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Locals Supporting Locals

Kia ora tatou,

The recent announcement by NZ Post that they were closing 140 stores will unfortunately badly affect The Stationery Store at 65 Paul Matthews Road where many local businesses, including BNH, have their PO Box. When BNH heard about this we visited Tania at the store who told us that despite numerous objections, NZ Post were adamant that the relocation of the PO Box lobby to Don McKinnon Drive would go ahead, there's no stopping it.

The ripple effect of this closure has consequences for a number of businesses and the local community and Tania's fear is that the reduced foot traffic for mail collections will see her business struggle. BNH is constantly promoting the theme of buying local, so please ensure that whenever you can members support other members with B2B transactions, no matter how small they all make a difference.

All our events, the details of which are available in this newsletter for those upcoming soon, offer members the opportunity to network and meet other members to start some new and hopefully productive conversations, so make sure that you register and attend whenever you can.

Let's work together and keep it local!!

Ngā mihi mahana,

KEVIN O'LEARY

General Manager

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!

Register Here**FIRE SAFETY FOR BUSINESSES****Quick, Practical, and Potentially Life-Saving****Help us help you. Learn about:**

- 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

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 Waitematā

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 – what you *must* have in place
- Smart ways to keep your business fire safe
- Home fire safety tips that could save lives
- 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**BUSINESS AFTER 5 NETWORKING****GEAR****GENERAL ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN****THURSDAY 5 MARCH 2026, 5.00 – 7.30PM****GENERAL ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN,****42 TAWA DRIVE, ALCBANY****Business
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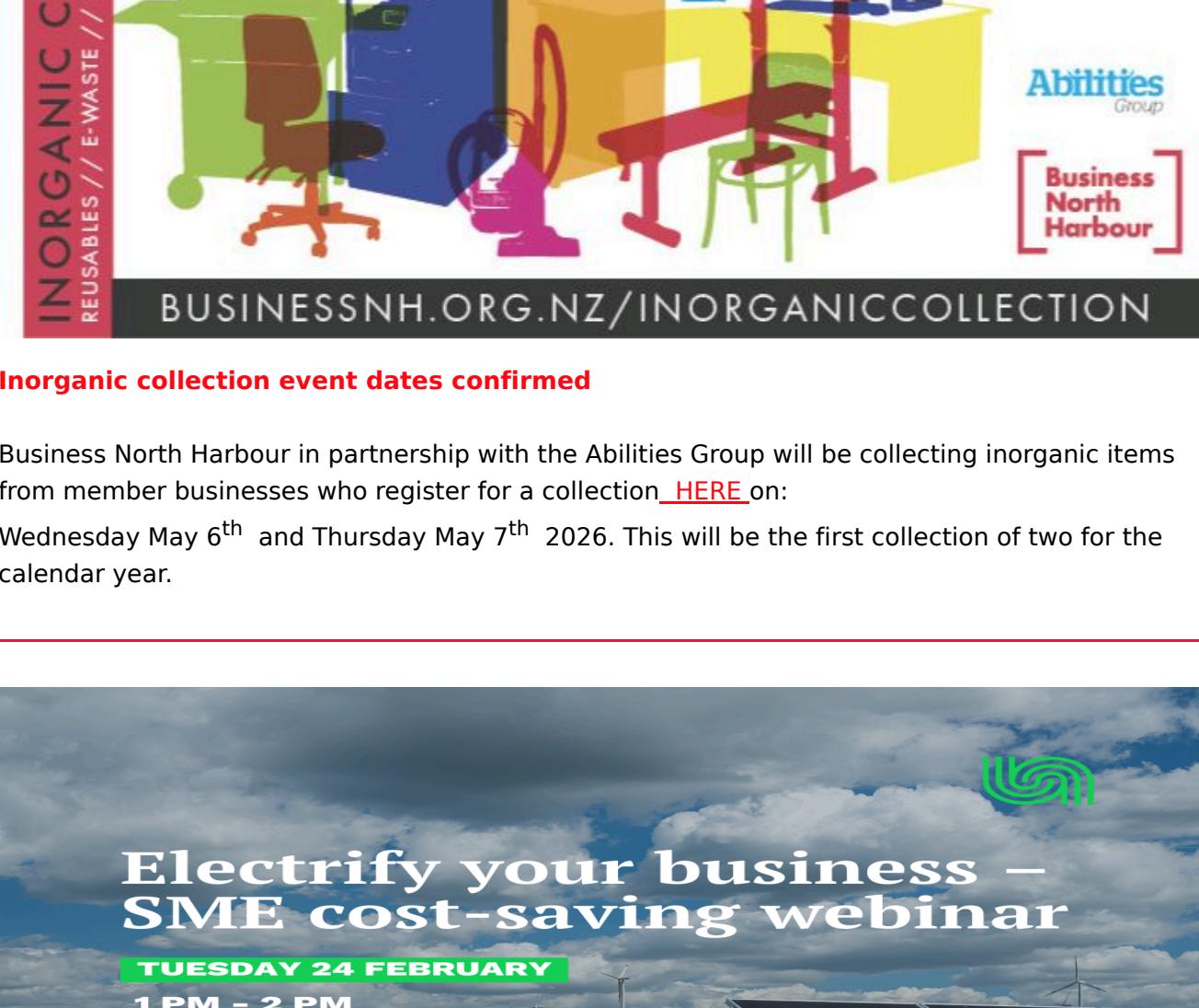
Join us for an evening of connection, collaboration, and community at our next Business After 5, hosted by General Architectural Design.

