



Kevin O'Leary, *pictured*, took up the position of Business North Harbour's General Manager in July and has been busy acquainting himself with the needs of the growing business community in and around the Albany basin.

Sustainability – both economic and environmental – is important to Kevin and his team. Business North Harbour has already initiated waste minimisation programmes and is helping Auckland Council to develop the city's developing climate action framework.

Business North Harbour actively supports sustainability by reducing paper use, recycling and composting waste, utilising a hybrid vehicle – and hosting events that inspire and promote a high-value, clean-tech, post-carbon economy that works for everyone.

Sustainability for business

Business North Harbour is part of a discussion group giving feedback to *Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri* – the council led climate action framework.

This states that more than 60% of total emissions in Auckland are related to transport, energy use in industry and buildings (stationary energy) and industrial processes, and product use.

“Based on this information, we all have a role to play to try and support the achievement globally of no more than 1.5°C warming and our own NZ target of a zero-carbon emissions economy by 2050,” Kevin said.

“We're just not sure what those roles look like at the moment, given the different nature of our members' businesses and their differing level of available resources.

“To enable us to optimise the engagement of our membership and their support, we've asked the council to be specific with initiatives, set realistic goals, and tell us how we can support more positive outcomes to achieve the targets set,” he said.

Business North Harbour's environmental initiatives include inorganic and food waste collections, see right.



James Shaw addressed a lunchtime networking event in early October. [READ MORE](#)

