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Empowering Women 2011

The Chamber of Commerce is continuing with its pursuit of empowering South Canterbury women, in 2011.

Following the successful launch of the Empowering Women financial literacy series in 2010, the Chamber and Aoraki Development Business and Tourism have developed four motivating and inspiring workshops and seminars to run over the next nine months.

Chief executive Wendy Smith says this year the focus shifts from strictly financial empowerment to a more personal and people focussed empowerment.

"We will be including active workshops and at each session there will be an inspirational guest speaker as well," she says. Mrs Smith says businesses can use the series as professional development opportunities for staff.

"But is it also open to any women to attend who wish to extend themselves and who seek inspiration from a work or personal perspective. "We have some fantastic guest speakers lined up, whom we believe women will be able to relate to and they will be inspired by their stories," says Mrs Smith.

Details of the first seminar are: Making Presentations and Public Speaking

How to feel the fear and do it anyway. Instead of avoiding the possibility of having to speak before a group of people, and shrinking in the corner, come to this seminar to learn tips and tricks to overcome presentation nerves and become a confident public speaker. By breaking into workshop groups, you will have the opportunity to practise your new found skills and even embrace the chance to use technology.

Tuesday February 8, 2011 – Seven Oaks Reception Centre.

Presented by Lee King – Sport South Canterbury - Lee King works for Sport South Canterbury promoting sport and physical activity in schools. With a long history of experience in fitness programming for health and wellbeing, Lee will share her experiences and offer insights into how to be overcome presentation nerves, how to prepare and how to practice.

Guest speaker – Claire Barlow, Mackenzie District Mayor.

To book your place contact us on 03 687 2682 or email: jeremy@southcanterbury.org.nz.

Cost is **\$75+ gst per workshop, or \$240+gst for all 4 workshops.**



A visit through the naval vessel Te Kaha proved popular late last year for some Chamber members and their families. The group were lucky to have an escorted tour through the vessel and gained an insight into naval life.

Chamber visit to Te Ana

The newly opened Te Ana Ngai Tahu Rock Art Centre welcomed Chamber members last week, and provided a special tour of Timaru's newest tourism attraction.

After a pre-tour gathering at Chamber member Speights Ale House, the members were taken through Te Ana in groups and

given the opportunity for an informal viewing of the facility. Chief executive Wendy Smith says the overwhelming response from the Chamber members about Te Ana was very positive, with many planning to now bring groups of their staff, visitors and students to the centre.



Many of the Chamber visitors are now keen to return to Te Ana with staff and their visitors to the region.

Why join up to the Chamber?

- 1. We are the biggest business network in South Canterbury.** With more than 400 members and plenty of opportunities to meet like-minded business people you won't look back.
- 2. Networking.** Meet new business contacts and grow existing relationships with a range of networking events per year.
- 3. Strength in numbers.** We lobby local and central Government on issues of concern to our members and are representatives of the whole business community.
- 4. Credibility.** Being a Chamber member, with a financial certificate on your office wall, provides you with credibility and respect in the eyes of customers and others.

Business Training in 2011

Changes to the Holidays Act

Presenter: Maarten Dirkzwager, Timpany Walton

24 February, 2011, 10am-midday. Cost: \$25 + gst

Essential information for businesses as changes to the Holidays Act come into effect from April 1, 2011.

Register now on 687 2733 or email commerce@timaru.biz

New members

Ben Lee
Te Ana Whakairo
2 George St, Timaru
Tourism Attraction

Carmen Thompson
ID Creative
Level 1, Smith & Church
Building, Moore Street,
Ashburton
Graphic Design

Chris Broadhead
Cow House Construction NZ
122 Hilton Highway, Timaru
Dairy industry construction

Graeme Wilkins
Strategic Business Advancement
70 Temple Crescent
Gleniti, Timaru
Business Consultancy

Discounts for Chamber members:

10% at Burger King

To be eligible you must be a Chamber member. To become a Chamber member and get this discount, call us to today 687 2733.

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Check out our new website!

www.southcanterbury.org.nz

For information about business, tourism, events and living in this region.

If you would like to take your business to the world, or if you have an event that you would like to list on the events calendar contact sam@southcanterbury.org.nz



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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.