you practical, easy-to-use tips that can make a real difference—whether you're at work or at home.

Here's what you'll discover:

- Evacuation Scheme essentials
- Smart ways to keep your business fire safe
- Home fire safety tips that could save lives
- Live Q&A with Fire & Emergency specialists

A live Q&A with Fire & Emergency specialists—bring your burning questions!

Together, we can keep our workplace safer, stronger, and fire-ready.

Register Here**BNH - Massey University
Leadership And Business Mentoring Programme**



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 17th February, starting at 5.30pm, by e-mailing kevin@businessnh.org.nz

Latest Information From [Business.govt.nz](http://business.govt.nz)



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

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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**

Auckland Transport Annual Parking Price Adjustment

An Auckland Council Organisation



- AT's parking prices across Tāmaki Makaurau will be adjusted on 1st February 2026.
- On-street parking charges will increase by 50c per hour across most of Auckland.
- Parnell will remain unchanged, including Nicholls Lane and The Strand, where prices will also stay the same.

Why the change?

As Auckland grows, the cost of maintaining and servicing parking goes up too. We review prices every year to keep things fair and make sure these costs don't fall entirely on ratepayers. Prices also reflect demand and market trends.

Make Sure That You And Your Business Are Prepared For The Next Extreme Weather Event

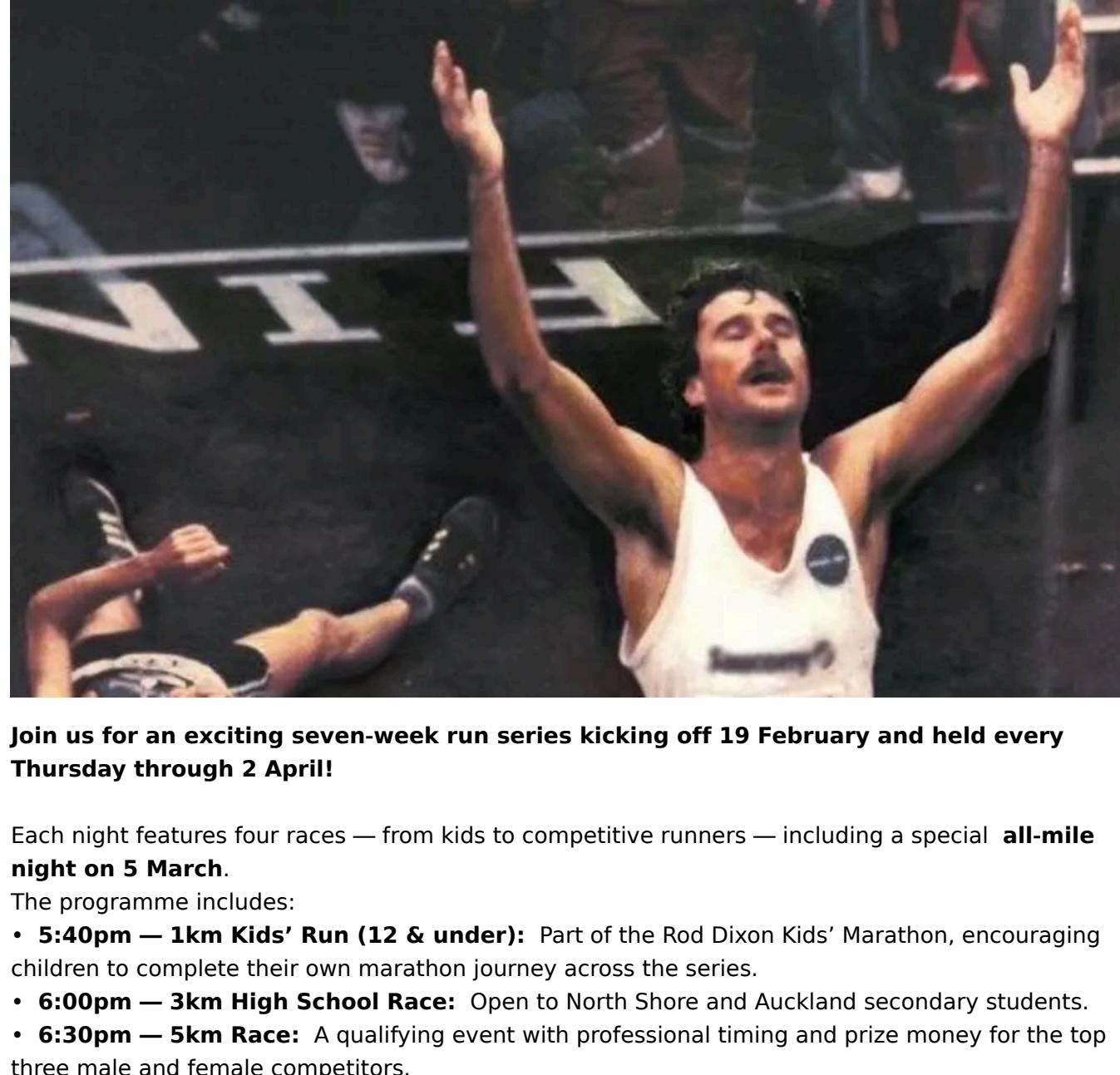


With extreme weather events becoming more common, it's important for you, your business and your team that you're adequately prepared for the next one, to ensure as far as is practicable that everyone's kept safe and your business is able to keep trading. Auckland Emergency Management have produced some really useful resources to help you get ready, and to help you to keep trading, and they're FREE!

- <https://www.aucklandemergencymanagement.govt.nz/>
- [get-prepared/get-work-ready/prepare-your-workplace/](#)
- [get-prepared/get-work-ready/business-continuity-planning/](#)

There's also advice on how to get ready at home and how to get your children ready too, so don't keep putting it off, do something about it NOW!!

Run Ring Road Races With North Harbour Stadium



Join us for an exciting seven-week run series kicking off 19 February and held every Thursday through 2 April!

Each night features four races — from kids to competitive runners — including a special **all-mile night on 5 March**.

The programme includes:

- **5:40pm — 1km Kids' Run (12 & under):** Part of the Rod Dixon Kids' Marathon, encouraging children to complete their own marathon journey across the series.
- **6:00pm — 3km High School Race:** Open to North Shore and Auckland secondary students.
- **6:30pm — 5km Race:** A qualifying event with professional timing and prize money for the top three male and female competitors.
- **7:00pm — 5km Fun Run:** Open to all levels for an enjoyable evening out.

Affordable entries make the series accessible for families, schools, and clubs — and best of all, **the event proudly supports local charities**, helping give back to the community with every stride.

Email alwyn.poole@gmail.com for registration and payment details.

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FYI Magazine



Don't forget to check out the online [Summer edition of FYI](#), where we dive into AI, explore creativity, and keep you up to date with everything happening in the BID!

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