

Working together for business community

The South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce is the envy of many of its counterparts around the country, due to the working relationship it has with the economic development agency. Aoraki Development Business and Tourism holds the management contract for the Chamber and this means that in many cases the two organisations can work together on projects, such as the Business Advice Centre which runs each month, and training programmes. From a staffing point of view, having the two organizations working together is a huge bonus, says Chamber chief executive Wendy Smith. "It means that our ADBT staff are always on hand to help with Chamber matters, and assist

with the running of Chamber events," says Mrs Smith. "The BA5s that we run are an excellent example, where all our staff attend. It's a really valuable cross-fertilisation as they can talk to Chamber members about issues and events regarding the Chamber, but they can also talk to them about wider issues within the business community." Mrs Smith says that the Chamber and ADBT regularly combine forces when making submissions on behalf of the business community. Examples of these are a submission to Air New Zealand over flight costs to Timaru's Richard Pearse Airport and comment on the Environment Canterbury Draft Regional Policy Statement.



The team at ADBT are involved in chamber projects and events (from left) Sam Callander on-line operations co-ordinator, Jackie Goodfellow financial controller, Donna Smith business assistant to the chief executive, Wendy Smith chief executive, Di Hay membership and events co-ordinator, Juliet Fahey employment manager, Jeremy Liddy business services co-ordinator.



Hospice South Canterbury chief executive Alan Munro (centre) receives the donation raised at the BA5 auction, from CRT Timaru District manager Jeremy Bailey. At left is Shona Lawson, Hospice clinical services manager.

CRT helps raise Hospice funds

Fundraising at Hospice South Canterbury had an unexpected boost this week, when the proceeds of a charity auction were handed over. The auction was organized by CRT to take place at their Business After 5 event (BA5) for chamber members and featured a cap signed by All Black captain Richie McCaw, a Ballantynes gift basket, a case of wine and a gift pack of a digital camera, sunglasses and a G shock watch. Chamber members bid enthusiastically for the items –

and in total \$1140 was raised. CRT Timaru District manager Jeremy Bailey said the idea for holding the auction for the Hospice came from CRT staff attending the October BA5 at the Hospice. "They were so impressed with the facilities and environment at the Hospice and recognised that Hospice is used by a huge range of people within the community. The auction seemed a wonderful opportunity for us to help their cause," he said.

Chamber adopts charities

The Chamber has now formerly adopted three charities to support over the next year. At the board meeting last month, the board members approved that Hospice South Canterbury, the Cancer Society and Make A Wish New Zealand become the first three charities to be formerly supported by the Chamber. Chief executive Wendy Smith made the recommendation to the board, as she says the Chamber is regularly asked to promote a variety of charitable events and

organisations either through mailing out to its database or by promoting at events. "At present there is no policy governing this practice and it is difficult to make decisions about which organisation is supported or not, when attempting to be fair to the wide range of organisations in which our members are involved." The three chosen charities will now be supported with free promotions of their events and fundraising programmes over the year.



Members of the Chamber's export cluster were recently invited to visit fishing company Sanford, and to tour one of its vessels. Pictured on board the San Aspiring are (from left) Peter and Susan Lyttle (NZ Honey Producers), Jeni Logan (Rabobank), Allan Booth (Starwood) and Darryn Shaw (Sanford fleet manager).

New members

- Andrew Geldard
Richard Pearse Tavern
 118 Le Cren St, Timaru 7910
Sports bar, bistro, gaming, TAB, bottle store, function centre, family restaurant, offsite catering.
- Antoni Facey
KF Consilium
 39 Quarry Rd, Timaru 7910
Resource and landuse consent planning, traffic and transportation engineering, infrastructure design.
- Jude Pohlmann and Nicola Sorenson
NZ Travel Brokers PO Box 94, Timaru 7910. *Travel agents.*

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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.
- **NEWSLETTER / NEWSBITE EMAILS.** To keep you better informed, our monthly newsletter covers local and national business topics and Chamber activities.