

2017-2018 Executive Committee Nominees

Officers



AARON JONES – CHAIRMAN (EXISTING)

Bank of New Zealand

Aaron stepped into the role of Chairman in 2015, after the resignation of the long-serving Stuart Palmer. Aaron was well-prepared for the role, having already served for several years as the Treasurer and as a Committee Member.

Until recently Aaron was the Manager of the BNZ's Manukau retail branch, but has now moved back to his first love, commercial lending. Aaron is a Senior Business Partner based at Highbrook, covering the Manukau area. He has over 30 years of experience within the banking industry, and greatly enjoys interacting with a wide range of business owners.



RACHEL DARLINGTON – TREASURER (EXISTING)

Business Like Accountants

Rachel is a Chartered Accountant (CA) and a member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand. She also holds a current certificate of public practice. Rachel completed a Bachelor of Commerce degree at Auckland University and post graduate diploma in Professional Accounting at Manukau Institute of Technology. She began her accounting career in the corporate arena and worked for a merchant banking firm for ten years. She joined a CA accounting firm in 1999 and became practice manager. Rachel came to work for chartered accountancy firm 'Business Like' in February 2008, and has been helping local Manukau businesses ever since.

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EMILY MAY (EXISTING)

Jaedon Enterprises

Emily May is the Managing Director at Jaedon Enterprises Ltd, a New Zealand based clothing manufacturer, specializing in technical garments, servicing the needs of high-risk industries and emergency response teams. Jaedon is a family owned business that was established 20 years ago by Emily's father. Jaedon has an established local and international client base and dominates the market for high-specification industrial apparel, providing innovative design solutions, customer service, and an understanding of local and international compliance requirements. Emily champions New Zealand-made, and local innovation. She is interested in engaging younger generations in manufacturing within NZ, particularly in the apparel sector.

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STEPHEN GREY (EXISTING)

Chester Grey Accountants

Stephen is well-known for his continuous commitment to the growth of small to medium-sized businesses over the last 20 years. He has been serving as a local body politician since the early 1980s. He is a founder member of the NZICA Business Development Specialists Group and frequently presents seminars on business development topics. He brings a wide network of contacts to Business Manukau.



PETER LIM (EXISTING)

Lim Electronics

Peter is the Director of 100% Lim Electronic and Appliances Ltd, which started in 1973, serving Auckland in both sales and servicing of appliances. Lim Electronics Ltd are authorised service agents for most major brands including Panasonic, Samsung, LG, Fisher & Paykel, Electrolux, Sharp and more. They also sell brand new products and carry out installations, including commercial sound systems and visual systems including. They are 100% Kiwi owned, and have won Consumer People's Choice Award several years running. Peter has also clocked up 41 years with Rotary Papatoetoe Club.



DAVINDER RAHAL (NEW)

Kiwika Limited

I arrived in New Zealand in November 1988 and after a period of resettlement in New Zealand commenced business in 1993. My main business was in hospitality. Over the years, I have also entered the property industry. My involvement with hospitality led me to close association with people and community affairs. I have been awarded with a Queen's Services Medal (QSM) in 2012 and appointed JP in 2008.

I am Founder member and Chairperson of the Life Vision Society Inc, and Founder of New Zealand Helping Hand Society Incorporated.

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MARK SMITH (NEW)

Briscoes Retail Group

Mark is the Retail Business Manager for Briscoes Group where he has worked for just over 2 years. Previously he was with The Warehouse Group running their number one turnover store at \$41m per year in the South Island.

He is Chairman of the Board for Slough Town Against Crime (STAC). This was a group of retail companies and local authorities to help fight against crime in the community to support and help homeless street drinkers and drug takers by bringing all the local community units together to communicate as one.

My interest repairing and restoration of European cars and motorbikes, old Vespa's and my jaguar MK7m 1955 project.



KATHARINE MURRAY (NEW)

Rainbow's End

Katharine has been in marketing roles for 22 years and a marketing manager for 18 of those in economic development, financial services and the tourism industry. Currently the Marketing Manager for Rainbow's End, Katharine has also facilitated regional promotions with local boards involving the Airport Regional Group with support from ATEED.

Katharine is a mentor for the Tourism Export Council youth development programme and has a great belief in supporting a strong economic development strategy enabling people to work and play in the areas they live.



GAGAN DEEP GUPTA (NEW)

Bath & Tile (NZ) Ltd

Gagan is an experienced business professional, company director and property investor with a keen interest for new corporate projects. With a strong business background scaling back 24 years, he embarked on his chosen path in the building industry as a teenager and never looked back.

Now he is the proud owner and director of 3 successful and thriving local businesses; Bath & Tile (NZ) Ltd, Maier Kitchen & Wardrobe Solutions and Kasa Premium Homes.

Apart from enjoying spending time with his 3 young daughters, Gagan has a love of travelling and trying new cuisine.

Local Board Representative (appointed position)



REECE AUTAGAVAIA

Otara-Papatoetoe Local Board

Apulu Reece Autagavaia is a lawyer and current sitting elected board member of CMDHB. He attended Papatoetoe North, Kedgley and Auckland Grammar schools. He graduated with a BA/LLB from the University of Auckland. Reece started his legal career at large city law firms, and now works in Manukau. He currently sits on the Auckland Council Pacific Peoples' Advisory Panel, Tangata o le Moana Auckland Pacific Health Provider Reece has astute analytical and advocacy skills - having represented large corporations such as Telecom and Progressives - skills he is honoured to use to serve the wider community.