Explore the creativity, innovation, and passion behind their residential, commercial, and bespoke design work. This relaxed and welcoming event is all about building meaningful relationships, sparking great conversations, and exploring new opportunities with fellow Business North Harbour

members. Enjoy a great evening with complimentary drinks and nibbles, connect with familiar and new faces, and be in to win some awesome spot prizes!

Start 2026 strong, we can't wait to see you there.

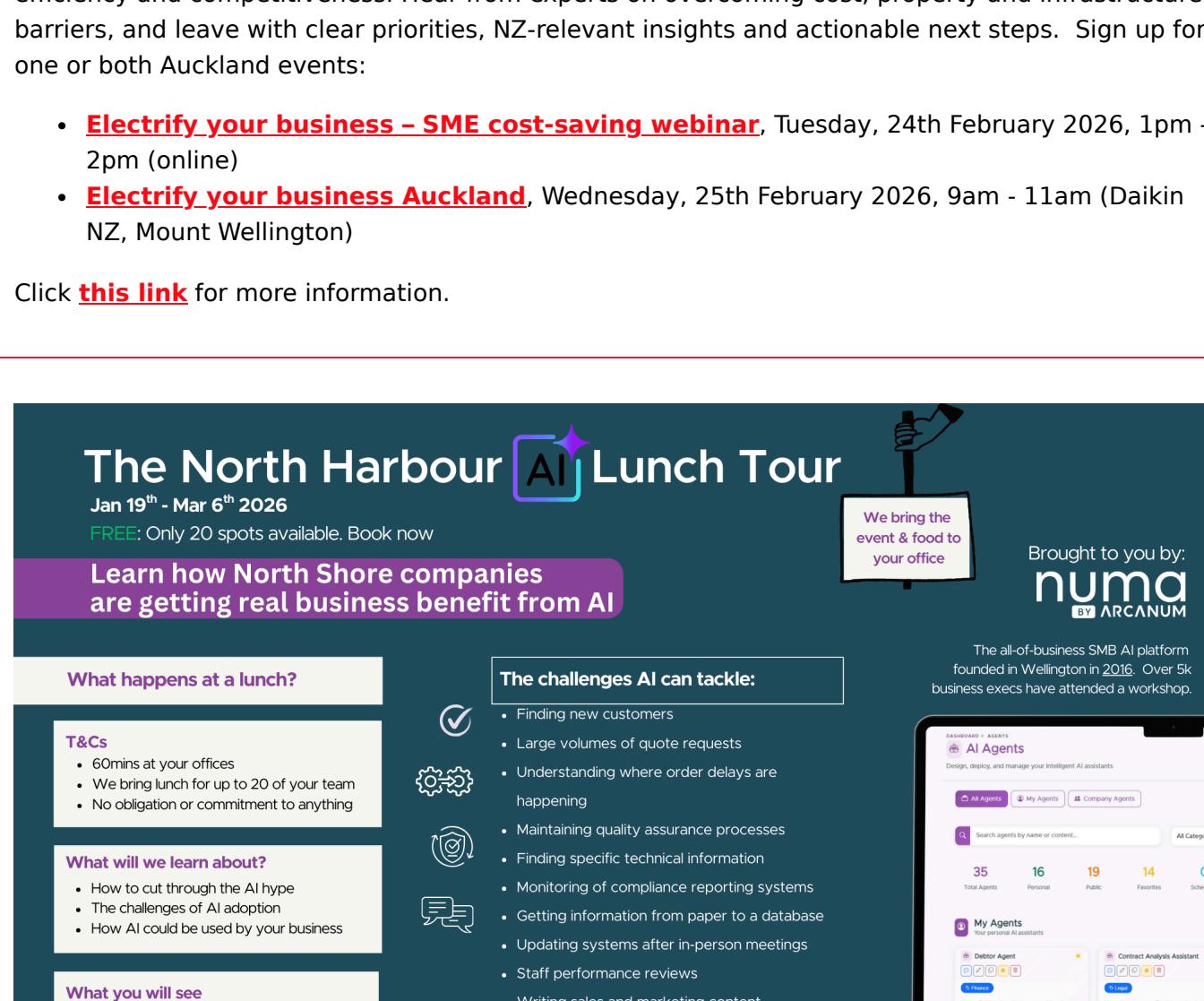
[Register Here](#)



