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ANZ's 'Getting back to Business' workshops for Canterbury

ANZ is holding two free "Getting back to Business" workshops this week in Canterbury to help local business owners get back on their feet after the recent earthquakes.

The two workshops are open to any business people, regardless of whether they are customers of ANZ New Zealand or not. "We just want to help local businesses get back on their feet. We want to help Christchurch rebuild and we expect that many businesses will stay and be part of the city's long term revival," says Rodney King, ANZ's Senior Regional Manager, and Southern Region.

"We've identified through talking to business owners in town that they are looking for practical and tangible tips and advice from experts in their field.

"The workshop will also offer business owners in the same boat an opportunity to get together. Experience from other natural disasters around the world, such as Hurricane Katrina in the United States, has shown that business owners need to network with other business owners to find solutions to their unique problems left after a natural disaster."

The workshops will have six speakers - an accountant, a restaurateur, an insurance expert, a commercial real estate operator, a psychologist and an occupational therapist.

"The topics speakers will cover include: starting over; getting customers to return; leases, landlords and location; managing change, stress and looking after your health and your staff; and assisting people back to work - injury recovery, office layout and relaxation techniques. These are the topics businesses have been asking us about, other than financial help," says Mr King.

Since the February earthquake, ANZ has helped approximately 2900 Christchurch retail and business customers through its special earthquake package, including deferring payments of loans with a total value of about \$334 million and providing interest free overdrafts and other assistance totalling over \$24 million.

The ANZ facilitated sessions will run on Thursday July 7, 5.30pm - 8.30pm and Friday July 8, 9.00am - noon at The Camelot Room at Chateau on The Park, Deans Ave, Christchurch.

The presenters are:

- Mark Pfeifer, Accountant - Starting again - How to do it better this time around.
- Noel McGuigan, Restaurateur - Getting customers to come back
- Michelle Austin, Insurance Broker - Dealing with your claim
- Paul Blackler, Commercial Real Estate - Leases, Landlords, Location
- Andrea Mulligan, Psychologist - Managing change, stress, & looking after the health of you and your staff

- Helen Giddens, Occupational Therapist - Assisting People back to work: injury recovery, office layout and techniques to relax

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