

Press Release from Wellington Business Association

Wellington has a new organisation focused on promoting business and commercial development in the town and surrounding area. The Wellington Business Association [WBA] has emerged from the former Chamber of Trade & Commerce.



“I believe that Wellington needs and deserves an organisation that offers support, information and advice, and networking opportunities for businesses throughout the whole Wellington area,” said Ian Stock, newly-elected chair of the WBA.

“Unfortunately the old chamber was struggling to maintain memberships and had perhaps become perceived as rather old fashioned. The WBA aims to include all businesses, from our major manufacturers to one-person start-ups, as well as business services and retailers.

“We’ll be offering businesses a number of opportunities to network, learn and socialise. Networking events are one of the best ways that businesses make new contacts, exchange experiences and ideas and do business together, thereby maintaining money within the local economy,” Ian added.

Other officers of the new WBA, elected at the final AGM of the Wellington Chamber of Trade and Commerce are Keith Wheatley (AroundWellington.co.uk) as Vice-Chair, Mike Crew (MJC Financial) as Treasurer. Sue White, retiring Chair of the Chamber, becomes President, and Jane Burden remains as Secretary.

The WBA’s events programme will mix networking events with more formal meetings. The networking events will be held in various locations around the Wellington area, to encourage different businesses and organisations to meet and join the Association.

The first networking event will be held at
6pm on 29 November 2012
hosted by
Wellington Motors, Chelston
to which all businesses in the Wellington area are invited