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Darroch Valuations Goes Nationwide

➤ New Darroch Offices Open in South Island

Darroch Valuations is expanding its business operations into the South Island, with the opening of new offices in Christchurch and Dunedin. The establishment of a prominent South Island presence strengthens the Darroch brand considerably, and gives the company important national coverage. Darroch Valuations now has seven offices across New Zealand. In addition to Christchurch and Dunedin, existing Darroch offices are situated in Wellington, Hamilton, and in Auckland where there are three offices.



Darroch Christchurch office staff (left to right) Nik Butler, Amy Head (Admin), Mark Dow (Manager) and Tony Sharpe

The Christchurch office will be run by experienced practice manager Mark Dow, who will also assume overall

responsibility for the South Island network. Mark was National Operations Manager for QV Valuations and led a national team of valuers. He is a vastly experienced valuer, and is a Fellow of both the Property Institute of New Zealand (PINZ) and New Zealand Institute of Valuers (NZIV). He has also been media spokesman for QV and is a current Director of PINZ.

Mark said he is excited about working with the Darroch Group and developing business opportunities in the South Island. "It is a new challenge that I am looking forward to. Darroch is a leading valuation firm with excellent growth prospects. It is well respected in the market place and has a strong vision for the future. Darroch is also 100% New Zealand owned, and the firm has shown that it values experience and local knowledge, which is very important to our clients" said Mr Dow.

Mark is joined in the Christchurch office by a number of professionals. Senior Valuer Nik Butler specialises in commercial and industrial property. Nik spent 10 years with QV Christchurch where he was engaged in a wide range of property consultancy. Tony Sharpe and Carolyne Latham specialise in pastoral land management consultancy.

In Dunedin, David Paterson provides a full range of valuation services. David is an experienced Senior Valuer and Practice Manager who is a highly regarded within the valuation profession. He is a Fellow of both PINZ and NZIV, is a long-serving member of the valuers council, and sits on the Professional Practices Committee.

Also assisting the Darroch South Island team in Nelson is Geoff Butterworth. Geoff has owned his own consultancy business and worked for some of the larger valuation firms in New Zealand. He focuses on commercial, industrial and specialist property valuations.

Darroch's National Operations Manager, Glenn Attewell, said he is delighted with the expansion of the Darroch brand into the South Island; "It was important from a branding perspective that Darroch have a South Island presence. The company is taking on more and more national portfolio work, and from a client perspective, we needed to establish solid national coverage."

"We are also extremely pleased to have attracted staff of this calibre. They have already been very successful in developing business in the South Island, and we look forward to further expansion in due course" said Mr Attewell.