

2018 AGM Report

One of things that offers the greatest reward for me as Chamber President, is to hear or see firsthand, members connecting and strengthening their business through the workshops, seminars and networking opportunities that we provide. Working in isolation will only get you so far and it is imperative that we continually make new connections to inspire and assist us in the pursuit of business success. The definition of success of course, we each decide for ourselves.

As is often the case, when a CEO resigns there is an inevitable disruption to day to day business within an office while it transitions from one person to the next. This is always made slightly more challenging in circumstances such as ours, when we didn't find a permanent replacement at the time of handover. I trust that members experienced minimum disruption, if any at all, after Grant Kerr left to take up a role at NMIT. Now that the chamber is in the Mahitahi Colab sited on the NMIT campus, it is nice to still see Grant around, albeit in his new role.

I would like to thank Ru Collin for taking on the responsibility of Acting CEO for five months until we employed Ali Boswijk. I also valued the contribution of the staff through the interim period and appreciate their collective commitment to ensuring members continue to receive the business support and services the chamber was established to implement.

I am very happy to welcome Ali Boswijk as the chamber's new Chief Executive. Ali has a career background that is as diverse and interesting as the members we represent, and I think her work experience will serve you all well. I look forward to seeing the direction the chamber takes under her stewardship.

One of the more ambitious endeavours for 2018 was to move from our old premises into the Mahitahi Colab which we share with the NRDA. This partnership has provided the interconnectedness that we had hoped and is already paying dividends in the collaborative approach we now provide to the business sector. If you haven't had the opportunity to visit the space yet, it is not just the staff that are welcoming. The refurbished interior is modern and has hot desking available for members who need a nook and network.

We implemented a joint relationship with the Marlborough

Chamber of Commerce last year but brought this to an end after nine months. It was an ambitious move and sometimes, no matter how much planning goes into an undertaking, you never know how it is going to work until making the commitment. There are always opportunities that come with this kind of endeavour but it became apparent that despite there being some real positives, it was better for both organisations to operate again as separate entities. We remain as close allies and mutual supporters for a strong Te Taihū, top-of-the-south business sector.

The focus of our 2018 Aspire conference was on attracting, retaining and developing our region's workforce. Once again, it was aspire by name, aspire by nature with many of the attendees including chamber representatives coming away from the day's conference, committed to developing and strengthening our talent pools to help make the Nelson Tasman region their first, best choice.

Last year's Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce Business Awards was our most successful yet with over 500 attendees joining us in November. Applications reflected the cross-industry diversity of successful businesses in our region. Come November, I look forward to hearing about this year's success stories and encourage everyone to consider entering, it is a great opportunity to invest time and energy on your business and step away from the day to day.

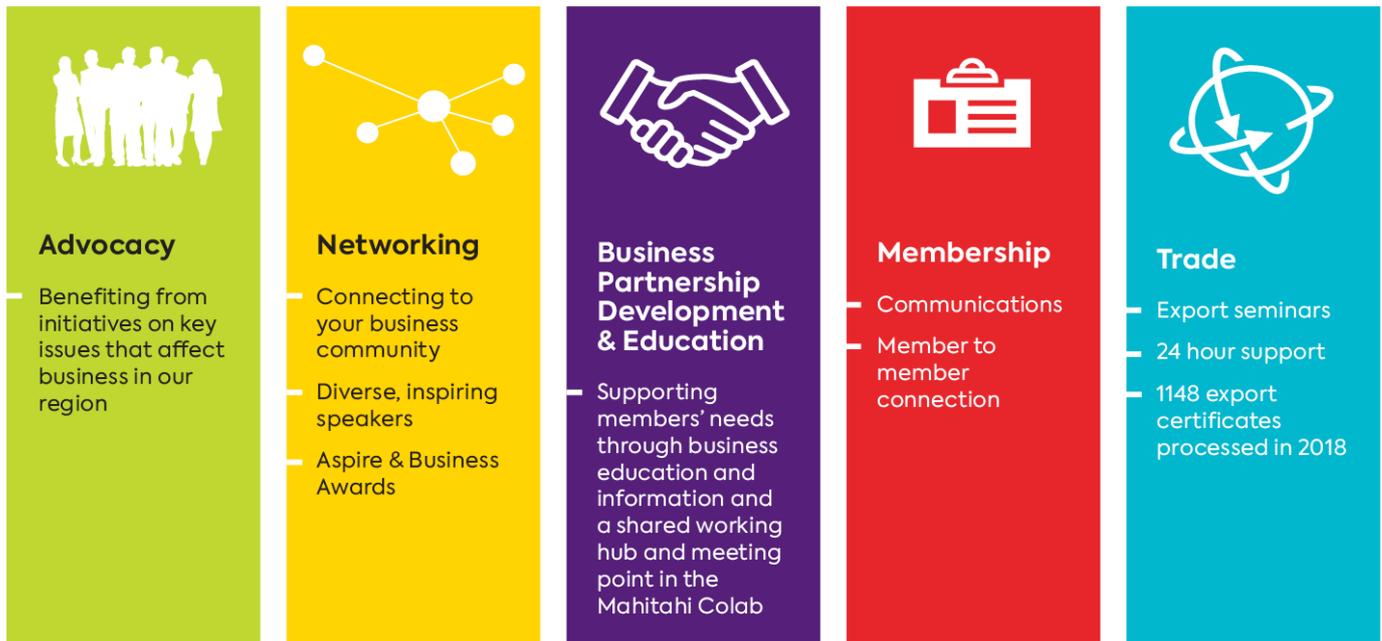
Once again, thank you for your support of the Chamber, we all know that it is the people who make this network strong and diverse.