Inorganic collection event dates confirmed

Business North Harbour in partnership with the Abilities Group will be collecting inorganic items from member businesses who register for a collection [HERE](#) on:

Wednesday May 6th and Thursday May 7th 2026. This will be the first collection of two for the calendar year.



Electrify your business!

Join the Sustainable Business Network for practical events on how to electrify your SME for greater efficiency and competitiveness. Hear from experts on overcoming cost, property and infrastructure barriers, and leave with clear priorities, NZ-relevant insights and actionable next steps. Sign up for one or both Auckland events:

- [Electrify your business - SME cost-saving webinar](#), Tuesday, 24th February 2026, 1pm - 2pm (online)
- [Electrify your business Auckland](#), Wednesday, 25th February 2026, 9am - 11am (Daikin NZ, Mount Wellington)

Click [this link](#) for more information.



Member Event: The North Harbour AI Lunch Tour

REE: Only 20 spots available: [Book Now](#)

Learn how North Shore companies are getting real business benefit from AI

What happens at a lunch?

- 60 mins at your offices
- We bring lunch for up to 20 of your team
- No obligation or commitment to anything

What will we learn about?

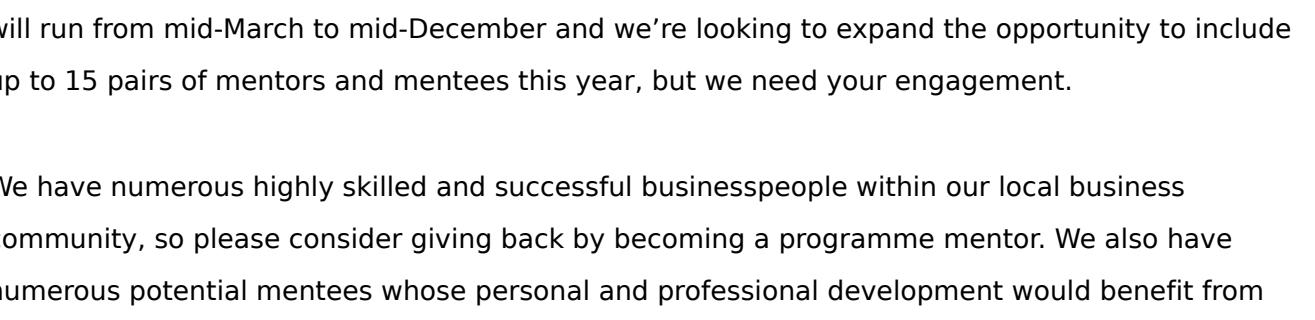
- How to cut through the AI hype
- The challenges of AI adoption
- How AI could be used by your business

What you will see

- Demo's of relevant use cases
- How to connect AI to your internal data
- How easy it is to get value from AI

Q&A

- Bring all your AI related questions!



