

**New Chamber board elected**



The Chamber board for 2009-2010 is shown now from left president Steve Lytle, Tim Seal, Tony Howey, senior vice president Chris McAslin, back row from left Peter Burt, junior vice president Mark Okfield, Manoa Winter, Grant Gilbert and Bruce McDougal.

**Chris McAslin, Senior Vice President**  
Chris has been a board member since 2007, and is now the senior vice president. Originally from Dunedin, he is the general manager of the Timaru Herald,

and has held this position for six years. Chris says South Canterbury is a fabulous place in which to live, and work and being part of the Chamber is a brilliant way to be involved in encouraging and

supporting local business.

**Grant Gilbert**  
Grant is the managing director of Koroiti Customs Services, which he established at the Port of Timaru in 2007. His business is the only customs broker/straight forwarder based in Timaru and he offers a service to the local business community to help them with any importing or exporting of goods to and from overseas destinations. Grant has been on the Chamber board for four years and says he became involved as he wanted to ensure local business is being supported.

**Tony Howey**  
Tony is the Federated Farmers representative on the Chamber board and has been a member of Federated Farmers since 1986. He has been on the board for five years.

Tony is the managing director of Alpine Fresh, the chairman of Seedlands and also a director of Southern Packers. He says his involvement with the Chamber board is a chance to promote business in South Canterbury and encourage a strong win, win position for both the rural, industrial and commercial interests that will create a vibrant local economy and help lead South Canterbury to be the place to live.

**Peter Burt**  
Peter is the managing director of Pellic Care. A former policeman,

he has been at Pellic Care for seven years, and on the Chamber board for one year. Pellic Care is a manufacturer and wholesaler of leather upholstery cleaners, with export markets in Australia, Asia and the United Kingdom. He says the Chamber is important to him in giving the opportunity to make business contacts, while also offering the opportunity to put something back into the community.

**Tim Seal**  
Tim is the owner and manager of Computer Shop, Timaru, where he employs six staff. He has been in business for 11 years and has been on the Chamber board for more than five years. He is also a member of the Timaru Business Association.

Tim says he offers a retail perspective to the Chamber board and believes it is important that the board represents a wide range of business interests.

**Mark Okfield, Junior Vice President**  
Mark is a veteran having been on the Chamber board for more than 10 years. He first became a Chamber member as the Federated Farmers representative and now is the representative for Environment Canterbury. He is the junior vice president of the Chamber. Mark is involved in agribusiness and is a councillor for Environment Canterbury. He says the Chamber plays an important role

in being a voice for business in all aspects of the community. Mark says as all the Chamber members live in South Canterbury it is to everyone's advantage for the region to be strong economically and socially.

**Steve Lytle, President**  
Steve is entering his fourth term as president of the Chamber. He is a co-director of 100% Pure New Zealand Honey formerly Honey Valley and has been in business for 14 years.

He says by being involved with the Chamber he wants to help create a positive and dynamic business environment for the local business community. He is keen to help influence the direction of his industry and for this reason is a member of New Zealand Bee Products Standards Council, an executive member of the Honey Packers and Exporters Association, a former executive member of the National Beekeepers Association and also former chair of the NZ Comb Honey Producers Association and NZ honey Producers Co-operative. Steve says he wants to be a leader not a follower and by being involved in the Chamber and the various national organisations he hopes to help set standards and support the business community.

**Manoa Winter**  
Manoa has been a Chamber member for a "very long time", possibly as long as she's been in business which is 23 years plus. She has been a board member for two years.

Manoa is the owner/operator with Robin of Bay Voaduct Motor Lodge, and the owner/operator of Havelock Hill & Beauty. She says motelling is about providing quality accommodation and services to the travelling public.

Manoa is pleased to be able to be involved with the Chamber and through her involvement, to support a community business organisation.

**Bruce McDougal**  
Bruce is the newest Chamber board member, having just begun his first term on the board. He is the former general manager of marketing at PrimePort, and since the start of this year has been a full-time farmer. He has two farms – a high country block at Mt Nessing and a second property at Pleasant Point.

He says he wants to see South Canterbury prosper. He has lived in the region all his life, and having travelled extensively around New Zealand, he is adamant this region is the best part of the country, as there is so much opportunity for business, recreation and social activities. Bruce believes the Chamber is an important forum for business people to get together and exchange ideas and network. He says what can come out of this is a cross-pollination of business, which is excellent for the community. He would like to see a lot more local business doing business in the region rather than going outside the area.



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