SOUTH CANTERBURY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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New Speakers for AGM

Two new speakers have now been confirmed for the Chamber AGM next month on October 4.

They are:
Warwick Isaacs, Demolition Manager, Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority, who will talk about his role in the massive recovery project underway in Christchurch. Warwick will show images of the city and answer questions from members.

Leeann Watson, General Manager of Canterbury Employers Chamber of Commerce will show the presentation on their work following the Canterbury earthquakes since September 2010 that won the Chamber the award for the Best International Project at the World Chamber conference in Mexico earlier this year. The presentation features dramatic video footage.

The change in speakers has taken place as our planned guest speaker Hayden Paddon, has had to withdraw, as following his world champion title win, he has significant pressure to head to Europe to further his career.

The AGM will be held on Tuesday, October 4, at 5.30pm at the ASB Tennis Pavilion, Benvenue Avenue, and includes a three course meal prepared by Fusion Restaurant. Cost: $55 + gst per person - BOOK NOW!

Chamber Table Top Expo

The Chamber Table Top Expo at The Function Centre was well supported both by exhibitors and business people coming to view the range of offerings.

Among those exhibiting was the Cancer Society. Pictured are Kate Johnson (left) and Lorna Johnson.

Develop your staff

Making the commitment to help develop your staff both professionally and personally, is worth the effort, says Chamber chief executive Wendy Smith.

"There will be a cost financially and also a cost in terms of a time commitment, but the value to your individual staff member and your organisation can be immeasurable," she says.

The Chamber and Aoraki Development Business and Tourism are launching a new individual professional and development programme in October, The Success Academy.

The programme is presented by Ashburton based business mentor Gerard Gallagher and has run successfully in Ashburton for several years.

"We thought it was timely to offer such a programme in Timaru and we're encouraging businesses to take a close look and consider who in their organisations could benefit from attending," says Mrs Smith.

"It could be ideal to help newly appointed staff, or for members of the management team or individuals seeking a career change or a new direction," she says.

The programme covers eight modules, including Time Management Skills, Leadership Principles, Memory Development and Motivation.

The Success Academy starts Tuesday, 4 October, running each Tuesday until 22 November, 5.30pm – 7.30pm. Cost: For all 8 modules, $680 + gst, or $105 + gst for individual modules. To register email commerce@southcanterbury.org.nz or for more information phone training officer Matt Ross 687 2733.

New members

Shaun Rothery **EDSR**
PO Box 67, Timaru 7940

Sarah Davis **Timaru Girls High School**
Cain Street, PO Box 558, Timaru 7940

Cathy Hemsworth **Alpine Springs**
PO Box 150, Lake Tekapo

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- 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.
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