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.

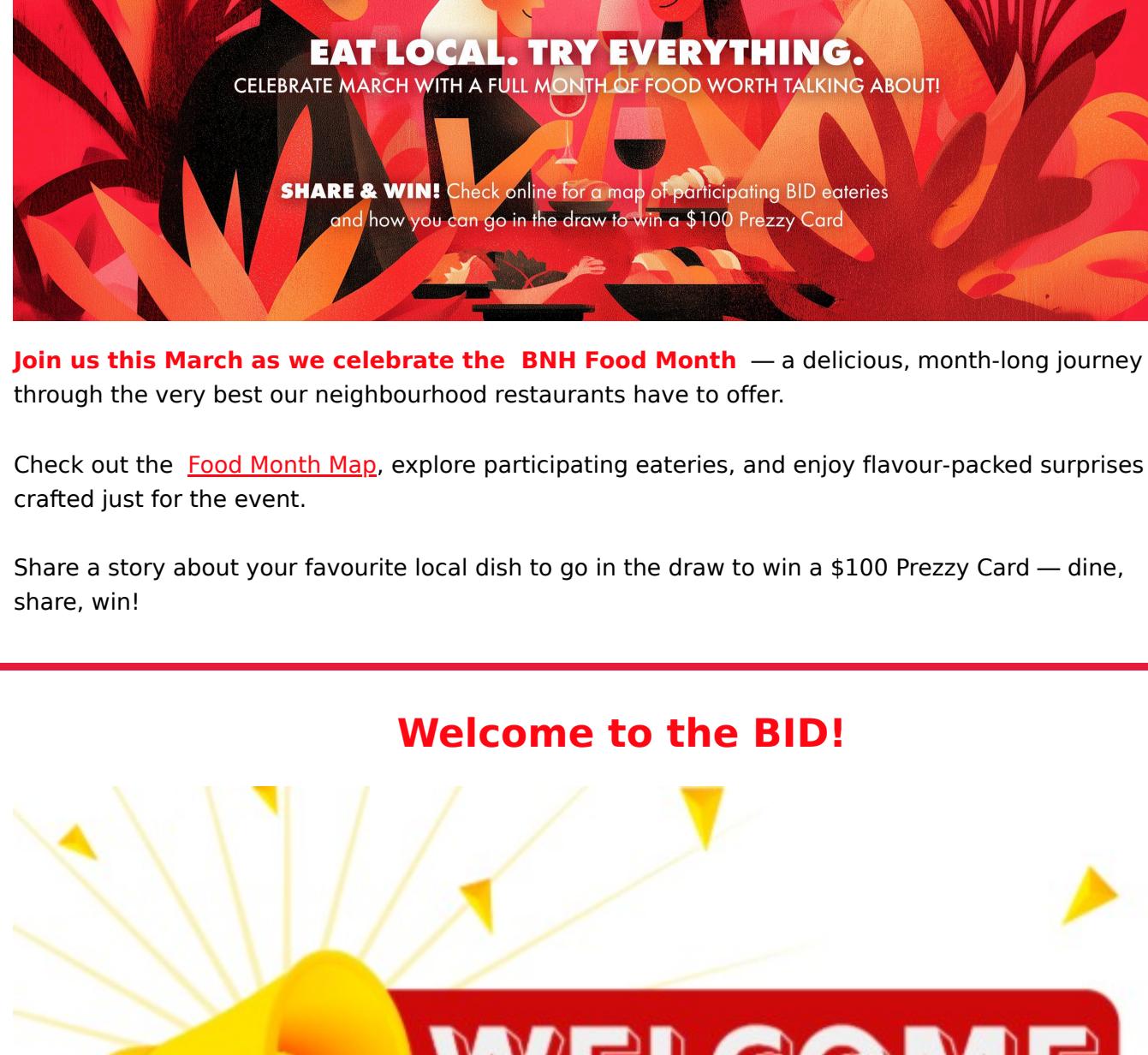
The Mentoring Programme, which has proven to be of great value to both mentors and mentees, will run from mid-March to mid-December and we're looking to expand the opportunity to include up to 15 pairs of mentors and mentees this year, but we need your engagement.

