

2020-2021 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 (NZ) Ltd

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 accountancy career in the corporate arena whilst working for a merchant banking firm for ten years. Since then Rachel has worked as a chartered accountant and business advisor specializing in small to medium sized businesses. Business Like NZ Limited is a forward focused chartered accountancy practice that has been serving local Manukau businesses for many years.

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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 a Chartered Accountant and Director of Chester Grey Chartered Accountants Ltd, Manukau. He has been advising a large range of businesses for over 40 years. He has served the Manukau District as a Local Body Politician for 27 years and is an Independent Director of companies servicing the Engineering, Education, Financial Services and Media sectors.

He has lived in Papatoetoe all his life.



KAREN CRABB (EXISTING)

Rainbow's End

Karen is the CEO at Rainbow's End. She started her career in media and advertising in NZ & London, before joining Lion NZ. During her 16 years with Lion she advanced across several roles, including Marketing, Sales, Manufacturing, People & Culture, Strategy and Retail, before settling into general management. Karen is passionate about working with people and businesses to build thriving communities.

ILANGO KRISHNAMOORTHY (EXISTING)

Mercury Printz / IRIS Signs Limited

Ilango is the Director of Mercury Printz and Iris Signs. Whilst Mercury Printz focuses on offset and digital printing, Iris Signs offers signage solutions to its clients. Ilango is a Qualified Automobile Engineer from India. He has an MBA Qualification from Waikato University, is very active in the Indian Community, and is one of the founding members of NZ Hindu Temple Society Inc. He is also a trustee for "South Asian Trust Inc." which provides counselling services to the community through its service arm "Sahaayta Auckland". He is a keen businessman and an active member of voluntary societies, and community and political organisations. Ilango is married to Sakthi, a lawyer at Avondale Law and between them they have three children.



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DEBRA LAW (EXISTING)

Law and Associates

Debra's first law job was for a sole practitioner. She then spent a number of years working for a large Auckland city firm practising in the areas of civil litigation and employment before joining Wood Ruck in 1998. She was a partner of Wood Ruck Manukau for a number of years. Since 1 October 2010 Debra has been in practice at Law & Associates, a general legal practice with an emphasis on property, commercial, trusts, family, estates and dispute resolution. Debra is results driven and enjoys working alongside clients to achieve sound commercial outcomes. In her spare time Debra helps wrangle alpacas on her lifestyle property.



BELINDA SUTTON (EXISTING)

Van Den Brink Group

Belinda is the Property Manager for the Van Den Brink Group and takes an active part in the Manukau Business District through her management of Southpoint on the corner of Cavendish Drive and Great South Road. The Southpoint complex includes the anchor tenant Countdown, Westpac, Urban Soul and a variety of other food and commercial business establishments. Belinda's background was in the apparel industry. She has been in the property sector for 10 years. In her spare time Belinda spends time with her family and enjoys boating, fishing and skiing.