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# About the Committee for Canterbury

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The Committee for Canterbury trust is about the future wellbeing and prosperity of Canterbury.

We are committed to supporting both short and long-term projects that result in better social, economic, environmental and cultural outcomes for Canterbury and to providing our members with opportunities to make a positive contribution to the wellbeing and prosperity of all Cantabrians.

We seek to provide connections and nurture partnerships between business, government and civil society to promote cross sector engagement around key issues impacting our region.

Our strength is built, not by the advocacy of an individual member or a particular point of view, but by the collective support of our members to advance Canterbury's future.

**All activities and projects undertaken by the Committee have a relentless focus on outcome.**  
**In summary:**

- We are a member driven organisation
- We will be inclusive with a wide range of members across civil society, business and academia
- We will rely on our research to operate from a fact based platform
- We will use a unique model of advocacy that takes a long-term, apolitical approach
- We will be a think tank committed to sharing information that we believe will positively influence policy development for the entire region
- We have a clear vision and are committed to bringing this into realisation
- We aspire to playing a leadership role by focusing on issues that are critical to Canterbury's future growth and development
- We will work collaboratively with an influential group of members and stakeholders
- We will be independent of government and business organisations
- We will offer members the opportunity for participation and input
- We will be thought leaders with a transparent agenda

**We intend to adhere strictly to our founding principles:**

- Independent and objective
- Apolitical
- Long-term
- Inclusive
- Research informed and evidence based
- Improving prosperity and well being.

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The Committee for Canterbury has been accepted to the Committees for Cities and Regions movement, which currently comprises of committees across Australasia, including Melbourne, Perth, Ballarat, Geelong, Cairns, Sydney and Auckland.

**List of Committees:**

- Committee for Melbourne
- Committee for Wyndham
- Advance Cairns
- Committee for Sydney
- Committee for Geelong
- Committee for Auckland
- Committee for Ballarat
- Committee for Perth
- Committee for Portland
- Committee for Gippsland
- Committee for Echuca Moama
- Committee for Wagga Wagga
- Committee for Greater Shepparton
- Committee for Canterbury
- Committee for Broome Future

**Committee for Canterbury – what we are**

**Membership:** A not for profit, member funded network that unites Canterbury's business, civil society and academia leaders to ensure the sustainable growth of Canterbury – economic, social, cultural and environmental.

**Think tank:** A think tank producing evidence based research through a network of academic and independent researchers, working collaboratively to influence policy and advocate on issues that will contribute to Canterbury's long-term wellbeing and prosperity.

**Visionary:** Strong advocates for a visionary long-term plan for Canterbury.

**Collaborative:** An engaging forum where our members can collaborate and channel their passion for Canterbury.

**Positive:** A drive of initiatives, policies, projects and activities to foster positive developments for the region.

**Informed:** An informed commentator and credible advocate on issues affecting the growth and development of Canterbury, now and in the future.

**CSR:** A vehicle for Canterbury's business community to demonstrate their commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility (corporate responsibility is an imperative for safeguarding the sustainability of a business as a business can only grow if the economy and society are strong).

**Committee for Canterbury – what we are not**

**A group focused on earthquake recovery:**

While earthquake recovery is highly relevant, other organisations are focusing on this, and we will have a wider and long-term outlook.

**An industry body:** Our members will be drawn from the community and academia as well as business.

**A social welfare promoting agency:** Our members represent a wide range of interests including leading businesses in the region.

**City centric:** Our reach will be broad and our advocacy impacts the entire region.

**Political:** Our longevity of commitment spans political cycles, social, economic and cultural change.

**An exclusive network:** Membership will be representative of the wider community.

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## **Q. What will the Committee for Canterbury actually do?**

- A. The Committee will undertake a range of activities focused on the future prosperity and wellbeing for all Cantabrians. Specifically:
- Workstreams and research projects – will be determined by member organisations to progress long-term Canterbury-wide issues. Working groups will be established consisting of members and stakeholders who have particular interest or areas of expertise that relate to the topic. The working groups will generate ideas, and undertake or commission research relevant to the issue. A good deal of research already exists, so in many instances there is no need to re-invent the wheel.
  - Advocate for the debate – the research and the knowledge of the members will then be used to inform and facilitate discussion and debate in the community. The Committee will advocate to bring action to specific issues and will act as ‘vision keepers’ to ensure that the projects realise their individual outcomes.
  - The Leadership Programme – will tap into the energy and insight of the region’s emerging leaders, cultivating their passion for Canterbury and helping channel it into region-enhancing projects. Nominated by Committee for Canterbury members from within their respective organisations, participants are individuals who possess strong leadership in any or all aspects of our community, as well as succession potential and most importantly, a shared belief and commitment to the long-term wellbeing and prosperity of all Cantabrians. The programme is also about a strong level of personal development for those attending. In this capacity, the individual, the Committee and the region all benefit from the contribution.
  - Member events – will be a series of working forums to discuss and debate issues and to progress workstreams.

