

Training discounts for Chamber members

South Canterbury businesses are able to access half price training in Timaru, simply by being a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Chief executive Wendy Smith says the Chamber, in conjunction with Aoraki Business Development and Tourism, offers a special 50% discount for Chamber members, offering exceptional value and an extra reason for businesses to consider joining the Chamber.

The training courses cover a wide range of topics and the Chamber works hard to make them as business focused and topical as possible.

"For instance today (Thursday, February 24) we have a group of more than 40 chamber members attending a two hour seminar on the changes to the Holidays Act," says Mrs Smith.

"It's critical employers and managers keep up-to-date with legislative changes and by providing a short, intensive seminar focusing exclusively on this with regard to the Holidays Act, we aim to keep our local members well informed and right up with the play," she says. Mrs Smith says wherever possible local experts are called in to present the seminars, and today's Holidays Act seminar is being lead by Timpany Walton partner Maarten Dirkzwager. "We would urge people to take the time to check our training



Wendy Smith,
Chief Executive

calendar and find out what is coming up, as the more support we get for our courses, the more courses we will be able to run," she says.

The next three training courses are outlined below. For further information about upcoming events check the Chamber website: www.scchamber.org.nz

Interviewing and Recruitment

16 March, 9am – 11am
Venue: ADBT Training Room
Presenter: Cleave Hay, Stafford Personnel
Cost: \$100 + gst. Chamber members and NZTE voucher holders: \$50 + gst
Improve your chances of hiring the right staff member by learning how to write effective job advertisements and some key interviewing skills.

Funding for Not for Profit Sector – Discussion Forum

April 14, Midday – 1pm
Venue: Meeting Room, Community Trust of Mid and South Canterbury
Presenter: John Wilson, Community Trust of Mid and South Canterbury.
Free to attend for Not for Profit Sector

This is an informal discussion session to help members of the Not for Profit Sector with their quest to gain funding for their organisations in more challenging times.

Investment Planning – What you really need to know about investing

April 7, 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Venue: ADBT Training Room
Presenter: Dale Walden, Forsyth Barr
Cost: \$100 + gst. Chamber members and NZTE voucher holders: \$50 + gst

Attend this seminar and you will gain knowledge to help expand your investment horizons, both for your business and in your personal life.

Business Advice Centre – today, midday – 2pm

Get free business advice from local experts on legal issues, finances, marketing and web strategies.

Annual Chamber Golf Classic 2011

It's almost time for Chamber members to head back to the golf course, for the popular Annual Golf Classic.

This is the only purely-social event on the Chamber calendar and is a chance for business people to relax while networking and building relationships either with clients or their own staff.

This year the event is being held on Thursday, March 24, at the Gleniti Golf Course. The event is for players of all abilities and

provides an excellent day out for business people. It offers an informal but effective way to market your business.

If you would like to register yourself or a team, please contact the Chamber office (commerce@southcanterbury.org.nz). The cost per person is \$50, including a light lunch, dinner and some liquid refreshments along the way. Tee off is midday and the draw will be in the Timaru Herald on Tuesday, March 22, 2011.

Why join up to the Chamber?

- Promotional opportunities.** You can promote your business to other members and the wider business community in many ways including networking by attending Chamber events or by hosting events such as a Business After 5.
- Free Business advice.** Available on the 0800 freephone number. Specialists include HR, employment law, ACC and health and safety. All you have to do is quote your membership number to access this free advice.
- News Bites.** Keep informed on the latest news relating to businesses and employers through our email newsletter, News Bites.
- Discounts** – Chamber members can access a number of national discounts (eg through Ford and Shell) and in addition to this, we have an extensive list of member to member discounts available locally.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Chamber member, please call us on 697 2733 or email commerce@southcanterbury.org.nz

New Members

Barbara Ford
Workplace Safety Systems
188 Lyall Rd, R.D. 2, Timaru
Health and Safety Consultant/
Trainer

Raymond and Adrienne Bowan
Heartland Potato Chips
42 Milton Rd, R.D. 22, Geraldine
Manufacturer of Potato Chips

Michael Broadhead
Lines in Designs
8 Stirling Place, Timaru
Architectural Design Company

Dan Moraes
Moraes Sports
33 Seadown Rd, Timaru
Sports Activities

Mark and Pam Taylor
Timaru Car Finance
2 B King St, Timaru
Car Finance and Sales, Car and
Commercial Finance

Loretta Scott
Craigs Mens Hairdressers
199 Stafford St, Timaru
Hairdressing/Tobacconist/
Giftware

Jackie Nelson
Southern Link Agencies
329 Te Moana Rd, Geraldine
Sales/Merchandising in the
Consumer Goods Industry
(Supermarkets)

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WHAT YOU GET FROM CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP

- The **"ONE STOP SHOP"** – South Canterbury's leading Business Information Centre comprising the Chamber of Commerce and the Aoraki Development Trust.
- FREE ENTERPRISE TRAINING** Courses, Seminars and Workshops, to meet the training needs of the community. (Eligibility criteria apply Enterprise Training).
- LOBBYING WITH** Government and Local Government on issues of concern to local business.
- SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT** of new business opportunities by preparing feasibility studies, business plans etc.
- FREE** accounting, legal or employment advice via an 0800 number – intended for short question / answer type queries.
- GROW** your business by networking at the very popular 'Business After 5' functions and other events.
- REDUCE** business costs with a range of local business overhead savings schemes.
- NEWSLETTER.** To keep you better informed, our monthly newsletter covers local and national business topics and Chamber activities.