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Export your business – part of the Enterprise Training Programme

Two exporting workshops are being held this week as part of the Enterprise Training Programme, aimed at new and developing exporters and those thinking about getting into the export market. The workshops would also be suitable for existing exporters who have new staff members working in the exporting area of their business.

Facilitating the workshops is Chamber board member and former PrimePort marketing manager Bruce McDougall and guest speakers include:

- Graham Guy, from ASB
- Bernie Cull, from Hamburg Sud
- Jeremy Boys, from PrimePort
- Steve Lyttle, 100% Pure New Zealand Honey

The day also includes a special lunch for those attending the workshops and our export cluster. Guest speaker is Sanford deepwater division manager Greg Johansson who will talk about the Sanford connection with Weihai, China.

Export workshops: Thurs, May 27, from 9am–5pm. - FREE  
Export luncheon: Thurs, May 27, from 12pm–1pm. \$25 incl GST

New Members

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Business Advice Centre

Free specialist business advice available this week,  
Thursday 12-2pm. Phone 684 6360 to book

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BA5 at Polytechnic

Chamber members were privileged at the BA5 last week to witness the signing of an important agreement between Aoraki Polytechnic and the Open Polytechnic of New Zealand.

The chief executives of both polytechnics signed the agreement before the gathering which will provide degree pathway opportunities in Business Studies, for people living in the South Canterbury region. Diploma of Business students will now have the opportunity to progress to degree level – and not leave South Canterbury. This is an excellent opportunity for the Polytechnic students and will also be a benefit to businesses in the region who are working to upskill their staff members.



Aoraki Polytechnic chief executive Kay Nelson (left) and Open Polytechnic of New Zealand chief executive Caroline Seelig sign the agreement at the BA5 held in the student café at the Arthur Street campus.



Among those attending were Lisa Baillie (from left) and Carol Soal, both from Aoraki Polytechnic, and Helen Coles and Gurbux Rasmussen, both from Timaru Mental Health Support Trust.

Focus on financial literacy for women

The Chamber is combining with Aoraki Development Trust to bring to Timaru an innovative new seminar and workshop series that is dedicated to enhancing financial literacy for women. “We are encouraging women in the workforce to use the Empowering Women Series as a valuable professional development opportunity, which has the added bonus of being held locally, so making it more convenient in terms of time and cost,” says Chamber chief executive Wendy Smith.



Untouched World founder Peri Drysdale is the keynote speaker at the launch day.

“We are fortunate to have secured extremely high calibre visiting guest speakers - former South Island Business Woman of the Year, entrepreneur and Untouched World founder Peri Drysdale and founder of Triplejump, Cecilia Farrow. To get the chance to hear these women speak in Timaru and tell the stories of their business journey is a significant opportunity,” she says.

The Empowering Women launch is being held on Wednesday, June 2, from 9am - 2pm, and is then followed by six workshops from July to December. The workshops run on Thursdays, from 9am - midday and topics include Asset Protection, Growing Wealth Through Property and Growing Wealth Through Buying Shares of Managed Funds.

The cost of attending the total package is just \$395 +gst. Options are available to attend just the launch or just the workshops.

To register for Empowering Women complete the attached form and for any further enquires please contact Jeremy Liddy at Aoraki Development Trust (03) 6889907 or jeremy.liddy@timaru.biz

The Empowering Women Series is fortunate to have Telecom, as its principle sponsor.