## **Q. What does “advocate for the debate” mean, and with whom?**

- A. The extent of engagement and consultation across the various communities of Canterbury will depend

on the specific topics the members have given to the working groups to manage. As a starting point, the members will be expected to engage widely across and between their organisations in providing input to and comments on the issue. This might take the form of facilitated workshops, consultation or events. The issue would then be able to be raised and discussed more generally across the region, again by facilitating discussion, promoting and sustaining the debate through research, reports, events, publications and media.

## **Q. How does discussion move to implementation and outcomes?**

- A. The Committee for Melbourne and Committee for Perth have specific examples of how discussion has moved to outcomes.
- The Committee for Melbourne estimates that Melbourne’s long-term growth will grow to around eight million by 2060. Melbourne’s housing mix needs to include medium density housing options as well as other high and low density housing options. To achieve broad support, the Committee is helping the community understand the benefits by applying the lessons learned from existing developments.  
  
The Committee for Melbourne has also identified the removal of rail level crossings (grade separation) as the hinge point issue preventing more trains operating on Melbourne’s public transport network. Members are working together to examine how level crossings can be removed in ways that are economically, socially and environmentally sustainable.
  - The Committee for Perth believed that in order to have a city of 3.5 million where citizens continue to have a range of housing options, easy and sustainable transport solutions and access to celebrated natural open spaces, consideration of residential and transport development options need to be given now. The Committee commissioned research which led to the position that transit oriented development (TOD) is an effective model that would apply well to Perth’s development future and advocated for the introduction of light rail into Perth’s transport network.

To advance this position, the Committee established an alliance group of key stakeholders and produced

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critical research to drive the need for light rail to government. It undertook desktop and on the ground international research into both existing and planned light rail systems and produced a report outlining the various venture capital funding mechanisms that could be considered in relation to developing light rail in Perth.

The result of this advocacy and activity was the development of Perth's MAX light rail system.

The Committee for Canterbury expects that for some issues, a process similar to the development of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy would be followed. The Canterbury Water Management Strategy is a good example of consultation moving to implementation. On other issues relevant to wellbeing and prosperity in Canterbury, the Committee will facilitate discussion and debate. It will then be an advocate for action on the issue. Sometimes, general consensus might be able to be achieved. The Committee will advocate that decision makers proceed to implement the consensus outcomes. For other issues, members may have differing views about how the results of research and consultation should be implemented. The Committee will then advocate that decision makers take action and have regard to the Committee's work, rather than advocating for a particular outcome.

**Q. What are examples of projects undertaken by other Committee for Cities organisations?**

A. In addition to the two examples outlined above, below are additional projects from Auckland and Ballarat:

The Committee for Auckland:

- Benchmarking Auckland as a Creative Economy – This is a creative industries scoping project with the aim of establishing the best ways to target and enhance the economic and social benefits from Auckland's creative industries, and how to best grow specific targeted creative industries in Auckland.

- Maritime Auckland Project – the Three Waters: Auckland as a Maritime City report examines the opportunities, issues and potential trade-offs involved in managing the region's harbours, including marine governance, environmental integrity, business opportunities, sector development and recreational use. It urges the Council to lead the development of a single integrated Marine Spatial Plan for all three harbours and recommends a review of governance arrangements.

The Committee for Ballarat:

- A current project of the Committee for Ballarat is the promotion of an aged care service in the Ballarat region which considers the projected increased demands on infrastructure and delivery of services and the use of innovative 'at home' care to reduce dependency on health infrastructure.

**Q. Who decides on what projects the Committee for Canterbury will undertake? What is the process for deciding on projects, and how will those projects be funded?**

A. The Committee for Canterbury is a collaborative alliance that brings together individual organisations and members to maximise and empower their policy strength, knowledge base and advocacy power. Through this collaboration the Committee for Canterbury is able to explore solutions that will help plan for future growth of the region and address critical issues such as population, infrastructure, environment, business, culture and lifestyles.

