



WELCOME TO OUR *Monthly Newsletter*

Chair Update



As we move through the heart of winter, the cold, wet weather has certainly made its presence felt. The rain has also brought its share of challenges, affecting foot traffic and making conditions difficult for both retailers and shoppers alike.

Retail continues to face a tough environment with trends of online shopping changing the face for lots of businesses across the country. It is a timely reminder of the importance of shopping local where we can.

In this newsletter:

Latest projects, events,
resources, and more.

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Dates for your Diary:

- Chamber of Commerce After 5s Event : 28 July 2026, 5.15pm – Onwards
- Chamber of Commerce AGM: 10th August 2026, 5.30pm – Onwards
- Breath work Journey 'Soul' @ Halcyon Wellness: 16th July 2026, 7pm- 10pm
- Dannevirke Flying Club Christmas dinner in July: 25th July 2026, 5.30pm – Onwards

It's very sad this month to have to acknowledge the closure of Dannevirke Gifts and Souvenirs after an impressive 28 years in business. Reaching nearly three decades of service is a remarkable achievement and reflects the dedication, and commitment of Helen Exeter and her team over many years. They have always been great supporters of the Chamber and won many Business awards in the past years when these were run. On behalf of the Chamber, I would like to thank them for their contribution to our local business community and wish them every success in what lies ahead for them.

Members enjoyed a great gathering at Westlow's workshop with Clare and Mike for the After 5's and they had plenty of optimism about what they have accomplished over their last 10year in business. Thanks to them for a great night.

I hope you all stay warm, stay safe, and look forward to brighter days ahead as we move closer to spring.

Your Chair,
Tracey Friend

Free business resilience training

Register for free business resilience training delivered by the Regional Business Partner Network (RBPN).

The training will help you build capability to manage change and disruption. You'll learn practical ways to manage market change, identify risks and understand their impact, strengthen your response and business continuity planning.

Regional Business Partners will adapt the training content to reflect local conditions and challenges in your region.

Series 1: Adapting to Change

Change is a constant part of running a business.

This workshop gives businesses the tools and strategies to adapt, respond, and thrive.

This interactive 3-hour workshop will help you: better understand your current business environment, identify risks and opportunities build greater resilience and agility into your business moving forward.

Through practical tools, guided reflection, and business planning strategies, you'll learn: how to recognise and respond to change, practical tools for business resilience and adaptability, strategies for pivoting and responding to challenges, how to identify risks and uncover new opportunities, how to build agility into your business.

CEDA, the Central Economic Development Agency, is the Regional Business Partner across the Manawatu-Whanganui region.

Email: business.enquiry@ceda.nz

Call: 0800 233 278



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Claim investment Boost on new business assets:

Don't forget to claim Investment Boost when you complete your income tax return. It's a tax incentive that allows businesses to claim 20% deductions for the costs of new business assets.

Learn more via:

<https://www.business.govt.nz/business-assets-claim-investment-boost>

MINISTRY OF BUSINESS, INNOVATION & EMPLOYMENT HĪKINA WHAKATUTUKI

Consultation on the employment dispute system: Submissions close
31st July 2026

MBIE would like to hear about people's experiences with employment disputes and the dispute resolution system. This is open to workers, business owners, representatives, anyone who has been involved with an employment dispute, and the wider public.

Your feedback will help improve the employment dispute system.

Find out more via this link:

<https://www.mbie.govt.nz/have-your-say/consultation-on-the-employment-dispute-system>

After 5s: **June 2026**



A huge thank you to Mike and Clare from Westlow Workshop for hosting our latest Chamber of Commerce After 5s event and sharing their journey as a family-owned business.

Attendees had the opportunity to learn about the challenges and rewards of running a successful local enterprise, the changing landscape of the automotive industry, and the passion that continues to drive Westlow Workshop's commitment to serving our community.

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)



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Congratulations to Jonathan & Lisa Boblea who have recently bought Dannevirke Glass & Aluminium from outgoing owners Mike & Sharon Cload. Jonathan has been part of the glass and aluminium industry for more than 25+ years, bringing a wealth of knowledge, experience, and practical expertise to every job. We wish them the most success & also want to wish Mike & Sharon Cload a happy retirement.

Service Spotlight: July

Eileen Mary Masonic Care is our continued Service Spotlight for July. This spotlight is to promote the recent new upgrades and friendly service the staff provides. All those who visit Eileen Mary and enters the giveaway will be able to go into the draw to win \$50 to spend at any Chamber Of Commerce Business!



 **THE MASONIC VILLAGES TRUST**

Eileen Mary Masonic Care
For any inquiries visit:
44 Trafalgar Street
Dannevirke,
Phone: 06 374 8241

**Start
collecting**
Monday
13 July



New World Dannevirke is excited for the return of The SMEG Knife Collection & Accessories
Get Ready to start collecting Monday 13th July!!
You'll be able to collect stickers and work your way towards the stylish and premium Smeg Knife Collection.

A bittersweet & heartfelt goodbye to Gift & Souvenirs

A heartfelt goodbye to Gifts and Souvenirs, the business will be permanently closing after more than 28 years of trade in Dannevirke. We want to thank the team for their many years of doing business in the town and providing the best quality goods and services. We will miss Helen, Catherine & Carole the most and we wish them the best for their future endeavours.

The shop will be open while stocks last so now is the chance to say goodbye to the team.



A message from Exec:

As we head into the winter period this is a reminder to recharge yourself while business is at a slower pace. Winter months can feel slower & a bit blue, so now's the time to take a step back and look after you and your team's physical and mental wellbeing.

We look forward to inviting everyone to our next **After 5s**
Event on Tuesday 28 July
5.15pm.

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!

SPLASH PAD FULLY REINSTATED!

Huge well done to Wai Splash and their efforts of the Splash Pad that is now in full action!

School holidays are coming up so now's the time to take the little ones in your life to Wai Splash to check it out!
📍 35 York Street, Dannevirke

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