

New president for the Chamber

Tony Howey has been elected the new president of the South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce.

Tony has been a member of the Chamber board for a number of years as the Federated Farmers representative. The main business that he is involved in is his family farming company, Alpine Fresh Ltd. This company produces potatoes, carrots, onions, wheat, grass seed and blackcurrants and is based in the Levels area.

Tony is involved in a number of local companies including Seedlands Ltd, Southern Packers Ltd, Grainstor



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Ltd, Levels Plain Irrigation Ltd and Opuha Water Ltd in addition to the Orari-Opihi-Pareora Zonal Committee, Te Aitarakihi Trust and Aoraki Multicultural Council. He is also a director of Ravensdown.

Tony says he is looking

forward to the challenge of being Chamber president and believes a key for the Chamber is to add value and serve the local business community.

“The Chamber has to be relevant to the local business community, and I would like to see the organisation continue to work on this solid foundation that has been built up over the last 105 years that the organisation has been serving the local community,” he says.

“We have to help develop and support industry in Timaru and the wider South Canterbury region, as ultimately that’s what will drive

the development of the region and increase our population.”

The Chamber is currently working on a stock-take of the commercial and industrial land available in the Timaru District with the aim of making the information widely available to potential investors.

“This is the critical kind of work that the Chamber can undertake that will help develop the business community and play a part in attracting new business to the region.”

It is anticipated that the stock-take will be completed before the end of the year.

The new Chamber board for 2011-2012 is:

- Tony Howey President
- Chris McAuslin Vice president
- Lisa Baillie Vice president
- Steve Lyttle Immediate past president
- Peter McAuley

- Maree Winter
- Bruce McDougall
- Andrew Tombs
- Jeremy Boys
- Nigel Davenport

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What does it all mean for you?

Abolition of gift duty from 1st October, 2011, opens a world of possibilities – or does it? It is now possible to give away all your assets at once without having to worry about paying gift duty. Before making a snap decision to give everything to a trust or simply give cash away to say, family members, it is important to think through this a bit more.

RSM Law will be giving a 40 minute presentation to explain trusts and the implications for you. Following the

presentation will be a question and answer session. The presentation will include:

- Government Assistance
- Tax Minimisation
- Relationship Property
- Protection against Creditors
- Claims against Estates

Come along to and be informed on the change in policy and how this affects you today.

Date: 17 November
Time: 10am – 11am
Venue: Café Heartland
Presenter: Ken McKenzie, RSM Law
Cost: \$10

New members

Clayton Holland / Glen Patterson
Independent Engineering Supplies
1 Latter St, Timaru

Mark Maly
Computer Service Centre
116 Stafford St, Timaru

Andrew Wilson via CECC
Canterbury Building Society
224 East St, Ashburton

Steve Evans
Steve Evans Jewellery Design
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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 Aoraki Development Business and Tourism.
- **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.
- **NEWSLETTER / NEWSBITE EMAILS.** To keep you better informed, our monthly newsletter covers local and national business topics and Chamber activities.