



WELCOME TO OUR *Monthly Newsletter*

Chair Update



Well, spring has finally arrived! The days are getting longer, the gardens are starting to wake up and hopefully we can put the winter coats away soon, although in Dannevirke, it may still be a few weeks away.

It's great to see plenty happening around town and a real sense of community spirit continuing. The opening of the new premises for The Creators Space by one of our members, Tracey Winther, along with some of her helpers, is a real initiative for giving the High Street more vibrancy. Businesses are working hard, supporting each other and adapting to what is certainly an ever-changing environment.

Our next Business After 5 event has been influenced by the current political landscape, and we are hoping to have a representative from most political parties there to answer your questions. So get those burning questions written down so they can be selected for the night. A big thank you to everyone who comes along and supports these events; the Chamber committee works hard to make them interesting to all members.

There is also plenty to look forward to, with the Spring Festival being organised by our Community Board coming up. It will be a wonderful opportunity to get people out and about, enjoy our town and celebrate what makes Dannevirke such a great place to live, work and do business.

With the end of the year now starting to appear on the horizon, there is plenty still to do, including our planning for the Christmas celebrations. It certainly doesn't seem five minutes ago that we were doing last year's! There is an added bonus this year to the Christmas parade, with the 1st Battalion RNZA Charter Parade being held just before this. Worth marking it on the calendar now! Here's to a great spring and a busy few months ahead for Dannevirke!

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: 29th September 2026, 5:30 pm
onwards

Dannevirke Christmas Parade: 5th
December 2026, 12 pm–1 pm

Te Āpiti Traverse Trail Event: 19th
September 2026, 8 am onwards

DVK Retailers Market Day: 23rd
October 2026, 10 am onwards

Pongaroa Country Market: 8th
November 2026, 10 am onwards



TDC LONG TERM PLAN 27–37: EARLY ENGAGEMENT

Tararua District Council has built a tool as part of its early engagement for the Long Term Plan.

A Long Term Plan, or LTP, is the 10-year plan every council in New Zealand must prepare.

It sets out the services they deliver, the projects that are funded, and how much it costs the people who live here and the people who pay rates here.

Every three years it is refreshed, and that includes having conversations with the community. Early engagement started in April this year through the Budget Challenge.

TDC is asking for feedback on libraries, footpaths, and economic development.

This interactive tool lets you design your ideal plan for one (or all) of these services and share it with us using our easy online tool: www.tararuadc.govt.nz/design

Printed forms are also available at Tararua District Council. Closing date: 27 September.

**Know your obligations
and keep your
customers safe**

Whether you manufacture, import, distribute, or sell goods, you have a responsibility to ensure the products you supply are safe and comply with New Zealand's product safety requirements. If you don't meet your obligations, you could be putting your customers at risk.

More info via:

www.business.govt.co.nz/productsafety



Forklift Training at Tararua REAP:

There are still a few spaces available for our upcoming WorkSafe Forklift Training in Dannevirke. Gain practical, hands-on experience and the skills and knowledge to operate a forklift safely and confidently.

Pricing varies depending on the Unit Standard course. WINZ funding may be available.

When: 19 September

Time: 8.00 am–3.00 pm

Where: Tararua REAP, 15 Gordon Street, Dannevirke.

Register directly with All Train:

021 650 817

office@alltrain.co.nz

After 5s:



We have had a big year of After 5s events, with a range of different businesses and services stepping up to showcase who they are in our community. As we come to the end of the year, we have only three After 5s events to go!

A big thank you to everyone who hosted an After 5s event this year, and to Executive Member Robynne Cload, who coordinates these events.

We are on the lookout for businesses to host an After 5s event in the year ahead. So, 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



Thank you to those who attended the Chamber of Commerce's AGM for 2026. We said farewell to committee members Buffy Lock and Lindy Cooper and welcomed Elliot Henderson to the Executive Committee. We would like to sincerely thank Buffy and Lindy for the time, energy and commitment they have given to the Chamber and their contribution to supporting Dannevirke's business and wider community.

Our re-elected officers are Chairperson Tracey Friend, Deputy Chair Alison Amboy, Treasurer Julenne Nguyen and Secretary Xavier Labutte, alongside Executive Members Robynne Cload, Buffy Mabey, Calder Woodfield, Angela Strawbridge and Elliott Henderson.

 **FRIENDLY REMINDER!**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE

Stay active. Stay connected. Stay a member!



DON'T DELAY! RENEW TODAY!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

MEMBERSHIP DUE DATE

20TH OCTOBER 2026



ELECTORAL COMMISSION
TE KAITIAKI TAKE KŌWHIRI

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>

YOU'RE INVITED TO A POLITICAL CANDIDATE EVENING

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FOR THE 2026 GENERAL ELECTION

Hear directly from our local candidates and
ask the questions that matter to you.



MEMBERS ONLY EVENT
Join or renew your membership
to secure your seat.



LIVE STREAMED
Can't make it in person?
Watch live on Facebook.

**AFTER 5S EVENT: SAVE THE DATE: 29TH
SEPTEMBER 2026 | LOCATION:
DANNEVIRKE REGENT CINEMA
MORE DETAILS TO COME**



A message from Exec:

Welcome new members: Evan Morgans, Gerard's Insurance, NOVUS Glass – Dannevirke Glass Ltd. We're excited to have you on board. We are still looking for new members to add to our executive committee. If you are interested, please contact us today!

The annual Christmas Parade will be held on the **5th of Dec (Saturday) 2026, starting at 12pm**, with major festivities being planned. Forms to enter the parade will be sent out to members and available at the Tararua REAP.

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**
WE'RE CELEBRATING OUR AMAZING
TRAINERS, CLASSES & SERVICES!
LAST MONTH TO ENTER!
ENTER FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN
**2 GYM PASSES
WORTH \$100!**

**LAST
CHANCE**

YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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| • Alison Amboy – Deputy Chair | • Buffy Mabey | • Angela Strawbridge |
| • Xavier Labutte – Secretary | | |
| • Julenne Nguyen – Treasurer | • Robynne Cload | |

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