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

Eat Local. Try Everything. Celebrate March Food Month!

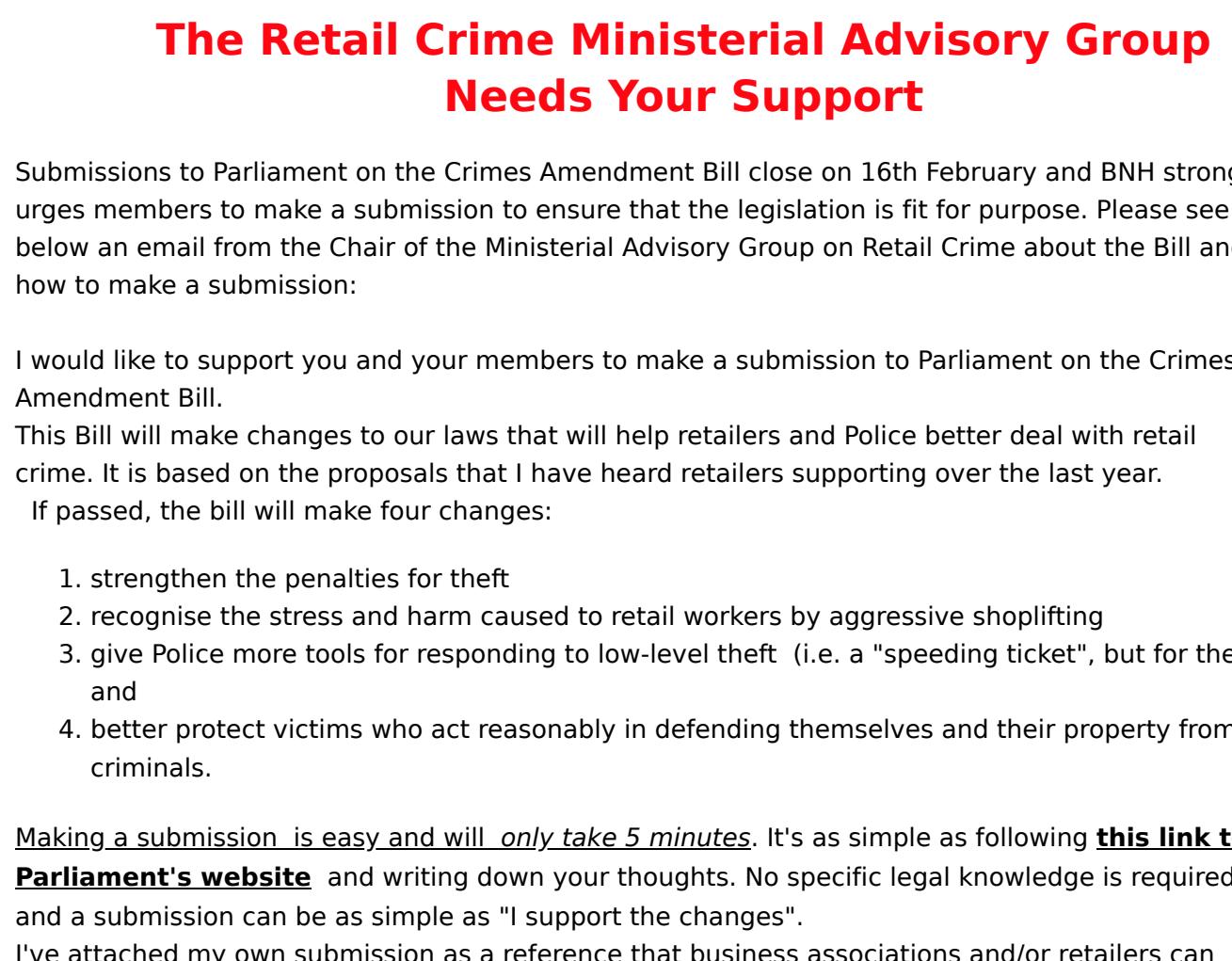


Join us this March as we celebrate the BNH Food Month — a delicious, month-long journey through the very best our neighbourhood restaurants have to offer.

