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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.

Not for Profit breakfast group

A special gathering of some of the region's Not-for-Profit groups to discuss performance management, is being held this month by the Chamber of Commerce.

The special breakfast and discussion forum is a new initiative for the Chamber that is presenting in partnership with Aoraki Polytechnic's Faculty of Business, Outdoor Education, Sport, Media and Information Technology.

Chamber chief executive Wendy Smith says it is a facilitator led discussion with the aim of giving the organisations a chance to learn more about performance management and the change to share their ideas and processes.

Mrs Smith says that there is a huge group of organisations in South Canterbury which fall into the Not for Profit category and the Chamber is eager to work with them and offer support for their businesses.

Topics for the discussion will include:

- What is performance management?
- How does it differ from performance appraisal?
- What are we trying to achieve?
- Should it be linked to pay review?
- What should be appraised/managed?
- What works in practice?

Not for Profit discussion group breakfast is being held Tuesday, July 7, from 8am – 10:30am, South Canterbury Club, The Terrace, Timaru

- Cost:**
- **Chamber members \$25 per person + gst**
 - **Standard price \$35 per person + gst**

To book a place phone the Chamber 684 6360, or email chamber@timaru.biz

BA5



More than 160 Chamber members turned out last Wednesday to enjoy the hospitality of the renovated Grosvenor Hotel in Timaru.



Grosvenor Owner Ping Lim addressed the gathering.

Next BA5: To be held at South Canterbury Finance, July 29.

Training proves popular with members

Training seminars being offered this year by the Chamber appear to be hitting the right spot with chamber members.

Members have keen to take up the opportunity to embark on retail training, health and safety, exporting seminars and a disciplinary process seminar.

Bookings are now being taken for the following training dates. Places for some courses are limited, so early bookings are advised.

Retail Sales and Selling Skills (Part 2 of 3)

Date: Tuesday, July 21
Presenter: Tom Downey, principle, The Finnegan Group.

Employment Law - for non-lawyers

Date: Tuesday, August 11
Presenter: Tony Shaw, partner Timpany Walton.

Retail Sales and Selling Skills (Part 3 of 3)

Date: Tuesday, September 22
Presenter: Tom Downey, principle, The Finnegan Group.

Essential Supervision Skills

Date: Thursday, September 17
Presenter: Victoria Barkway, Training & Development Consultant, Canterbury Employers Chamber of Commerce

New legal help available at Business Drop in Centre

Free help on legal matters relating specifically to business is now available at the Business Drop in Centre being run by the South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce and Aoraki Development Trust.

The Business Drop in Centre is in its fourth month, and now has two law firms offering free advice – Quentin Hix Legal is covering employment law, while Raymond Sullivan McGlashan is offering legal issues in business, such as setting up trusts, signing leases and establishing new companies.

SC Chamber chief executive Wendy Smith says the free advice being offered by the specialists is an important way of supporting and nurturing local business. "We're so lucky to have some

excellent local businesses involved, and all of them are members of our chamber.

"The businesses say they view it as a way that they can help the community, and all have been enthusiastic from day one. They have been totally committed and have given those using the service access to some very high calibre professionals," says Mrs Smith.

The Business Advice Drop in Centre runs on the last Thursday of each month.

People wanting advice can call in, between midday and 2pm, or ring to make an appointment, for up to 30 minutes, for free.

The Business Drop In Centre is sponsored by Westpac and Port FM.

The Business Drop in Centre offers the following advice:

- Accounting**
- One to One Accounting
- Employment Law**
- Quentin Hix Legal
- Business Banking**
- Westpac
- IT strategies**
- Verb

- Business Legal Issues**
- Raymond Sullivan McGlashan
- Marketing**
- Aoraki Development Trust

To book an appointment phone ADT office on 688 9907.

New Members

David Howell
Seedlands Ltd.
PO Box 2067, Washdyke
Seed Processing & Retail

John and Carol Brickle
Motorcycle World
68 Stafford Street, Timaru
Phone 688 4225
Motor cycle sales, service, accessories and parts

Tania McFarlane
Tania.ellen
185 Stafford Street, Timaru
Fashion retail and manufacture

Timaru Saddlery and Harness
Duncan Cottle
36 Stafford Street, Timaru
Phone 688 6567
Equine retail, manufacture and repair

George Kinch
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