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## CHAMBER 'INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP' LUNCH DRAWS BIG CROWD

Business on the Kapiti Coast is 'alive and well' as shown at a packed midwinter luncheon hosted by the Kapiti Chamber of Commerce with sponsors Ohau Vineyards, on June 30.

130 people including student leaders from Kapiti and Otaki Colleges attended the luncheon, which was held in conjunction with New Zealand Leadership Week and the Sir Peter Blake Trust. This Trust was established to showcase Sir Peter's visionary leadership and to inspire these qualities in all New Zealanders.

Business leader and CEO of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, John Allen was guest speaker. In a highly energetic and succinct address, Mr Allen identified a number of characteristics he saw as critical in being an effective leader. These characteristics were:

1. To have intellectual curiosity – an openness to new ideas and different ways of doing things
2. Have an awareness of yourself – know your strengths and your weaknesses and be ready to accept others onto your team who can fill your gaps
3. To be prepared to take risks and lead others, based on the belief and confidence you have in the direction you take
4. Always act in a way consistent with the message you are promoting – ie when times are tough don't award yourself a large pay increase!
5. Be accountable – when it works the team takes the credit; when it fails you take the blame
6. Demonstrate the right attitude – know what you stand for and be prepared to take a stand on it.

Mr Allen, who received a standing ovation at the end of his address, gave all those attending something to take away and think on. The Kapiti Chamber of Commerce was exceedingly pleased with how the luncheon was received and will continue with its current programme of offering key networking opportunities to the Kapiti business community.

*Higher resolution copies of the following photos are available on request...*



John Allen entertains the audience – Lorraine Hoggard (Photo credit: [www.janiewalker.co.nz](http://www.janiewalker.co.nz))



John Allen – Leadership in Action (Photo credit: [www.janiewalker.co.nz](http://www.janiewalker.co.nz))



**Kapiti business leaders enjoy listening to John Allen – Monique Brosnahan (Brien Electrical), Debbie Taylor (Insight Business Strategies), and Jenni Williams (Oxford Finance) - (Photo credit: [www.janiewalker.co.nz](http://www.janiewalker.co.nz))**



**John Allen and Chamber Chairman Mark Ternent - (Photo credit: [www.janiewalker.co.nz](http://www.janiewalker.co.nz))**



Senior students from Kapiti and Otaki Colleges attend Chamber ‘Inspirational Leadership’ lunch, left to right – Sally Hayward, Johan Reiher, Jared Putt, Haley Bertelesen -- (Photo credit: [www.janiewalker.co.nz](http://www.janiewalker.co.nz))

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