Check out the [Food Month Map](#), explore participating eateries, and enjoy flavour-packed surprises crafted just for the event.

Share a story about your favourite local dish to go in the draw to win a \$100 Prezzy Card — dine, share, win!

Welcome to the BID!



BNH extends a warm welcome to our new Members:

- [Northridge Golf Resort](#)
- [General Architectural Design \(GEAR\)](#)
- [Shorefire Tattoo](#)
- [Plaxo Mortgages Limited](#)
- [Arcanum AI](#)
- [Sum Made / The Maxim Hotel](#)
- [Keri Little Photography](#)

The Retail Crime Ministerial Advisory Group Needs Your Support

Submissions to Parliament on the Crimes Amendment Bill close on 16th February and BNH strongly urges members to make a submission to ensure that the legislation is fit for purpose. Please see below an email from the Chair of the Ministerial Advisory Group on Retail Crime about the Bill and how to make a submission:

I would like to support you and your members to make a submission to Parliament on the Crimes Amendment Bill.

This Bill will make changes to our laws that will help retailers and Police better deal with retail crime. It is based on the proposals that I have heard retailers supporting over the last year.

If passed, the bill will make four changes:

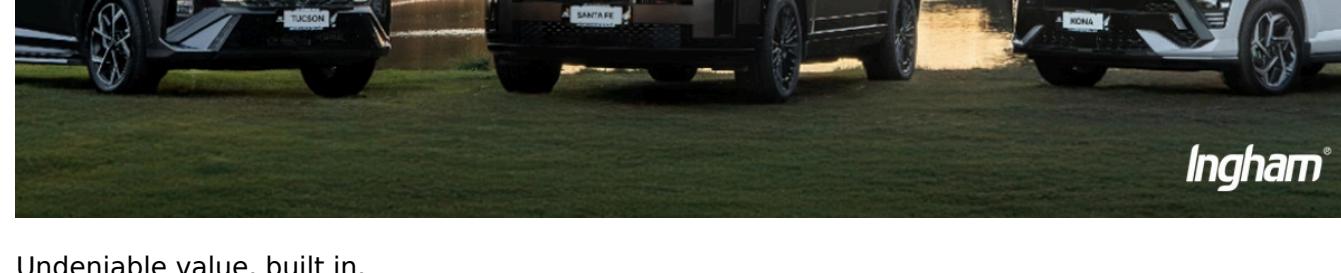
1. strengthen the penalties for theft
2. recognise the stress and harm caused to retail workers by aggressive shoplifting
3. give Police more tools for responding to low-level theft (i.e. a "speeding ticket", but for theft), and
4. better protect victims who act reasonably in defending themselves and their property from criminals.

[Making a submission is easy and will only take 5 minutes](#). It's as simple as following [this link to Parliament's website](#) and writing down your thoughts. No specific legal knowledge is required, and a submission can be as simple as "I support the changes".

I've attached my own submission as a reference that business associations and/or retailers can read, and if they agree, copy and submit in their own name as well. However, I'd like to support every retailer to make their views known, no matter what they are.

Download submission [here](#).

Battery Recycling- Recycle Your Batteries Responsibly



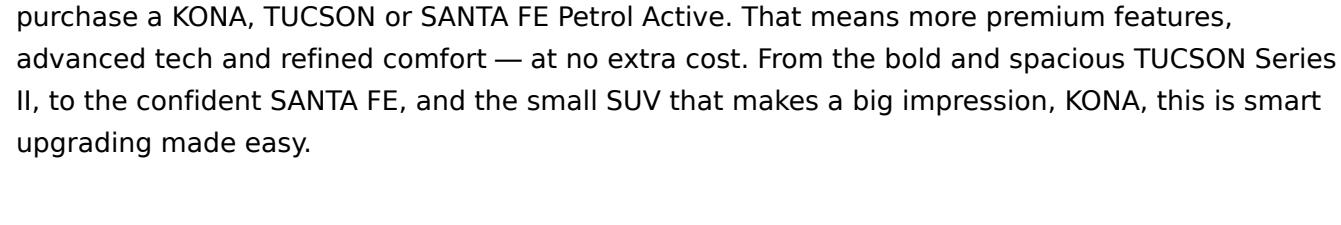
Doing the right thing for the environment is now easier than ever. With two convenient locations available for our members, you can simply drop off your used batteries and recycle them responsibly:

Bunnings — 15 Home Place, off Constellation Drive

Jaycar — 6A Link Drive, Wairau Valley

By recycling batteries correctly, we help reduce waste and protect our environment. A small action can make a meaningful difference.

