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People Are Feeling The Pinch

The recent Consumer Price Index (CPI) information released by Stats NZ confirmed what most people thought, inflation is tracking way above the 1 – 3% target set by the Reserve Bank Of New Zealand. The 4.1% increase in the CPI was attributed largely to the increase in the price of petrol, electricity and local authority rates, however even taking the cost of petrol out of the equation, the CPI would still stand at 2.9%. All of this means that many households are still feeling the pinch when it comes to managing their finances, with some having difficult choices to make.

The knock-on effect for businesses is that consumer spending for some continues to be restricted, adversely affecting business' income and cashflow, often giving business owners their own difficult decisions to make regarding staffing and investment.

All of this creates the perfect storm for our ongoing economic challenges, a storm which I hope that members are able to navigate successfully until the tide of change brings the improved economic conditions which we've been craving, for what seems like an eternity.

Upcoming Workshops & Events

Don't Forget To Enter!



A little over 1 week 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](#)

Shore Winter Food Drive



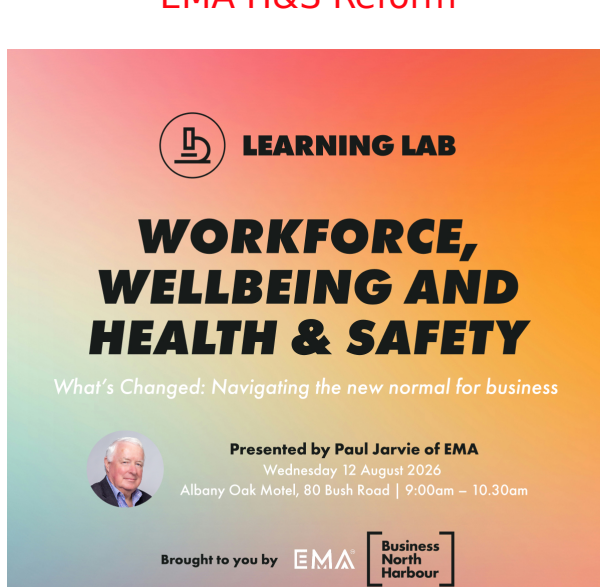
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Support Keys For Cure



Mark your calendars for an inspiring afternoon of music, community, and purpose at the 2026 Keys for Cure Charity Concert.

Presented by Keys for Cure Charity, this special public concert celebrates talented young musicians from across Auckland while supporting youth wellbeing through the arts.

Come and experience the power of music as young performers share their talents, build confidence, and connect with the wider community. Together, we're helping raise awareness of youth mental health and creating opportunities for young people to thrive.

[Learn More](#)

Albany Junior Gala



Albany Junior High School is seeking support from local businesses for its School Gala on 13th March 2027.

This annual community event brings together students, families, and local residents while raising funds for programmes, resources, and opportunities that directly benefit students.

Businesses can support the gala through sponsorship, prize donations, products, or services. In return, supporters will be recognised through event signage, the school newsletter, social media, and public acknowledgements on the day.

Every contribution, big or small, will help make the event a success and support local young people and their education.

[Get Involved](#)

Join The 140th Canton Fair Business Delegation



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.

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

Past Events

Pints Of Business



More than 30 business leaders, professionals and academics gathered at the inaugural Pints of Business event, hosted by Business North Harbour and Massey Business School, to discuss the challenges and opportunities shaping today's business landscape. Key themes included managing cost pressures, focusing on

smarter growth, embracing AI responsibly, investing in people, and strengthening customer relationships.

The evening provided valuable insights, practical takeaways, and a chance for businesses to learn from one another's experiences.

Discover the key discussion points, actionable ideas, and what participants had to say by reading the full event recap on our website.

Event Takeaways

Warm Winter Lunches For Your Team



Looking for the perfect spot for your next team lunch or business meeting? This winter, 55 Café is serving up delicious weekday lunch specials that combine quality, flavour and exceptional value. Choose from favourites including Angus Sirloin Steak (\$25), Chicken Bánh Mì (\$15) and Thai Panang Curry Rice Bowl (\$18), with a second rotating menu also featuring Double Cheese Burger (\$20), Tempura Snapper Fish & Chips (\$18) and Miso Udon Noodle Soup (\$15). Our spacious café is ideal for team lunches, client meetings and larger group bookings, with convenient pre-order options for a seamless dining experience.

Book your table or enquire about group bookings today.