The members themselves will suggest the workstreams and projects with the prioritisation and final decision made by the executive. Those workstreams will be funded by direct contributions from members and other organisations.

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## **Q. How will the Committee for Canterbury measure success?**

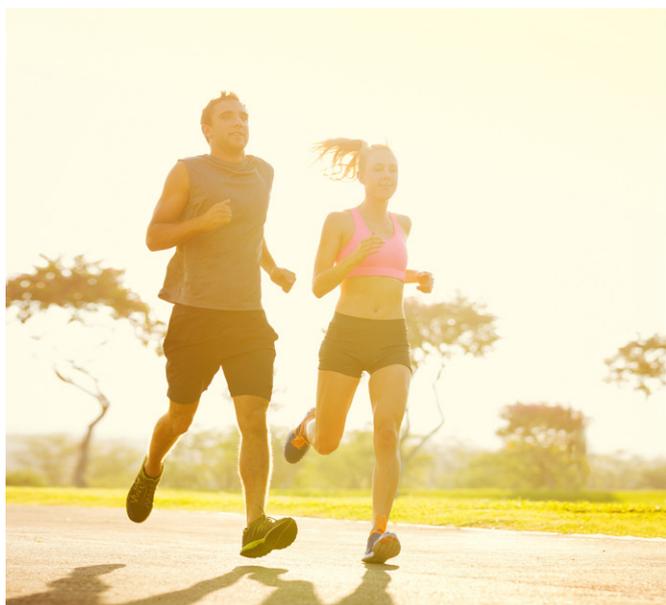
- A. There are five areas that the Committee will measure as indicative of success:
1. There is a high level of debate and advocacy over the issues we have highlighted from communities throughout the region.
  2. Our workstreams and projects have traction and are being adopted by those who are best positioned to implement.
  3. Our growing membership reflects a representative mix across the wider community and throughout the region.
  4. We are regularly consulted by a wide range of organisations over the big strategic issues facing Canterbury.
  5. The Young Leaders' Programme is viewed as a sought after, high profile course by leading Canterbury employers and communities.

## **Q. Why does Canterbury need another organisation/group/committee?**

- A. There is no one regionally-focused organisation currently bringing together leaders from business and industry sectors with civic, academia and government organisations. By adopting a strategic, long-term focus, the Committee for Canterbury will maintain a non-partisan position, transcending short term political cycles. This will therefore enable us to think and act regionally as advocates for the sustainable, responsible and dynamic development of the Canterbury region.

## **Q. Is this an idea which has arisen from the earthquakes?**

- A. No. The idea was being considered prior to the earthquakes, and has been put on hold for the last three years. While earthquake recovery will influence many of the issues dealt with by the Committee, its focus is on region-wide long-term prosperity and wellbeing. Other organisations are focused on earthquake recovery.



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**Q. How is the Committee for Canterbury going to work with the Christchurch City Council, other District Councils in the region and with Environment Canterbury?**

A. A strength of the Committee for Canterbury will be that its longevity of commitments spans political cycles, social, economic and culture change. It will be able to provide invaluable insight into the intricacies and challenges defined by spatial, geographic, political, social, economic, cultural and environmental boundaries within Canterbury. To that extent the Committee for Canterbury will work alongside local authorities in determining the long-term prosperity and wellbeing of all Cantabrians. Local authorities are welcome to be members of the Committee for Canterbury, but will have no special rights or responsibilities as members.

**Q. How will the Committee for Canterbury work with the Christchurch City Council's 100 Resilient Cities programme?**

A. As already happens in Melbourne with its 100 Resilient Cities status and the Committee for Melbourne, the Committee for Canterbury will work alongside the Council's Resilience Manager. The Committee for Canterbury with its regional focus will offer the opportunity to expand on the work carried out by the Resilience Manager.

**Q. How is the Committee for Canterbury going to work and engage with CERA?**

A. The Committee for Canterbury is not primarily intended to work on or assist thought leadership around earthquake recovery. It will outlast the intended lifespan of CERA and is also beyond and outside the cycles of government. The Committee for Canterbury will engage proactively with CERA to ensure that earthquake recovery is consistent with thought leadership around the long-term prosperity and wellbeing for the region.



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## **Q. Will the Committee for Canterbury be led and dominated by Christchurch interests?**

A. No. We intend that there will be a wide range of membership across the entire region. The focus will be on the region as a whole, and not just on greater Christchurch issues.

