



Chair Update

October has been another busy month for the Chamber, with our Election Forum this month gave our members and the community (via the FB Live feed) an opportunity to hear from political representatives and raise the issues that matter to them. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the discussion. We will all be watching the election I'm sure to see who will lead the country for the next 3 years.

Looking ahead, we have another great After 5 coming up one of our newest members, Dannevirke Glass and Aluminium. These evenings are a wonderful opportunity to catch up with fellow members, make new connections and support our local businesses. I encourage you to come along and make the most of these opportunities.

We're also starting to plan for the Dannevirke Christmas Parade! It's always a highlight on our town calendar, and this year there are a few added attractions. There will be the 1st battalion charter parade and a market day which will include a rail car with trips out to Ormondville and back. A big day bringing our community together and adding some Christmas magic to the streets. Now is the time for businesses to start thinking about their floats and how they can get involved. The more businesses that take part, the better the parade will be, so let's get those creative ideas flowing!

As always, thank you for supporting the Chamber and helping keep our local business community connected and thriving.!

Your Chair, Tracey Friend

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Dates for your diary:

- **Chamber of Commerce After 5s event:**
21st October 2026,
5:15pm onwards
- **Dannevirke Christmas Parade:**
5th December 2026,
12 pm-1 pm
- **DVK Market Day:**
24th October 2026,
10 am onwards
- **Dannevirke Cottage Quilters Quilt show:**
17th/18 October 2026
9.30am-4pm
- **Roller Disco Dannevirke:**
8 November 2026,
3pm-7.30pm



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DANNEVIRKE CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Chamber of Commerces Annual Christmas Parade is well underway for Saturday the 5th of December.

Entry forms for floats will be sent out via email and will also be available to at the Tararua REAP, 15 Gordon Street.

Major festivities on the day include: the 1st Battalion RNZA Charter Parade being held just before the parade which is being organised in collaboration with RSA Association and Tararua District Council.

Dannevirke Community Board Christmas Market with final details to be revealed soon.

A big thank you to our major sponsors this year who is Hamish Pankhurst from the Dannevirke Pharmacy and Donnelly Contracting.

Also a thanks to supporters: Dannevirke Lions Club, Tararua REAP, Downer and Tararua District Council who provide voluntary assistance.

For further information contact:
info@dannevirkechamber.co.nz



The Dannevirke Creators Space has recently relocated to 122 High Street Dannevirke.

Creative Arts Centre & Community Gallery is a community-led, non-profit hub for creativity, connection, and learning - supporting local creators.

For workshops and art classes contact:

creatorsspacedvk@gmail.com
or visit them instore today!

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Get ready for Summer hiring

**Think you'll need more staff
this summer?**

Now is the time to plan, from choosing the right type of contract to estimating how much it will cost. Find out how bringing on an employee will affect your budget.

Business.Govt Employee Cost Calculator estimates the total cost to hire, including some of the less obvious expenses. Try it out before you commit to hiring.

More info available via

**[https://www.business.govt.nz/
peopleand-leave/deciding-to-hire](https://www.business.govt.nz/peopleand-leave/deciding-to-hire)**

After 5s:



September 2026

Our September After 5s was a bit different with the Chamber hosting a Political evening with representatives from across the party spectrum discussing what their parties views are on economic policy.

A big thank you to everyone who attended on the night and to candidates from National, Labour, Greens, ACT, NZFirst and TOP for being present. This event was live-streamed and is available to view via our Facebook page.

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**

New additions to the team



Suzie Crompton Kaytlin Pinder

Welcome new executive committee members Kaytlin Pinder and Suzie Crompton - two local and familiar faces in the community!

They have recently joined us at our last meeting and we are excited to have them a part of the team.

We are looking forward to all the new ideas and contributions they will bring.



Public Meeting with Police Minister Mark Mitchell and Local MP Mike Butterick

Our Deputy Chair Alison Amboy was present at the public meeting with our local MP Mike Butterick and Minister of Police Mark Mitchell.

It was an informative event with a lot of issues being addressed about crime, law enforcement and concerns that locals are currently facing.



To vote in a general election, you need to be enrolled by midnight, 13 days before Election Day.

For the 2026 General Election, this means you can't enrol or update your details after midnight, 25 October 2026. To enrol or update your details, go to:

<https://vote.nz>

He Anga Paneke Floating Solar Farm Dawn Blessing



The Chamber was gratefully invited to attend the He Anga Paneke Floating Solar Farm Dawn Blessing earlier in September, led by Rangitāne o Tamaki nui-ā-Rua/Tū Mai Rā Energy in partnership between council.

This initiative is aimed to lower energy costs for local families dealing with energy hardship and support community energy needs. We are looking forward to seeing how this will benefit the community.



A message from Exec:

Summer is almost here and with that comes Christmas season!

There are many local events under way so we encourage you to check them out and to support local when shopping for Christmas Presents.

We all hope to see you at our **October After 5s which will be held on the 21st of October 2026.**

Reminder: Annual membership fees are due by the 20 of October. There are currently **NO** changes to fee prices. Please encourage anyone you know to sign up as a member today!

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!



Activate Gym Service Spotlight Giveaway Winners:

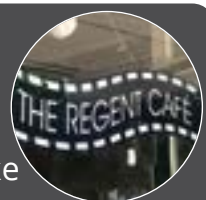
Thanks to Erana And her team for being a part of the Service Spotlight Giveaway for September-October. Congratulations to winners Jamie & Carl who have won a 1 month Gym Membership.



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