

# CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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*Business Vitality*

# Celebrate business vitality!

## **b** The Best You Can Be In Business!

The Marlborough Chamber of Commerce promotes, supports, and encourages sustainable, profitable business in the region.

It enjoys an active membership, organises regular events with dynamic speakers, offers business training, access to extensive business information and provides a public voice on business issues.



Set up by the business community for the good of the business community, the Chamber represents all industry sector groups and remains totally independent of local and central government influences.

The Marlborough Chamber of Commerce, as part of the New Zealand Chambers of Commerce network, is linked to 22,000 Chambers world wide.

### Our Commitment to Marlborough

- Source, collate and share business information
- Offer regular networking opportunities
- Encourage and recognise business excellence
- Support continued learning through business training, and regular speakers
- Provide a voice and advocacy for the business sector
- Support projects that have growth and prosperity
- Identify and discuss business issues

# How the Marlborough Chamber of Commerce assists you:

## **Your Business Voice**

The Chamber understands the demands of operating a business can make it difficult to keep abreast of legislative and political influences. The Chamber can assist by keeping you informed of the local and national issues that may affect businesses in Marlborough.

" The Chamber and its events helps Port Marlborough to interact regularly with the wider business community. We see the Chamber as a necessary facilitator of a vibrant business culture within our province. "

Sean Bolt, Chief Executive Port Marlborough

## **Networking Opportunities**

Time is precious, so our varied and stimulating networking opportunities will reward your investment of time. Forums and events hosted by the Chamber allow business people in Marlborough to get to know each other, learn new things and to actively promote their products, services and ideas.

## **Business Excellence Awards**

The annual Marlborough Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards is a premier event on Marlborough's business calendar. Grown considerably since their inception, the awards encourage, foster and recognise excellence in business practice. The Chamber receives wide support from local and national sponsors, participating businesses and the general public.

## Business Information

The Chamber manages the government-funded Biz Information Zone and can access overseas export regulations, statistics, government agencies, employment law and business provider databases.

## Newsletter

Information in the Chamber's bi-monthly newsletter and email news will help your organisation update its skills and knowledge to maintain a competitive edge. Alongside current business information and regional business news, an essential communication tool is created for members, with reasonable advertising rates to increase their business profiles in Marlborough.



## Membership Savings

Membership fees are recouped through significant discounts. A dual benefit is provided by special member-to-member discounts – saving you money and supporting other businesses in the Chamber network.

## International Services

Through our extensive network, the Chamber can supply domestic and international contacts for supplier lists, business bureaus, networks, and trade partners. You will receive information about trade events and become conversant with up-to-date, trade-related resources. As a globally recognised entity, the Chamber can issue valuable Letters of Introduction and Certificates of Origin for exporters.



## Business Management Skills

The Chamber's dynamic training programme offers a multitude of courses to improve the skills and knowledge your organisation needs to maintain a competitive edge in the business environment.

We have a direct link with the fully-funded Enterprise Training Programme providing training at absolutely no cost to members.

All enquiries can be directed through the Chamber office.



“We can't speak highly enough of the Chamber. Our business involves both retail and importing and the Chamber has been an invaluable source of advice, information and assistance that has literally saved us hundreds of dollars. We see our Chamber membership as an investment by our business and not as a cost.”






From Max and Nat Percy, Attitudes Ltd

“Membership of the Chamber of Commerce has provided me with the opportunity to network with other members, share experiences and ideas.

“Over the past few years in Council I have seen the opportunities to work with the business community through the Chamber of Commerce.

“As Mayor I intend to realise these opportunities and make time available on a regular basis to discuss issues and listen to members’ concerns. The success of this will depend on the membership base of the Chamber - I want to hear the voices of all Marlborough business people and encourage those who are not already members to join up and be part of a pro-active and well respected organisation.”

Marlborough Mayor Alistair Sowman

<b>b</b> heard	SPEAK WITH THE VOLUME OF A COLLECTIVE VOICE AND BE HEARD ABOVE THE REST	
<b>b</b> connected	BE A PART OF THE ULTIMATE BUSINESS SUCCESS NETWORK AND FORGE NEW RELATIONSHIPS	
<b>b</b> fit	EXERCISE YOUR ABILITY TO BE THE BEST IN YOUR FIELD AND MAINTAIN A HEALTHY BUSINESS	
<b>b</b> global	BREAK DOWN BORDERS AND TAP INTO THE LARGEST INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS NETWORK	
<b>b</b> ahead	BE ADVANTAGED BY COLLECTIVE BUYING PRIVILEGES AND GET AHEAD IN THE DOLLAR GAME	

A prescription for success...

" Winning the award has increased our business profile and sales, and has definitely boosted our business confidence as a staff "



Chris Furness, UFS Dispensary  
**Previous Business Excellence Awards Winner**

## **Marlborough Business**

Marlborough is currently experiencing exciting growth in the overall business community. The region's core industries are maintaining a competitive edge and driving the innovation and energy behind many new and current businesses.

**Join the Chamber today and "b" amongst the best in Marlborough business!**

## How to join the Marlborough Chamber of Commerce:

Call us on (03) 577-7347 if you have any questions about Chamber membership, or simply complete the attached slip, mail or fax it to us, then wait for our welcome pack.

### **CONTACT DETAILS**

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# Join the Chamber today!

“b” the best you can be in business! B-vital is a celebration of business vitality.

You can be a vital contributor to the New Zealand economy by joining the Marlborough Chamber of Commerce.

**SIMPLY FAX BACK YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM TO FAX NO: 03 579 5203**

## Application for Membership:

Name of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Represented by: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

SUBSCRIPTION COST IS BASED UPON NUMBER OF FULL-TIME STAFF.  
Number of full-time staff: \_\_\_\_\_

I acknowledge that I will be billed by the Marlborough Chamber of Commerce, pro rata if necessary.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

THE COLLECTION OF THIS INFORMATION WILL BE FOR THE USE OF THE MARLBOROUGH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND PLACED IN THE MEMBERSHIP DATABASE, WHICH IS AVAILABLE TO ALL MCOC MEMBERS.

