

Associate Membership Terms & Application Form

2023 - 2024 Year

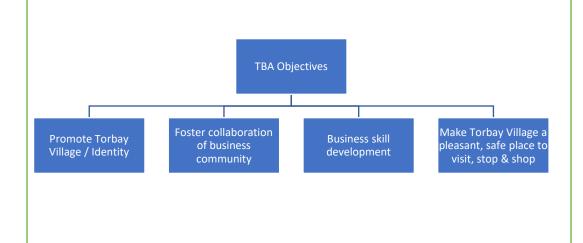
What is the Torbay Business Association?

History

Over 20 years ago some of the Torbay Village business owners and their landlords set up the Torbay Business Association (TBA) as a not-for-profit incorporated society.

They successfully applied to the Council to establish Torbay Village as a Business Improvement District (BID) — a partnership programme that committed the Council to support the growth of a 'business district' in the area through a targeted rate on the commercial premises in the BID, and opportunities to apply for funding to progress that goal.

The TBA's original objectives were to:



It's time to expand

The Council are changing their BID Policy. Over the next 6 years small BIDs, like ours, must increase our annual income to more than \$120,000 to retain our BID status. Our options are to:

- 1. Increase the annual income to above the minimum amount
- 2. Expand our BID area
- 3. Merge or align with another or other BIDs; or
- Cease to be a BID.

Suggestions made include:

- 1. That we **expand** our BID area to include e.g. the Waiake, Stredwick Drive and Okura shops, and Long Bay business centre.
- 2. That the Mairangi Bay Business Association, Browns Bay Business Association & Torbay Business Association (all separate BIDs) merge.
- 3. The TBA **increases its annual income** by growing its Associate Membership, the *Torbay Magazine* and we expand the range of services offered to members and other businesspeople in the wider Waiake-Torbay-Long Bay-Okura area.

What the Torbay Business Association does now

Who we serve now

The TBA already supports businesses, businesspeople and the wider community beyond the small number of founding Torbay Village businesses (the ones paying rates that funds the TBA).

Our main service is promotion via the *Torbay Magazine*, social media and the website.

The Torbay Magazine

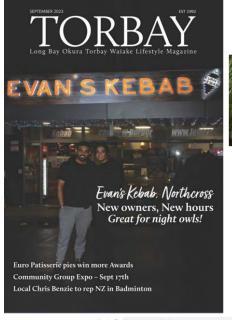
The *Torbay Magazine* is delivered to residents and businesses from Northcross shops to Waiake, all of Torbay, Long Bay and Okura.

It is a targeted community service connecting businesses that serve our wider area to everyone who lives and works in the area.

The Magazine celebrates the special lifestyle our environment, history, community groups and people provides. An edge of the city 'village' way of life that is disappearing in high-growth, high turnover suburbs succumbing to the Super City culture.

We promote values of importance to many Waiake/Torbay/Long Bay/Okura residents – sustainability, caring for our environment, creativity, generosity of spirit, inclusivity, providing a safe, fun place for children to grow up in – home & community.

The new *Torbay Magazine* editorial policy is that the content should be original and relevant to our more diverse community today; good quality writing and photos produced by-locals-for-locals; connecting us and helping us to retain what's so special about our area.



Facebook & Instagram



Website: torbay.co.nz



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

The TBA Executive Committee run business skill development workshops which facilitates networking.

To support the original dream of Torbay (and now we have Long Bay) being a great place to start and run a successful and sustainable business, we need to collaborate.

We need to plan *together* for a future when more people will want to work from home or close to home. The more people do that, the more customers there will be around during the day. The more our local businesses will thrive.

Over 1 million visitors a year come to our beaches, parks and events. We need to think up ways to get them to visit our shops, buy food here and eat in our restaurants.

We also could do better promoting our eateries and events to attract customers from neighbouring areas (Albany, North Shore).



BUSINESS WELFARE & SUPPORT

We all want our shopping centres to be pleasant, safe places.

We can advocate to Council. We can apply for funding – but it needs to be for services or activities that will help and support our businesses.

From time to time some businesses need & want help, advice & support.

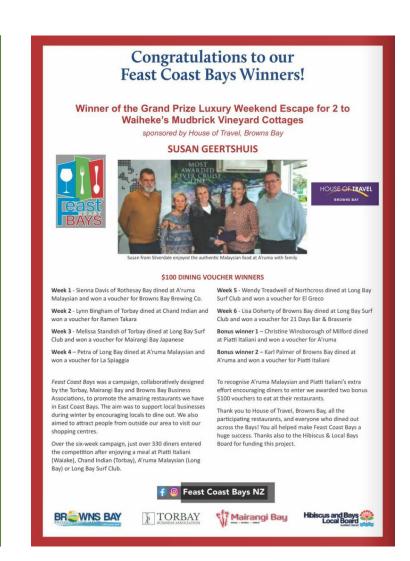
Some recent projects:

Feast Coast Bays – a restaurant trail competition across East Coast Bays

Community Group Expo – giving people a reason to visit Torbay Village

Shop Local Competitions

Torbay Xmas / Santa Day



BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Your business listed in the Business Directory in the Torbay Magazine
- Free, and priority entry for one person, to business skill development workshops
- Free inclusion in Shop Local campaigns and promotions
- Torbay Magazine advertising discounts
- Updates and information for businesses as are supplied to Full Members
- A chance to be heard on matters the TBA is consulting its members on
- Notice of the AGM

Terms & Conditions

- Businesses must be registered lawful businesses in the Waiake, Torbay, Long Bay and Okura area.
- Acceptance of application is at the discretion of the Executive Committee. A noncompete exclusion may apply where an applying business is directly competing with a Full Member business.
- The annual membership fee applies from the first month the business is listed in the Torbay Magazine member directory. This supports the TBA to plan and commit to a programme of activities for the year and for that reason cannot be refunded in part or in whole once paid.
- Under the current TBA constitution Associate Members can be elected to the Executive Committee but do not have voting rights. However, a new constitution is planned.

Associate Membership Application Form

Join us & help direct the future of our area

Business Trading Name:
Company Name (if different from above):
Business Address:
Contact person:
Email:
Phone:
Business category:
am authorised to complete this application form and commit this business to pay the \$200 +gst Associate Membership Fee for the year beginning once my business is listed in the <i>Torbay Magazine</i> .
Signed Date