📍 55 Corinthian Drive, Albany

Book Now

Business.govt.nz



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

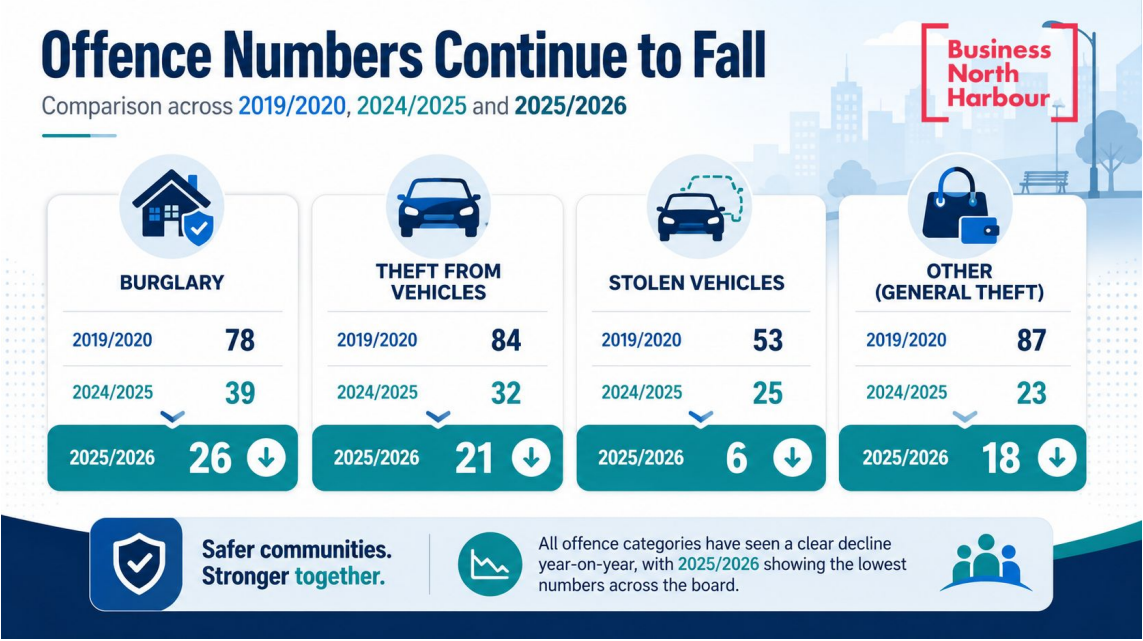
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If you have any questions or need support please contact the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE)’s phone line for small businesses:

Freephone 0800 424 946

Visit Business.govt.nz

Crime Update



Crime reported to Business North Harbour from NZ Police reached an all-time low in the 2025/2026 financial year, a milestone that reflects the strength of collective prevention efforts across our business community. This achievement is the direct result of coordinated work between NZ Police patrols, the dedicated NZ Police Beat Team, Vanguard Security’s night patrols, and the extensive Business North Harbour roadside camera network.

A comparison of key offence categories over recent years highlights just how significant this improvement is. These reductions demonstrate not only effective policing and security patrols, but also the growing awareness and proactive behaviour of local businesses and their staff.

Business North Harbour continues to support members with [FREE crime-prevention services](#), designed to strengthen security and reduce risk across the district. These include:

- Business Premises Risk Assessments to help prevent burglaries
- Free security signage for premises
- Vehicle security initiatives, including secure registration plate fittings
- Vehicle-security pamphlets encouraging drivers to keep valuables out of sight
- Hospitality window signage, available in multiple languages, reminding patrons not to leave valuables visible in their vehicles while dining

Together, these initiatives contribute to a safer, more secure business environment. The ongoing partnership between our members, NZ Police, and security providers continues to make Business North Harbour one of the safest commercial districts in Auckland, a result we can all be proud of.

Discover Auckland’s Future Rail Network



Aucklanders can now explore how the City Rail Link (CRL) will transform travel across the city with Auckland Transport’s new Journey Planner Preview. Compare today’s network with the future CRL-enabled network, discover new routes and connections, and see how travel times could change. Plus, book a free ticket to one of the exclusive “First Look” station events this August and experience Auckland’s newest train stations before they open to passengers. [Pre-register your interest now!](#)

Auckland Council's Hospo Hub

Starting a Hospitality Business?



We can help with your licensing needs.

Food • Alcohol • Outdoor Dining

Scan for online form



Starting a new café, restaurant, bar, food truck or takeaway? Before you open your doors, make sure you have the right guidance in place.

[Auckland Council's Hospo Hub](#) provides free support and practical advice to help hospitality operators understand key requirements, including food registration, alcohol licensing, outdoor dining approvals, and more.

Latest Information From Auckland Emergency Management



New Zealand ShakeOut

Our national earthquake drill and tsunami hīkoi (evacuation), ShakeOut 2026, will take place on Wednesday 21st October at 1:30pm. Read about it [here](#).

New National Emergency Mobile Alert map

The map will show all current active Alerts issued across the country by authorised agencies such as NEMA, Civil Defence Emergency Management Groups, Fire and Emergency New Zealand, and Police. The page will show a map of the area the alert was sent to, and the content of the message.

While the Emergency Mobile Alert system currently sends alerts to all mobile devices connected to cell phone towers within a highlighted area, this new map will allow anyone outside the targeted area to check online and stay informed about active Alerts across the country. [See the map](#)

Note: This map is still being tested and improved. To give feedback, email communicationsnema@nema.govt.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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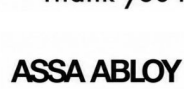
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