## **Q. How will the Committee for Canterbury ensure that this isn't just another business voice?**

A. The Committee for Canterbury will unite and engage members from social organisations, the commercial sector and academia. The Committee for Canterbury exists to empower all members through the provision of research, ideas and solutions to regional issues.

## **Q. How is the Committee for Canterbury different to Canterbury Development Corporation (CDC)?**

A. CDC is the economic development agency of the Christchurch City Council (CCC). The Committee for Canterbury supports the work of CDC and will work closely with the organisation. A strong economy is fundamental to the wellbeing and prosperity of Canterbury. As a result of the inclusive nature and wide membership of the Committee for Canterbury, the organisation will be able to work alongside CDC allowing input from members around prosperity and wellbeing for all Cantabrians.

## **Q. What is the Committee for Canterbury's role relative to CDC's Christchurch Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?**

A. A strong economy is fundamental to the ongoing prosperity and wellbeing of Canterbury. The Committee for Canterbury will work closely with CDC, contributing research which will assist in ensuring that the delivery of CEDS benefits the long-term wellbeing and prosperity of all within the Canterbury region.

## **Q. Will the Committee for Canterbury promote the outcomes of the 'Share an Idea' process used by the Christchurch City Council after the earthquakes?**

A. This is something that will be decided on by the members. However, the 'Share an Idea' concept or something similar may be an appropriate way to engage with the Canterbury community on what their vision is around wellbeing and prosperity.

## **Q. Are the Trustees representative of all sectors of the community?**

A. No. The initial Trustees have been appointed because of their interest in the concept and their relevant experience and expertise. These Trustees come from a range of backgrounds and experience. This primary role is to ensure that the founding principles of the Committee are adhered to and that the Committee is well-governed and managed.

## **Q Who are the Trustees?**

A. Trevor McIntyre, Gill Cox, Mark Christensen, Emma Twaddell, Grant Edmundson, Darren Wright, Andrew Priest, Garry Jackson, Janie Annear, Neil Cameron, Erin Jackson and Abbas Nazari. Brief profiles of the Trustees are attached.

## **Q. How will replacement Trustees be appointed?**

A. There will be between 8 and 14 Trustees who will be appointed for a period of three years on a rotational basis. Trustees will be appointed on merit and to achieve inclusivity.

## **Q. How will the Committee for Canterbury be managed?**

A. The Trustees have appointed Erin Jackson as Executive Director, and have tasked her with managing the work of the Committee.

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**Q. Who is eligible for membership?**

- A. The Committee for Canterbury will structure its membership in such a way as to have a wide range of members from business, the community and academia. As members of the Committee for Canterbury and while engaged on workstreams and projects for the Committee, members will be asked to abide by the following guiding principles:
- To operate in a collegial and cooperative manner;
  - To seek to be part of the solution, not part of the problem;
  - To be politically astute but steadfastly non-partisan;
  - To take a unified voice and not to advance the self-interest of any individual member.

**Q. Can individuals join?**

- A. Yes, as determined by the Committee for Canterbury from time-to-time depending on skills and expertise.

**Q. How will the Committee for Canterbury involve community groups and organisations?**

- A. Civic groups and organisations will be eligible for membership by invitation. As there are a wide range and a large number, the objective will be to include umbrella civic organisations as members to ensure that a wide cross-section of such groups is represented. Community members will have an equal role and position as business members. Annual membership fees for community members will reflect the financial position of such members.

**Q. Which businesses are eligible to join as members?**

- A. It is anticipated that there will be a range of business members in terms of size and sector. It is expected that members will actively be involved in the workstreams and it may be that members will be asked to leave if they no longer are taking an active role. Membership by similar organisations may also be rotational. That is, the number of members of a certain type of organisation (such as service organisations or consultancies) may be limited, and over time members may be asked to retire to allow other similar organisations to be involved for a period.

**Q. Are there similar organisations in other places?**

- A. Yes. There is a Committee for Auckland which was established initially as Competitive Auckland in 2001. The Committee for Auckland is now part of an organisation called Committees for Cities and Regions organisation, which currently comprises 15 Committees in Australasia, including Melbourne, Perth, Ballarat, Geelong, Cairns, Sydney and Auckland.

The Committee for Canterbury was accepted as a member of this organisation in October 2014.

