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Geopolitical Tensions Continue

Just as we thought we'd turned a corner towards some positive economic outcomes, the continuing uncertainty in the Middle East has once again started to affect oil prices, with warnings from across the supply chain that the price of delivering goods and therefore the cost of goods to consumers may rise as a result.

The overall effect of the conflict on inflation remains to be seen, but the Reserve Bank Of New Zealand has already raised the Official Cash Rate, with further increases signalled later in the year, as they try to keep inflation under control.

I sincerely hope that members are able to continue to show their resilience in the face of these economic challenges, which are proving to be more significant for some than others.

On another note, as mentioned in our previous newsletter, it's time to celebrate the many successes from within our business community as nominations for our North Shore Business Excellence Awards 2026 are open! This year we're delighted to have Massey University Business School as our naming rights partner and we've joined forces with our colleagues from the Takapuna Business Association, to make this year's awards even bigger and better than before, with more categories and opportunities to showcase you, your business and your Team.

The entry forms are easy to complete with a new handbook available online with some handy tips to help you make the most of your entry for each category. You can enter online and you can enter as many categories as you like, but you must complete a separate entry for each category.

So what are you waiting for, follow the link (<https://businessnh.org.nz/north-shore-business-excellence-awards/>) and start sending us your entries, then come along and celebrate the finalists at our Gala Dinner on 13th November, when the winners will be announced.

Ngā mihi mahana,

KEVIN O'LEARY
General Manager

Don't Forget To Enter!



A little over 3 weeks left to enter the North Shore Business Excellence Awards. Take this opportunity to showcase your achievements, celebrate your team, and gain recognition for the impact your business is making in our community.

[Enter Now](#)

Upcoming Workshops & Events

Shore Winter Food Drive



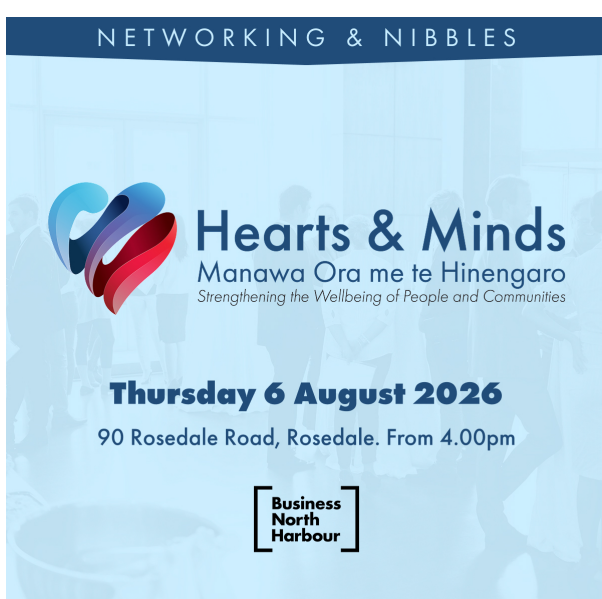
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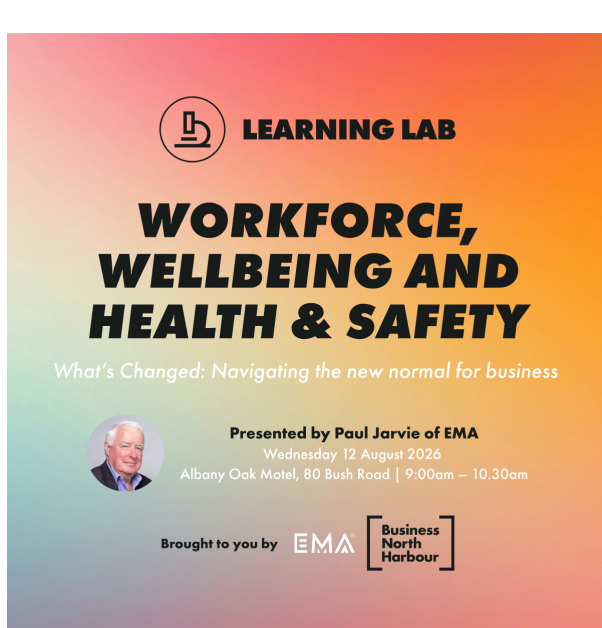


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Network & Nibbles – Hearts & Minds

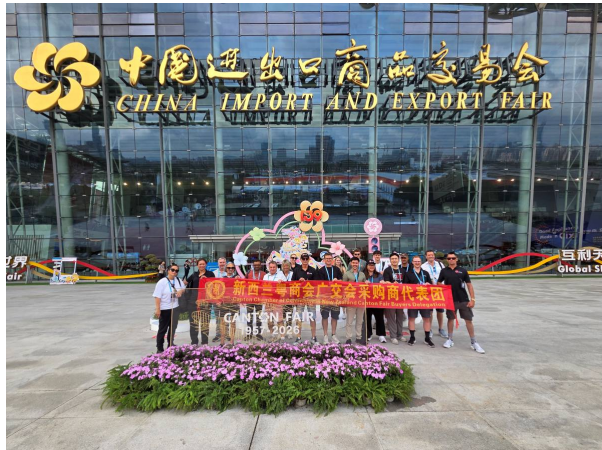


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Skip the middlemen. Connect directly with thousands of China's source factories at the 140th Canton Fair (13th-19th Oct). Secure rock-bottom prices, build your exclusive OEM/ODM network, and get first-mover advantage on cutting-edge products. We handle logistics & matchmaking; you just negotiate. 30-day visa-free travel for NZ entrepreneurs. Register by 30th August — contact us today to secure your spot.