Lees Seymour
Chamber President

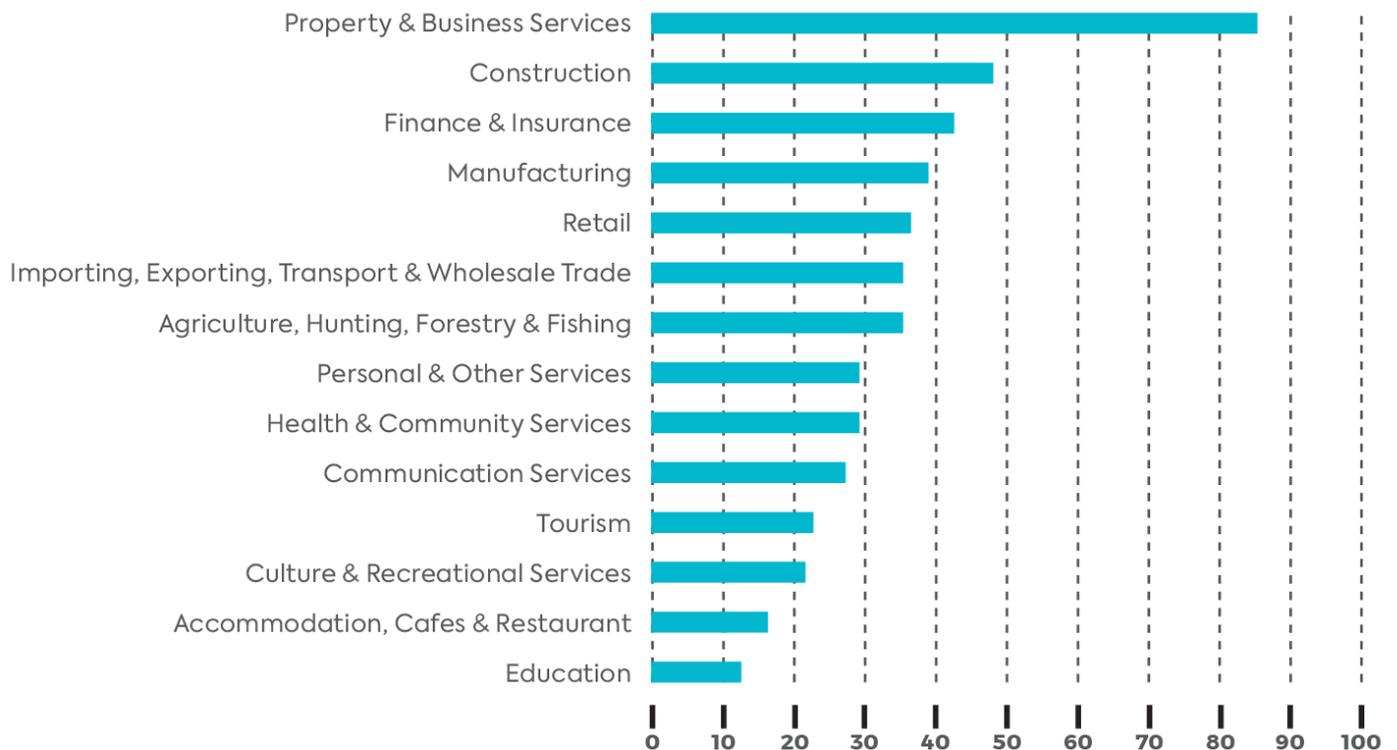


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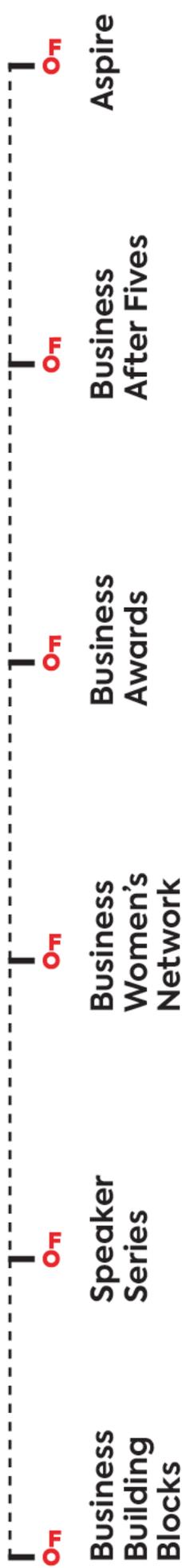
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Membership by Sectors 2018



Event Channels delivered by the Nelson Tasman Chamber of Commerce



What we covered

Trade, Economic Forecasts, Technology, Health & Safety, Communications, Gender Inequality, Accounting & Financials, Legal Risk, Software Training, Marketing, KPI Development, Sales, Digital Disruption, Legislative Changes, Risk Resilience, Self-Development and Networking.

PRESENTED BY CEO'S, MP'S, SENIOR MANAGERS & INDUSTRY EXPERTS

Benefits delivered

Business Building Blocks & Seminar

- Increased capability
- Upskilling
- Added value to your business

NTCC Business Awards

- Celebrating achievements
- Clarifying future plans
- Expert advice and mentoring
- Working on your business not in your business

Aspire

- Developing leadership teams
- Attracting our workforce
- Retaining & developing staff