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Chamber president urges businesses to buy local

Making a conscious effort to buy locally whenever possible, could make the difference between some businesses getting through the present challenging business environment, according to SC Chamber of Commerce president Steve Lyttle.

Speaking at the Chamber's 104th annual general meeting in Timaru last week, Mr Lyttle said while last year, he reported to the meeting that South Canterbury businesses had weathered the New Zealand/global economic meltdown better than most regions, his view this year was that the past 12 months had seen increasing downward pressure on the local economy. "Retailing and some of the rural service sector businesses have been particularly hard hit, so as a business community we need to make a conscious effort to buy local when ever we can," he said. At the AGM, Mr Lyttle was re-elected unopposed as chamber president, and Chris McAuslin, was re-elected unopposed as the chamber senior vice president. The chamber board was elected last year to serve a two year term. The members are:

- Steve Lyttle – president** (100% Pure New Zealand Honey)
- Chris McAuslin – senior vice president** (Timaru Herald)

- Lisa Baillie** (Aoraki Polytechnic)
- Peter Burt** (Pelle Care)
- Grant Gilbert** (Aorangi Customs)
- Tony Howey** (Federated Farmers)
- Peter McAuley** (Hilton Haulage)
- Bruce McDougall** (Waitohi Pastoral Holdings)
- Tim Small** (Timaru Business Association)
- Maree Winter** (Bay Viaduct Motor Lodge).

In his annual report, Mr Lyttle highlighted the benefits of having the Chamber's management contract with the Aoraki Development Trust (ADT). "Having a one stop business centre for the region means we are all working towards common goals. In talking with other Chambers it seems the arrangement we have in South Canterbury is the envy of many regions. It's important that we continue to work with ADT to build capability and enhance the services provided to the Chamber and the wider business community." Mr Lyttle acknowledged the contribution of the board members during the past year and also praised the work of



Pictured at the AGM are (front row from left) chief executive Wendy Smith and board members Grant Gilbert (Aorangi Customs), (middle row from left) Maree Winter (Bay Viaduct Motor Lodge), Bruce McDougall (Waitohi Pastoral Holdings), Lisa Baillie (Aoraki Polytechnic); (back row from left) Peter Burt (Pelle Care), Steve Lyttle, president (100% Pure New Zealand Honey), Tony Howey (Federated Farmers), and Chris McAuslin, senior vice president (Timaru Herald). Absent: Tim Small (The Computer Shop) and Peter McAuley (Hilton Haulage).

chief executive Wendy Smith. "Wendy as our chief executive continues to play an important roll in representing our Chamber at a regional level by attending the regular Chamber South meetings and feedback from the other participants confirms that Wendy is making a real and meaningful contribution to the future direction of the Chamber movement," he said. Mr Lyttle said the united strength of the Chambers was important to maintain, as this gave the Chamber movement political clout. In the chief executive's report to the annual meeting, Mrs Smith noted the end of year financial

position was a net surplus of \$9,000. Strong reserves had also been retained. She said in 2009/10 year the ADT management contract service fee was wrapped up into one flat fee. This included rent, operating expenses, computer services, ecommerce, stationery, phones, postage and staffing costs. This was a small increase on the previous year due to a request, by the board, for an increase in member contacts and events. Mrs Smith said that the Chamber had been fortunate to receive sponsorship from many local businesses, and others had supported the Chamber by donating their services.

Business training

Disciplinary Process
 Wednesday, November 10
 9am – 12 noon
 Presenter: Tony Shaw, partner Timpany Walton
 Overview: With personal grievances on the rise, do you and your managers feel confident taking disciplinary action? Failing to follow the correct procedures can result in time consuming and expensive personal grievances. Expert employment lawyer Tony Shaw will give an overview of essential information, for supervisors, team leaders, managers and business owners. This course has been highly rated by previous attendees, who have greatly valued Tony's extensive knowledge and experience in the area of employment law.
 Chamber member discount: \$75 + gst

Importing Workshop
 Wednesday, November 17
 9am – 12 noon
 Presenter: Bruce McDougall
 Overview: This workshop is designed to give some basic information about importing

goods into New Zealand – issues to be covered will include customs requirements, duties, gst requirements on imported goods, freight options and more. It is ideal for those new to importing or those who are considering developing an import-based business.

Accounting For Non Accountants – 2 sessions
 Thursday, November 18
 9am – 12 noon
 Thursday, November 25
 9am – 12 noon
 Presenter: Alice Gray
 Overview: Accounting – what is accounting and why do we need accounting? This two part workshop will go over the basic accounting concepts including reading, understanding and interpreting financial statements. Unlock the key to budgeting, GST, kpi's and job costing. It is idea for those who want to extend their basic knowledge and gain confidence in handling and understanding financial information – from business owners to team leaders and supervisors.

New member

Shane Bray and Ken Bradshaw
Henderson Building
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 Main business activity: Building – commercial and residential, alterations and renovations.

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