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The General Election Is Looming

Kia ora tatou,

If nothing else, our Pre-Election Luncheon on Friday 25th September, should have served as a reminder to members that the General Election is fast approaching. BNH must and does remain apolitical, but I wanted to take this opportunity to encourage members to make sure that they're enrolled to vote and they use their vote.

The six high level politicians who spoke and answered questions at our event all presented their reasons as to why you should vote for them, whilst also noting some concerns over the issues caused and promises broken by some of their counterparts when they are/were in Government.

Whatever your political views, it's important that you utilise this triennial event to have your say on who should be in office to shape our future for the next three years, so don't miss this chance to use your democratic right to vote.

Ngā mihi mahana,

Kevin O'Leary
General Manager, Business North Harbour

Upcoming Workshops & Events

Inorganic Collection



Final reminder: registrations close this Friday, 9th October 2026.
Don't miss your chance to register for the upcoming BNH Inorganic Collection, taking place on 14th & 15th October 2026.

Register Now

Pints Of Business



Register Now

Network & Nibbles – Voyager



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North Shore Business Excellence Awards Gala Dinner



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BNH One Day Sale



Can Legislation Help End Modern Slavery?



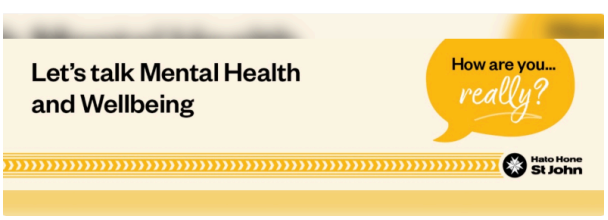
Thursday, 29th October, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Massey University, Auckland Campus, Auckland

As New Zealand considers modern slavery legislation, businesses and policymakers face important questions about its effectiveness in addressing exploitation in global supply chains. Join a panel of industry, policy, and academic experts at Massey University's Albany campus to discuss the proposed Modern Slavery Bill, the role of social audits, lessons from Australia, and practical approaches to turning commitments into meaningful action. The event includes networking and refreshments, followed by an engaging discussion on the realities of identifying and addressing modern slavery in complex supply chains.

Register Now

How Are You… Really?



Wednesday, 4th November, 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM

Hato Hone St John is offering a **free 30-minute webinar** exclusively for BNH members to help build a better understanding of mental health and wellbeing. This introductory session will explore what mental health means, how to recognise when someone may be struggling, and practical ways to support yourself and others. Attendees will also learn about Hato Hone St John's mental health and wellbeing training programmes. Take 30 minutes to pause, reflect, and gain valuable insights that can help create more meaningful conversations and stronger wellbeing outcomes.

Register Now

Congratulations Finalists!



A huge thank you to all the businesses that entered this year's awards. The outstanding quality of submissions highlighted the innovation, resilience, and excellence within our business community. Congratulations to our finalists on this well-deserved achievement. Being named a finalist is a significant accomplishment and a testament to your hard work and success.

Explore the finalists and celebrate the businesses leading the way:
https://businessnh.org.nz/north-shore-business-excellence-awards/finalists/

Rosedale Bus Station Works Update



Works for the Rosedale Bus Station project will take place along the Northern Busway corridor in October 2026. Some activities may temporarily affect busway users, cyclists, pedestrians and local road users.

Traffic management and advance warning signage will help maintain safe access. Busway services are expected to remain operational during structural steel installation.

Please follow temporary signage and directions from traffic management staff, and share this update with your team.
Read more about the upcoming works here.

Recycle Your Batteries Safely



Keep used batteries out of your rubbish and recycling bins—they can cause dangerous fires.

A new recycling pilot offers drop-off kiosks at 10 Woolworths stores across Auckland, including Silverdale and Takapuna, making it easier to recycle household batteries while you shop.

Before dropping them off, cover battery terminals with clear tape and store them somewhere cool and dry. Keep damaged, swollen or leaking batteries separate and take them to a specialist drop-off point.
Find out more and see participating stores.

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3 Steps For Life This Shocktober



This Shocktober, Hato Hone St John is on a mission to equip 17,000 New Zealanders with the confidence and skills to respond to an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. Through free and accessible CPR and AED awareness training, the campaign aims to

empower more people to act quickly in an emergency, helping to improve survival outcomes in communities across Aotearoa. By learning these lifesaving skills, individuals can play a vital role in giving someone the best possible chance of survival when every second counts. Learn More

Support Mental Health Awareness Week



Mental Health Awareness Week is a timely reminder that wellbeing is strengthened through everyday actions. Simple steps like connecting with others, checking in on how we feel, and supporting colleagues can help create more positive and resilient workplaces. Strong social relationships are proven to support mental wellbeing and reduce the impact of stress. As MHAW approaches from 12th to 18th October, businesses are encouraged to take small, practical actions that foster a workplace culture that is connected, supportive, and caring. Lean More

Support The Future Of Our Local Young People



Long Bay College is seeking support for its Te Manawanui Māori and Pasifika After-School Tutoring Programme, which provides academic tutoring, mentoring, and a safe learning environment for students. Contributions towards tutor costs, kai, or mentoring can help improve educational outcomes and create brighter futures. One parent shared that their daughter's maths results improved significantly through the programme. Businesses can support through sponsorship, mentoring, or in-kind assistance.

To get involved, contact Nerys Byford at NByford@lbc.school.nz and help make a lasting impact on local young people. Find Out More.

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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