

## Young Chamber group



Discussing their businesses are (from left) Kristy Phillips, Eve Anderson, Rachel Callander and William Bisset.

A new group of the South Canterbury Chamber has been formed to encourage younger business people into the organisation.

The Young Chamber cluster has been set up and its first meeting was held this month, and sparked an excellent response from people within the Chamber and other business people keen to find out more about the Chamber.

Chief executive Wendy Smith says the Young Chamber cluster is a response to informal discussions with some of the younger members of the Chamber who have suggested that a forum in which younger members could get together, would be helpful to them and an attractive option.

"It's a way of encouraging younger people into the Chamber so they get the raft of benefits associated with Chamber membership, and most importantly, they get the

opportunity to promote their businesses to the wider business community," says Mrs Smith. She says many existing Chamber members encouraged their younger staff and managers to attend.

"One of the key reasons people join the Chamber is to promote their businesses and it is a really valuable way of getting others from your business involved.

"It also gives the younger business people a chance to talk openly with their peers about issues they have at work, and to share ideas."

The Young Chamber meetings will also feature guest speakers talking about their business lives. At the launch, Chamber president Steve Lyttle shared some of his business experiences with the group.



Getting to know each at the Young Chamber event are (clockwise from left) Hamish Fraser, Melanie Craig, Ash Manson, and William Bisset.

## BA5:

Three fabulous Chamber businesses combined to host the May Business After 5 this month – Café Heartland, Prenzel of Geraldine and Latitude Magazine. The event was held at Café

Heartland in central Stafford Street, and members enjoyed sampling some of the products of Prenzel of Geraldine and got to take home free copies of Latitude.



Christine and Andy Collingwood from Prenzel of Geraldine were among the hosts for the popular BA5 this month.



Stacey McAllister and Stuart Spurr of Challenge Northtown were among those attending.

## Business Advice Centre

Thursday, 26 May, 12pm – 2pm.

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## Business training:

### Business Planning

26 May, 9am- Midday

Venue: ADBT Training Room

Presenter: Gerard Gallagher, Gallagher Grant

Cost: \$150 + gst. Chamber members and NZTE voucher holders: \$75 + gst

Learn what a business plan is, the process of planning, SWOT analysis and how to implement a business plan in this course.

### Business Writing

9 June, 9am- Midday

Venue: ADBT Training Room

Presenter: Gerard Gallagher, Gallagher Morris

Cost: \$150 + gst. Attend to get a refresher on basic writing concepts such as spelling, grammar and punctuation, and an overview of the most common business documents, including proposals, reports and agendas.

## New members

Rachel Callander  
Callander Girl Photography  
PO Box 431, Timaru

Tony Zwies  
Yellow Design  
Level 1, 231 Stafford St, Timaru

Shaun Breen  
Breen Plumbing  
PO Box 3019, Timaru 7910

Mark Albert  
Lunds Joinery  
33a Grants Rd, Timaru

Sue Skeet  
A Memory Tree  
20 Nelson Street, Timaru

Shane Rodgers & Cherie Holman  
Showgrounds Auto Services  
199 Evans Street, Timaru

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