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Past Events

Network & Nibbles – Toasted Coffee



What a fantastic night at Toasted Coffee Roasters! Nearly 50 Business North Harbour members came together for Networking & Nibbles, connecting, collaborating and discovering one of the North Shore's newest hospitality gems.

Scott and Deb shared how Toasted grew from a specialty coffee roastery into a proud local business supporting staff, students and the wider community. Their passion for independent, community-driven hospitality shines through in everything they do.

We also enjoyed our quick-fire speaker session with Vandana Patel (Harvey Furnishings), Jurgen Stringer (RIVAL Wealth) and Chris Waters (Watershed Brand Lab). And as always, the best part of the night was the camaraderie, as Dani Mao put it, "less networking and more catching up."

[Read More](#)

'We've Got The Talent For The Job You've Got'



BNH is proud to support the return of Ember Employment's 'We've Got the Talent for the Job You've Got' campaign in 2026, connecting local employers with a diverse pool of job-ready talent from across the North Harbour community.

The award-winning initiative helps businesses discover capable candidates for a wide range of roles, from trades and administration to hospitality, logistics, customer service and professional positions. Through professionally developed candidate profiles, interviews and promotional content, employers gain insights that go beyond a traditional CV, highlighting skills, strengths, experience and career aspirations.

By showcasing local talent and challenging perceptions around supported employment, the campaign creates valuable connections between employers and people ready to contribute to the workforce. Candidate profiles will be shared across BNH's communications channels, providing members with access to talent they may not otherwise encounter.

If you're looking to expand your recruitment options and find quality local talent, follow the campaign and consider the candidates featured in 'We've Got the Talent for the Job You've Got'.

Keep an eye out for upcoming talent!

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

[Visit Business.govt.nz](#)

New Road Rules: What North Harbour Businesses And Commuters Need To Know



New road rule changes are on the way, bringing updates that will affect how employees, customers, and businesses travel around North Harbour. From children riding on footpaths with adults and e-scooters using cycle lanes, to new passing rules for cyclists and buses pulling out from stops, these changes support safer and more practical travel. Now is a great time to review your workplace's active transport facilities and ensure your team is aware of the new rules. [Read more.](#)

Become A BNH Business Sustainability Champion



Business North Harbour is launching a unique Sustainability Awards Programme for our members as we look to recognise the efforts of those businesses who have started on their business sustainability journey, and we'd love you to be part of it. There are numerous ways that businesses can become more environmentally friendly, so we want to hear what you're doing to help the environment.

Participating businesses will receive a questionnaire to complete and return after which a member of the BNH Team will visit the business to discuss their answers in more detail. The business will then be given a Gold, Silver or Bronze Award which they can display at their premises, and their Award will be featured in our fortnightly newsletter.

This is a unique opportunity to showcase your business and share your sustainability successes, so contact BNH at Intern@businessnh.org.nz to register your interest.

Join Millions Supporting Plastic Free July 2026!



This July choose one plastic item to refuse, from single-use cups to plastic bottles or packaged produce, and make a pledge as an individual or with friends, family, classmates, colleagues, or your community. Together, our small actions make a big difference toward a plastic free future. [Make your pledge.](#)

Help Fund Overnight Bed Chairs For Waitakere Hospital Children's Ward



When a child is admitted to hospital, having a parent close by can make all the difference. Well Foundation is inviting the North Harbour business community to help fund lie flat overnight bed chairs for Rangatira Children's Ward at Waitākere Hospital, the dedicated children's ward for the entire Waitematā health district. Every child from the Auckland Harbour Bridge to Wellsford who needs hospital care is likely to be treated here, making it North Harbour's children's ward too. Join generous local businesses in helping keep families together during life's toughest moments. Visit wellfoundation.org.nz/beds to support the appeal.

Become a Make-A-Wish 40 x 40 Champion



As Make-A-Wish New Zealand celebrates 40 years of granting life-changing wishes for critically ill children, the charity is inviting Auckland's business community to get behind its 40 x 40 Challenge. Make-A-Wish is seeking 40 Champions to each raise \$1,600, with a collective goal of \$64,000—enough to help grant at least 15 wishes for children currently waiting across New Zealand.

Fundraising runs from 9th–30th July, with Make-A-Wish providing each Champion with a personalised fundraising page, ready-made resources and ongoing support. As a thank you, participants will be invited to the Grand Final celebration at Akarana Yacht Club on 30th July, featuring inspiring stories, prizes and a chance to win a \$2,000 House of Travel voucher. [Sign up now.](#)

Advertise In The Summer Edition Of The BNH FYI Magazine



Showcase your business to a highly engaged North Shore business audience in the upcoming Summer edition of the BNH FYI Magazine. With an estimated annual readership of almost 90,000, the FYI Magazine is a trusted platform for connecting local businesses, decision-makers, and community leaders.

This edition features "The Business of Growing Up: How the Childhood Economy is Shaping Businesses Across Auckland's North Shore," exploring how local businesses support families and children through every stage of childhood, from early learning and education to recreation, wellbeing and youth services.

If you'd like to advertise in this edition, get in touch, and we'd be happy to send you our rate card and discuss the best option for your business.

Email [Debbie Cannon](mailto:Debbie.Cannon@businessnh.org.nz)

Have You Read The Latest FYI?



Stay up to date with what's happening in and around the BID with the latest FYI – The Fuel Factor.

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