Ingham North Harbour - Hyundai



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For a limited time at Ingham North Harbour - Hyundai, enjoy a FREE upgrade to Elite when you purchase a KONA, TUCSON or SANTA FE Petrol Active. That means more premium features, advanced tech and refined comfort — at no extra cost. From the bold and spacious TUCSON Series II, to the confident SANTA FE, and the small SUV that makes a big impression, KONA, this is smart upgrading made easy.

Come and see Nic and the team at 175 Wairau Road, North Shore and experience it for yourself. T&Cs apply. On-road costs not included. Limited time only.

For more information, [click here](#).

Take 2 Minutes To Share Your Thoughts

Business Confidence Survey

Let us know your thoughts?
Your opinion matters.



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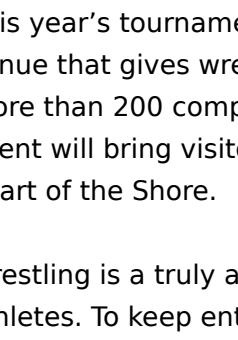
Auckland Business Chamber is conducting its quarterly business survey to hear your thoughts and perspectives on the current economic climate.

The Chamber would greatly appreciate a few minutes of your time to complete the survey. Your feedback plays an important role in helping Auckland Business Chamber better understand the challenges and opportunities facing Auckland businesses.

Please be assured that all responses provided will remain confidential and will be reported only in aggregated form.

[START SURVEY NOW](#)

Be Part Of Something Big – Support The 2026 NZ Secondary Schools Wrestling Champs!



WRESTLING NEW ZEALAND

NEW ZEALAND OLYMPIC WRESTLING UNION



Do you or your organisation want to champion youth sport, support grassroots competition, and be part of an international event happening right here in our community?

Yes? Then the NZ Secondary Schools Olympic Wrestling Association would love to hear from you!

Auckland is hosting the NZ Secondary Schools Olympic Wrestling Championships for the first time in over 15 years — and the NZ Secondary Schools Olympic Wrestling Association needs your help to make it an unforgettable event for young athletes across the country.

This year's tournament will take place at the AUT North Campus on Akoranga Drive, a fantastic venue that gives wrestlers the perfect stage to showcase their skill, passion, and hard work. With more than 200 competitors expected — plus coaches, officials, families, and supporters — the event will bring visitors from Australia, Samoa, Japan, Tonga, and across New Zealand right into the heart of the Shore.

Wrestling is a truly amateur sport, powered by volunteers who give up their time to support these athletes. To keep entry fees as low as possible and ensure as many school-age wrestlers as possible can compete, the NZ Secondary Schools Olympic Wrestling Association is seeking local sponsors and supporters to help cover essential costs such as venue hire and medical personnel. The Association is also on the lookout for a nearby venue to host the prizegiving.

If you're keen to get involved, please reach out to the Association's Treasurer, Michael Nola on NolaM@rutherford.school.nz. Visit [their website](#) for more information.

Let's make this year's Championships one to remember — together.

Calling Local Businesses: Upper Harbour Waitematā Coastal Clean-Up 2026



UPPER WAITEMATĀ COASTAL CLEAN UP



The Upper Harbour Waitematā Coastal Clean-Up is back for another year!

The Upper Waitematā Ecology Network would love to get in touch with local businesses who are keen to take part or come on board as sponsors.

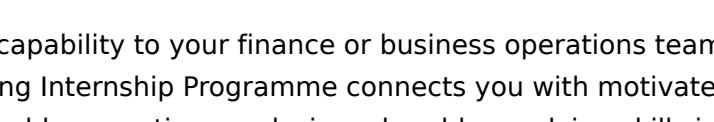
We'd be thrilled to have your business join Flexi Bin in supporting this event. Donations or sponsorship can go towards a gazebo, BBQ, around 60 sausages, and drinks — making a huge difference and will be greatly appreciated by volunteers at most of the clean-up sites.

