



WELCOME TO OUR *Monthly Newsletter*

Chair Update



As March draws to a close, we also mark the end of the financial year, a natural time to pause, reflect, and reset.

It's been encouraging to see continued resilience and optimism across our Dannevirke business community. Whether you've had a strong year or faced a few challenges, this is the time to take stock, celebrate progress, and plan ahead with purpose.

Our Chamber remains committed to supporting local business, creating connections, and advocating for our community. Thank you to those who have engaged, attended events, and supported one another this is what keeps our network strong.

We thank Activate gym for hosting the After 5 's and we hope some members have taken them up on the exclusive Chamber membership deal they offered on the Night. And we congratulate Jess from Mitre 10 on her winning the draw.

As we head into a new financial year, let's keep backing local, sharing opportunities, and building momentum together.

Here's to a fresh start and a successful year ahead.

Your Chair,
Tracey Friend

In this newsletter:

Latest projects, events,
resources, and more.

Keep Reading!

Dates for your Diary:

- Chamber of Commerce After 5s Event : 21st April 2026, 5.15pm- Onwards
- The Dannevirke Market: 19th April 2026, 10am - 1pm
- Otopo Trail Ride: 10th May 2026, 8.30am - Onwards
- Disenchanted Play: Dannevirke Theatre Co: 6th - 16th May 2026, 2pm/7.30pm
- Tararua Rural Support Ladies Lunch: 3rd June 2026 Time: TBD

Important Information: regarding the fuel security situation

The Government has released updates to the National Fuel Plan to respond to fuel supply uncertainty driven by the conflict in the Middle East.

It has four clear phases that shows how we monitor fuel supply, when we would act, and what you can expect at each phase. New Zealand is currently operating at Phase 1.

This means fuel is available, fuel supplies are continuing to arrive, and there is no need for you to change your behaviour today or buy more fuel than usual. However, prices are rising due to global market changes.

You may need to make decisions around how you operate differently. Petrol and diesel prices are expected to climb in the coming weeks.

Higher fuel prices can affect your operating costs, transport and logistics, and travel patterns for you, your staff and customers.

You will need to take stock of how fuel costs factor into your operations and plan in a way that makes sense for your circumstances.

Every business will need to approach this differently. For some, it may mean reviewing transport and logistics, for others adjusting budgets, schedules, or how work is organised.

What matters most is taking the time to consider what works best for your operation, your workforce, and the communities you support.

For more information visit:
<https://www.mbie.govt.nz>



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Continuity and Contingency Planning

Continuity and contingency planning involves preparing for all types of disruptions, and quickly getting back to your normal operations.

Business.govt.nz has a step by step guide to get your plan sorted. Contingency planning is a crucial part of continuity planning – it means having a backup if your original plan no longer works. It's your plan B.

**Its essential to your business's
survival.**

<https://www.business.govt.nz/operations/extreme-weather-information>



**Inland Revenue
Te Tari Taake**

Help with your business tax in an adverse or emergency event -

If you have a farm, a business, or are self-employed, we can provide some tax relief and help you manage your business tax following an adverse or emergency event.

IRD may be able to write off some tax, penalties or interest, and can help you set up an instalment plan. You can apply for financial relief depending on your situation.

More info below

<https://www.ird.govt.nz/natural-disasters-adverse-emergency/unable-to-file-pay-tax>

After 5s: March 2026



It was a well attended After 5s event hosted by Dannevirke Activate gym. Big thank you to Erana Peeti-Weber and her team for having us.

We had the opportunity to see some new work that has been completed in the building and Erana and the team were able to share some insights into the classes they run.

It was also great to hear how many milestones Activate Gym has reached and how far they have come!

If you or your business is interested in hosting an After 5s event, please get in touch with the Chamber today: [**info@dannevirkechamber.co.nz**](mailto:info@dannevirkechamber.co.nz)



Lest We Forget

ANZAC Day Services in the Tararua District:
Members of the public are cordially invited to attend commemorative services throughout the Tararua District on ANZAC Day, Saturday 25th April 2025.
Events & Times can be found through:
<https://rsa.org.nz>

March Service Spotlight

Shoutout to Calder Woodfield who was out Service Spotlight of the month of March

It was awesome to be able to showcase the work he does and how he can help you out with your insurance needs.

Thanks to everyone who booked an appointment with him during the month of March.



Calder Woodfield @ Thrive Financial

To book an appointment visit his office at 23 Gordon St or via phone: (64+) 0210 434 249



Weathering the Storm – Free online workshop for rural communities

Explore weather-related anxiety and the range of impacts extreme weather can have on individuals, whānau and communities.

Register via this link:

<http://www.blueprint.co.nz/workshops/weathering-the-storm>

April Service Spotlight

Dart Panel & Paint



Our Service Spotlight for April is Dart Panel & Paint. Zane & Jessie have recently purchased the business in March. They are familiar faces in the community and have both been involved with the business for more than 10 years. We were lucky enough to go into the workshop to see what they do – go check our Facebook to see the bts video! As part of the service Spotlight, Dart will be giving away a \$50 dollar voucher for anyone who stops into the store to get any quotes, inquiries or even just to say hi!



A message from Exec:

We hope everyone has had a lovely Easter Break and gets the opportunity to spend time with friends and family over the school Holidays.

We also want to acknowledge that times can be a bit tough at the moment for our business community during unprecedented times. The Chamber is here to support you when we can and provide resources that may help you or your business.

Real Fruit Ice Creams are back in the Tararua



A big congratulations to one of our exec members Angela Strawbridge who has recently opened up 'Tararua Treasures & Treats' based in Woodville. We wish her the best and it's definitely worth the drive over!

If you would like to promote your business or local project in our newsletter; please get in touch with the Chamber via our email today !

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