DANNEVIRKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Latest projects, events, resources, and more. Keep Reading!

Dates for your diary:

- **Chamber of Commerce After 5s event:**
  25th November 2026,
  KB Ford, 5:15pm onwards
- **Live Dukebox:**
  20, 21, 27 & 28th November,
  4 & 5 December 2026,
  Tickets from iticket.co.nz
  or Tararua District Council
  Dannevirke Service Centre
- **The Dannevirke Christmas Night Market:**
  27th November 2026,
  4pm-8pm
- **The Lamason Buchenwald Memorial Unveiling @ the Upper Domain:**
  28th November 2026,
  1pm-2pm
- **Dannevirke Pharmacy Christmas Parade and Market Day:**
  5th December 2026,
  12pm - 1pm

Chair Update

As we head towards the end of another year, things are getting busy as we put the final plans in place for the Dannevirke Pharmacy Christmas Parade. A huge thank you to everyone who has helped with the organising and preparations. It's always a great way to bring our community together and get into the Christmas spirit.

For our retailers, I hope the coming weeks bring a much-needed boost in trade. It's been a quieter and challenging year for many, so fingers crossed for a busy Christmas shopping season. Please remember to support our local businesses wherever you can.

We are also pleased to welcome a few new members and are pleased most current members renewing their membership for another year and look forward to support them all where we can.

A special thank you to Evan Morgan from On Design for his help with our new Chamber newsletter design going forward. We really appreciate his support.

As we wrap up Chamber activities for the year, I would like to wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday break. Thank you for your support throughout the year, and I look forward to catching up with everyone again in the New Year.

Tracey Friend
Chairperson

Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce

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Regional Business Partner Network

Kōtuitui Hoa Pakihi ā-Takiwā

The Regional Business Partner Network helps businesses find the right support, advice and valuable connections needed to grow and succeed with confidence.

How we can help:

Insights and connection

Register today and an Advisor from your region will be in touch for a free discovery discussion.

They'll take the time to get to know your business, understand your ambitions, challenges, and opportunities and work with you to identify the support that will make the biggest difference.

Together, you'll explore opportunities for growth and the next steps to help your business move forward.

Management Capability Development Fund

You may be eligible for co-funding of up to 50% of training costs to a maximum of $5,000 per year (excl GST). Funding can support a wide range of management training topics including business planning, digital adoption, leadership, marketing strategies and finance.

Your Advisor will work alongside you to identify gaps in your current management capability and connect you with approved training providers who can help build the skills needed to support your business growth.

Innovation Services

Our team can direct you to grants, tax incentives and startup support to help your business strengthen its R&D capability and capacity and drive innovation.

Getting started is easy

Registering your business is free. It's a simple first step that can open the door to valuable connections, fresh perspectives and support tailored to your business.

Join the network today and start the conversation.

Find out how to get started with the Regional Business Partner Network

Scan the QR code or visit **business.govt.nz/rbpn**

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Have you thought about a business mentor?

Business Mentors New Zealand can match you with an experienced small business mentor who will help you reach your goals.

Learn more at:

www.businessmentors.org.nz

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Marketing for success

Marketing is essential for helping you understand your customers, meet their needs, and send the right messages about your products and services.

Marketing is more than promoting. Often called the most important part of business, marketing is a broad term that covers everything you do to:

- understand what customers want
- understand your industry
- ensure your product or service fits the market
- connect the right customers to the right product or service
- get your brand, prices, and promotion right.

With a clear strategy you can spot opportunities to improve and update aspects of your business.

More info **www.business.govt.nz**

After 5s:



October 2026

Dannevirke Glass and Aluminium

A big thank you to Jonathan and Lisa Boblea, new owners of Dannevirke Glass and Aluminium for hosting our October After 5s event. As part of Dannevirke Glass and Aluminium's new chapter we got to hear the exciting changes since taking over the business. We wish them the very best and congratulate them on their continued success within the business.

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

Election 2026



With the 2026 general election coming to a close we had some very special guests visiting Dannevirke.

We were lucky enough to have the Christopher Luxon Leader of the National party visit the township and greet supporters.

They also hosted a media conference at Shires Fruit and Vege Market which was well attended by party supporters and locals.



The ACT party bus also rolled through into Dannevirke with the ACT party leader David Seymour hosting a public meeting meeting local business owners and supporters.

The Chamber wants to acknowledge all Wairarapa candidates that put themselves forward for the 2026 general election. While we wait for final results, we want to congratulate Mike Butterick and Kieran McAnulty for receiving the highest amount of votes. We look forward to working with the upcoming MP of the Wairarapa for the betterment of our local business community.

A big thank you to all that voted and used their democratic right to get involved in choosing our next government. It will be interesting to understand how the next government will be able to effectively boost the economy and support business owners across the country.



The Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce does not endorse or support any particular party or candidate. Photos and information provided are merely to acknowledge members of parliament that visited Dannevirke during the 2026 general election.

What matters most to you and your community?

TARARUA REAP
Rural Education Activities Programme

Whether it's education, wellbeing, inclusion, the environment or something else entirely, we want to hear from you!

Tararua REAP is inviting you all to share your experiences and help shape the People's Report on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) progress to the United Nations.

Take our short 10-minute online survey and have your say! Every voice matters, and your feedback can help make a difference. Let's work together towards stronger, healthier and more connected communities.

Click the link to complete the survey! https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/reapruralvoice



Tararua Enterprise Festival

On the 9th of November our committee members, Ange Strawbridge, Suzie Cromb and Alison Amboy attended the Tararua Enterprise Festival hosted Professor Paul Spooney, a leading sociologist and author, on demographic change and the challenges shaping New Zealand's future.

Other speakers included Tararua Mayor Scott Gilmore, and CEDA, the presentation consisted of discussions regarding local and nationwide demographic changes and mean for our communities and businesses.

It was a very interesting discussion with many attendees having left with a lot of food for thought.



More healthcare options for locals!

A massive congratulations to Te Kete Hauora o Rangitane Ltd and Dr Michael J and Andrea Short, for the launch and opening of Tini Whetū Health and Wellbeing centre. Rangitāne o Tamaki nui-ā-Rua have announced the acquisition of the general practice currently operating as Dr Short's Surgery in Dannevirke.

This is a major step forward in providing more options for our local community for health and wellbeing services and we wish them all the success.

Enrolments are now open for more info visit them at 33 Victoria Ave, Dannevirke or through their website tiniwhetū.co.nz.

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Shop & Win with Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce

Launching Thursday, 20 November, customers who shop at any participating Chamber member business can simply scan the in-store QR code and upload a copy of their receipt to go into the draw to win 1 of 3 awesome prizes just in time for Christmas.

How Members Can Get Involved:

- Display Your QR Code Poster
- Spread the Word
- or get in touch with the Chamber team at **info@dannevirkechamber.co.nz**

Christmas Parade 2026

The Dannevirke Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce that the planning for the 2026 Dannevirke Christmas Parade is well underway, and we would love to see your business be part of this wonderful community event!

In conjunction with the Dannevirke Community Board and their market day, we are working hard to make this year's parade a fantastic celebration for our town and the wider community.

We know this is a busy time of year for everyone, but we would really appreciate your support in making this event a great success.

So, get your thinking caps on, gather your team and start creating those amazing floats! We can't wait to see the creativity, colour and Christmas spirit you bring to the parade.

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