

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between: The South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce
3 Sophia Street, Timaru. 7910

And: South Canterbury Branch of Federated Farmers
P.O. Box 665, Timaru. 7940.

Background

- A. There has been a long standing relationship between the South Canterbury branch of Federated Farmers and the South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce, including a co-opted role for SC Federated Farmers on the SC Chamber Board. More recent discussion in 2015 and 2016 has established a number of common goals for both organisations and identified benefits to both individual businesses and the wider community in working more closely together
- B. The South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce is the respected leading business organisation in our region, and membership offers the chance to network, build business relationships, attend networking events, access discounted training and grow your business
- C. Federated Farmers South Canterbury represents local farmers views at three district councils and one regional council and are a membership based organisation. As a democratic organisation, they give farmers a collective voice at both a regional, national and international level.
- D. The parties are entering into this memorandum of understanding (“MOU”) to provide services that benefit both the South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce and South Canterbury Federated Farmers and their members.

Following approval from both organisations this Memorandum of Understanding sets out the key objectives and operational and district wide benefits that will be pursued.

Overarching Goal:

To develop a closer working relationship between town and country.

1. It is agreed as follows:

Purpose:

To develop a closer relationship between town and country and to establish a greater understanding of the interdependence of our communities

To provide current effective and affordable training, coaching and professional development opportunities

To raise awareness of the career opportunities within agriculture and related industry sectors.

To ensure the SC Chamber of Commerce benefits are available for farming businesses.

1.1. **Costs / Contras:** The Parties agree: that no costs will be incurred on behalf of the other organisation.

1.2. **Disputes:** If any dispute or difference cannot be resolved between the Parties by active, open and good faith discussion, the Parties will enter into mediation. However, this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) may be terminated immediately by either party should this Memorandum be seriously breached.

1.3. **Review:** The Parties will meet to review the operation of this MoU at least six months after signing, and at least annually after that.

1.4. **Amendment:** This MoU may be amended at any time by written agreement between the Parties.

2. Term: This MoU commences on the date signed by both Parties and will continue until terminated by either of the Parties. The terminating party will give as much notice as possible.

EXECUCUTED AS A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Signed by

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Wendy Smith
Chief Executive
South Canterbury Chamber of Commerce

Mark Adams
Provincial President
South Canterbury Federated Farmers