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We are proud to support the Chamber of Commerce in promoting business in South Canterbury

WHAT YOU GET FROM CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP

- The "ONE STOP SHOP" – South Canterbury's leading Business Information Centre comprising the Chamber of Commerce and the Aoraki Development Trust.
- FREE ENTERPRISE TRAINING Courses, Seminars and Workshops, to meet the training needs of the community. (Eligibility criteria apply Enterprise Training).
- 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.
- REDUCE business costs with a range of local business overhead savings schemes.
- NEWSLETTER. To keep you better informed, our monthly newsletter covers local and national business topics and Chamber activities.

From the Chief Executive

The South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to be able to announce some exciting training developments for 2009, which will be running in partnership with the Aoraki Development Trust. We are busy working on a schedule of short, sharp workshops to be run this year, and on top of this, we hope to be able to introduce to you a series of breakfast meetings, with guest speakers to inspire, excite and entertain you.



Wendy Smith
Chief Executive

Keep a watch out for more information about these – places will be limited, so book early.

Business on the Bay

Workshops for 2009:

- Creatively Managing the Workplace
- Talking Tough – Getting through the credit crunch
- Re-Structuring for Sustainability
- Retail sales
- Disciplinary Process
- Employment Law - for non-lawyers
- Essential Leadership Skills Programme
- Health and Safety in the Workplace
- Turning Browsers into Buyers

Dates, presenters, venues and costs coming soon!



Di Hay

Introducing:

New staff member, Di Hay, who is working as the Chamber membership and events co-ordinator.

b fit – UPCOMING EVENTS

Enterprise Training Programme

(Fully funded by New Zealand Trade & Enterprise)

Upcoming workshops: Our first workshop this year will focus on 'Tax Obligations', it will also include information on the new government tax assistance measures for small and medium sized businesses. Our series of three Business Start-up workshops will kick off on Wednesday 18 March 2009. We are also developing a Business Planning workshop which will have a focus on the current economic climate and how to plan for the future. Full outlines are available by contacting Lyn Stewart at Aoraki Development Trust, cnr Stafford & Strathallan Street, Timaru, telephone 03 6889907 or email biz@timaru.biz

Workshop Timetable:

- Wed 04 March, 10.00am – 1.00pm: Tax Obligations
- Wed 18 March, 6.00pm – 9.00pm: Business Start-up 1
- Wed 25 March, 6.00pm – 9.00pm: Business Start-up 2
- Wed 01 April, 6.00pm – 9.00pm: Business Start-up 3
- Early April: Business Planning (date to be confirmed)

Thank you for your time and we look forward to continuing our commitment to the ongoing success and sustainability of businesses in South Canterbury.

Business After 5s

- Tomorrow - TDC Metal Recycling Facility
- April – Stonebridge Geraldine
- May - The Grosvenor Hotel

Annual SC Chamber Golf Day

Thursday 19 March – Gleniti Golf Club

b ahead – CHAMBER MEMBER DISCOUNTS

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Fire extinguisher & warden training per staff member discounted to \$20 + GST

HEALTHY VIBES
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10% discount off normal rates or specials available upon joining.

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New Members

Bruce McDougal
Waitohi Pastoral Holdings Ltd
536 Main Waitohi Road, Temuka
Farming

Todd Mudie Plastering Ltd
49 Wilson Street, Timaru
Interior Gib fixing & finishing

Thought for the month

"There is no victory at bargain basement prices."
Dwight D. Eisenhower

SOUTH CANTERBURY ON THE MOVE

BLAST-OFF TO BUSINESS SUCCESS

Hi-Tech Blasting has been in operation in South Canterbury since 1996. Owner-manager Grant Tremewan purchased the business 18 months ago and now provides an abrasive blasting and industrial painting operation with mobile capabilities that service the region from south of the Rangitata to Oamaru.

Grant and his team have established a reputation based on flexibility. "We can tackle anything," says Grant. "We pride ourselves on the quality of our work. Our mobile blasting plant means we can go to our customers, anywhere they are."

The abrasive blasting process which is Hi-Tech's speciality, is a pre-treatment process which cleans auto parts, metal and masonry so the surface is totally free of any previous paint, rust, dirt or minor imperfections. It removes paint, graffiti, rust, oil, grease.

The company's equipment enables the staffs to work on all types of vehicles and equipment including tractors, trucks, cars and industrial steelwork. Hi-Tech specialises in quality restoration work on vintage vehicles and classic cars.

As well as blasting expertise, the company provides a full industrial painting service from primer to the final painted finish to meet all standards and technical requirements.

Hi-Tech Blasting is based at 53 Redruth Street, Timaru.
Ph: (M) 0274 326 799 www.hi-techblasting.com



Using the correct blast media Hi-tech Blasting achieves durable, long-lasting paint finishes. The versatility of the media used in the blasting process, enables the process to be refined to meet specific requirements.

Metal Recovery Facility Business After 5

Chamber members are attending a Business After 5 at the Timaru District Council's Metal Recovery Facility at the Redruth Eco-Centre, tomorrow, February 25. This is a great chance to learn more about the recycling operation contracted by Transpacific Industries Group (NZ) Ltd, along with the opportunity to network and mix with business owners and managers in the region. See you there.



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