This year, we're planning a potential "mega site" at Wharf Road in Albany, which could see up to 70 volunteers. Kristin School and Mountains to Sea have already signed up, so it's shaping up to be an exciting and impactful day!

Finally, UWEN is hoping to set up a new clean-up site at Schnapper Rock (next to North Shore Memorial Park). If you know any businesses or corporate groups keen to get involved or support this site, UWEN is happy to provide all the assistance needed to make it a success.

Contact Rachael Pates – Network Manager, Upper Waitematā Ecology Network (UWEN) - rachael@uwen.org.nz - Head to their [website](#) for more info.

Boost Your Business With A Unitec MPA Intern



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Looking to add fresh capability to your finance or business operations team? Unitec's Master of Professional Accounting Internship Programme connects you with motivated postgraduate students ready to apply real-world accounting, analysis and problem-solving skills in your organisation.

MPA interns can support a wide range of projects—from financial reporting and budgeting to process improvement, systems work and business analysis. You'll gain extra capacity, fresh perspectives, and access to emerging talent trained in current accounting standards and tools.

Partnering with an intern is a low-risk, high-value way to strengthen your team while helping develop the next generation of accounting professionals. If you are interested in hosting an intern, please contact Deepika Manglani, Internship Coordinator on dmanglani@unitec.ac.nz or **0211163656**.

Bring new energy, skills and insight into your business—partner with a Unitec MPA intern today.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Discover The North Harbour Club – A Community With Purpose

WHO WE ARE
Since 1995, the North Harbour Club has proudly supported exceptional young people through the **AIMES Youth Excellence Awards**, granting over \$200,000 annually to achievers aged 13-25 across: **Arts • Innovation • Music • Education & STEM • Sport • Service & Sustainability**

WHY JOIN?
Give Back: Your membership directly funds life-changing opportunities for outstanding young people.
Connect: Network with North Harbour's most inspiring business and community members at premium events throughout the year.

JOIN OUR COMMUNITY
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Looking to make a meaningful difference while connecting with inspiring business and community leaders? The North Harbour Club & Charitable Trust welcomes you.

Since 1995, they've supported exceptional young people across the region through our Youth Excellence Awards, granting over \$200,000 each year in the Arts, Music, Sport, Innovation, Education & STEM, Community Service, and Sustainability.

Why join?

- Support youth achieving excellence — Your membership helps create life-changing opportunities for emerging leaders.
- Connect with the region's best — Enjoy premium networking through speaker events, charity lunches, business breakfasts, and member-only gatherings in a warm, welcoming community.

To learn more about membership options, head over to their website: <https://northharbourclub.co.nz/join/membership> or reach out to Erin Marmont, General Manager, on erin@northharbourclub.co.nz or 021 998 655

11 Triton Drive – Interplex Business Park



The new commercial development at 11 Triton Drive is nearing completion, bringing eight modern industrial units to the heart of the Interplex Business Park. Interest has been strong, with Unit 4 already sold to a business relocating from Hobsonville. The complex offers high-stud warehousing, contemporary office fit-outs, and excellent access for growing enterprises. With several units now on the market in pristine, move-in-ready condition, this development represents a fresh opportunity for businesses looking to establish themselves in one of Rosedale's most sought-after commercial precincts.

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Contact info@confoil.co.nz to arrange collection.

📍 Pick up: 3 Piermark Drive, Albany

🕒 Hours: Monday–Friday, 8:00am–4:30pm



2026 NZSUP Championships Hit The Shore

2026 NZSUP CHAMPS

Takapuna 6-8 March

Takapuna Beach will come alive in March as it hosts the **2026 New Zealand Stand Up Paddleboarding Championships** — three action-packed days celebrating paddling, ocean vibes and community.

2026 is proudly supported by the Takapuna Beach Business Association, this national event invites locals to get involved, cheer from the beach, or jump on the water and give it a crack. From seasoned racers to weekend cruisers, come and join us and give-it-a-go. There is something for everyone and all ages!

[REGISTER NOW](#) to join in the fun!

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**

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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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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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