



Chamber News

As you know, the Wanaka Chamber & Lake Wanaka Tourism have closely worked together with Eagle Air to help bring the additional new flights, better timed for business needs, to Wanaka.

The Chamber & LWT have now asked Carrie Hurihanganui & several GM's of Air NZ's other subsidiary Mt Cook Airlines to attend this month's BA6. This will be a great opportunity to hear Carrie speak about the additional flights in & out of Wanaka.

The Chamber would like to urge all our members to support the new flight schedule, this is currently only for a short trial period and it will need the numbers to become permanent.

A sub-committee of the Chamber exec, comprising of Andrew MacKenzie, Steve Prescott & Alistair King have had a meeting with LWT to discuss the upcoming Rugby World Cup 2011 & community festivities. It has been proposed to hold a Touch Tournament, along with family-oriented sideline festivities, on Saturday 17th September 2011. The sub-committee is seeking your thoughts on this idea, any feedback most welcome!

October 1st and GST changes are looming, please see page 3 for a special offer for Chamber members to attend a WHK GST seminar.

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Chamber Events

BA6 – Wanaka Wastebusters Wednesday 25th August 6pm

Back in 1999, people in Wanaka got sick of waiting for recycling. The community got together to build their own recycling centre. Wanaka Wastebusters now employs over 30 people and holds the council contract to collect and process household recycling. They have a business recycling team that services over 200 businesses, and recycle and do waste management for events like Rippon, Michael Hill NZ Golf Open and Warbirds Over Wanaka.

Although Wanaka Wastebusters hold several contracts with the council, they are a completely independent organisation which is run as a community enterprise. The business model is to use our profits to provide services for our community, with a vision that 70 percent of Wanaka's waste will be recycled or composted by 2014.

Women's Business Morning Thurs 19th August 10.30am @ Edgewater

Speaker to be confirmed

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Chamber Member Profile



Findlay and Co are different from other accountants! Wayne and Scott Findlay are forward thinkers, they take a holistic view of their clients businesses and they foster a unique business culture for staff and their families. Their approach has brought them business growth, business lessons and success.

The business was founded in 2002 initially by older brother Wayne and in 2004 Scott joined as a partner. The guys bring different skill sets and personalities to the table and each adds to the success of the firm. Wayne is an ideas man. He is forward thinking and for an accountant he thinks way outside of the square. Scott is social, a lover of the 'inappropriate comment' and is a constant and driven advocate of 'Findco'.

The service Findlay and Co provides as Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors is far beyond basic tax compliance. The accountants have a complete understanding of their clients' entire business. This allows them to advise towards increasing growth and profit. Planning and strategy is the key for tax and cash flow management, which in turn leads to the clients achieving their financial and lifestyle goals.

Their forward thinking attitudes created the birth of Crunch. Crunch is the brainchild of Wayne and has been built from the ground up by Wanaka based designers and developers and quietly launched nationwide earlier in the year.

Crunch enables you to get your end of year accounts or tax returns completed online within 10 working days. The system gives you an instant quote upfront online, allows you to pay online and then supplies you with a questionnaire that will gather the correct information to get your financials completed quickly and easily.

A partnership with TaxRefunds.co.nz has meant a unique initial business boost as Crunch became the online solution for TaxRefunds clients needing to file a return. Crunch grabbed the attention of global market leaders Xero (critically acclaimed NZ born online accounting software) which consequently saw Findlay and Co awarded the Xero Partner Innovation Award for 2009. Findlay and Co also proudly hold a Xero Gold Partnership status with the over-achieving group that has serial entrepreneur Rod Drury at the helm.

As a special offer for the Wanaka Chamber members Findlay and Co have a Business to Business offer of 20% discount on your end of year accounting through Crunch. Details are on the chamber site. The partners are also available to advise business owners who are keen to see results. In a tentatively recovering business climate getting the right experts around you is imperative and it seems that at Findlay and Co different ideas, trying new things and the right attitude can reap the right rewards.





Training Opportunities

WHK GST Seminar

October 1 is not that far away! WHK is hosting a GST seminar detailing the upcoming GST changes & implications to businesses, for all its clients.

As a special offer, WHK is opening this up to Chamber members for a nominal fee. More details will be out shortly.

NZ School of Export

The Exporter Growth Programme has been launched by the New Zealand School of Export specifically for exporters who want to up-skill but do not have the time to study for a qualification.

The programme provides a road-map to export success which is tailored to the specific needs of your company. Delivered entirely by distance learning, participants receive practical learning materials including checklists and templates (which can save you

hundreds of dollars), one-on-one business monitoring throughout the programme, and the option to undertake an Exporter Health Check which includes an additional two days intensive business mentoring and consultancy.

Enrolments are open now and a 50% subsidy – offered by the New Zealand School of Export – is available for the first 40 companies to apply. For further information check out the New Zealand School of Export website: www.export.ac.nz or call 06 356 5656 to reserve your place.

Otago Chamber of Commerce

Diploma of Business Management

Applications close Monday 16 August 2010 unless fully booked prior to this date.

Phone: 03 479 0181 / 0800 42 49 68, Email: training@otagochamber.co.nz

Welcome to New Members

Aspiring Marketing – Anna Thomas www.aspiringmarketing.co.nz

Allied Alarms - Lindsay Coulter www.alliedalarms.co.nz

Wanaka Job Agency – Chris Major www.wanakajobagency.co.nz

The Wanaka Chamber now boasts over 166 members and is always attracting new members each month. For a full details on the many benefits you are entitled to as a member, please go to our website, www.wanakachamber.co.nz