**Q. Who are the Founding Members?**

- A. Anderson Lloyd  
Beca  
BNZ  
Canterbury Young Professionals  
Christchurch City Mission  
Fonterra  
Foodstuffs South Island Ltd  
Harvey Cameron  
IAG New Zealand Ltd  
Lincoln University  
Ngāi Tahu – Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu  
PrimePort Timaru Ltd  
Salvation Army  
University of Canterbury

# Trustee profiles



## Janie Annear

Janie is a professional director, local government Commissioner, runs a business consultancy

advising businesses on working effectively with local government and is a member of two national lotteries committees.

Janie has had 18 years of local government experience and was until last year Mayor of the Timaru District Council for nine of those years.

She has been involved in many national and regional committees, such as the Auditor General's Local Government Advisory Group, New Zealand Food Safety Authority's Consumer Food Safety Forum, Standards New Zealand and last year chaired the Canterbury Emergency Management Group. She was one of the Canterbury mayors who took a leadership role in the formation of Canterbury Water Management Strategy which is now being used as a template for sustainable water management in New Zealand.

Janie has just been made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to local government and has been named as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

Janie believes it is now time for us to start conversations, plan effectively and collect research to support Canterbury's wellbeing. It is time to have influence on policies that will support a sustainable, prosperous and exciting future for us all.



## Neil Cameron

Neil is Managing Director of Harvey Cameron, one of New Zealand's largest independent advertising and

communications businesses. Neil came to the University of Canterbury from Hawkes Bay, graduated with a B.Com; and 'never left'.

Neil's passion for the creative process was kindled when he took his first real marketing role with Canterbury of New Zealand. He then moved to Carlton Carruthers Advertising in Wellington, eventually returning to Saatchi and Saatchi, Christchurch.

When the Saatchi offices were consolidated in Auckland and Wellington, Neil and Iain Harvey bought the business and opened Harvey|Cameron Advertising in 1996, with 6 staff.

Over the past eighteen years, the company has continued to expand. With sister company E2 Digital (online and e-commerce specialists), the Merivale based group now has a combined staff of 55.

The group works with a diverse range of local, national and international clients.

When he's not working, you'll find Neil in the Southern Alps, his second great passion; family always comes first. Neil is an Executive Board Member of The Communication Agencies Association of New Zealand.



## Mark Christensen

Mark is a nationally recognised natural resources and development

law expert. He specialises in mining, industrial and infrastructure developments, energy, water, urban regeneration, and biotechnology.

His clients vary from individual property developers, through industrial companies such as Holcim New Zealand and Ravensdown, to state-owned energy firms Solid Energy and Meridian Energy.

Mark was responsible for consenting the Clearwater Resort and the proposed Whisper Creek Golf Resort in Marshlands. He led the consenting teams for Solid Energy's mines on the West Coast, and Southland. He successfully consented Mainpower's Mount Cass wind farm near Waipara in Canterbury, and the Holcim cement plant near Oamaru, and has been involved in a number of water and irrigation related projects.

Mark chairs the trustees of the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust, is a member of the Advisory Board to the International Business and Biodiversity offsets programme, is a member of the Expert Panel advising on IUCN's International Guidelines for Biodiversity and Extractive Industries, and is the Project Champion for the Sustainable Business Council's Business and Biodiversity Project.



### **Gill Cox**

Gill is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of NZ, the organisation of which he was

national President in 1992/93. He was a Partner of Deloitte from 1972 – 1996, specialising in audit, and later, consulting services. Furthering his interest in postgraduate professional and business development, Gill became Executive Director of a national post graduate business school in 1996. Since that time he has served on the boards of a number of significant local and national companies and organisations. Currently Gill is Chair of MainPower NZ Ltd, Transwaste Canterbury Ltd, Elastomer Products Ltd and Talbot Technologies Ltd – he also is a board member of the NZ Transport Agency and a number of other privately held companies in Canterbury serving a range of industries. Gill also serves as a trustee of the Canterbury Museum, and undertakes strategic consulting assignments for various Canterbury organisations.

Gill is a born and bred Cantabrian and believes passionately in the opportunities that our region can provide to improve the prosperity of those who live in Canterbury and in the wider NZ community.



### **Grant Edmundson**

Grant is a businessman and lawyer who, with his family, was probably one

of the first immigrants to arrive in Canterbury post-February 2011 earthquake. As an immigrant, he brings a fresh perspective to living in Canterbury and to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead for the region.

Prior to immigrating to New Zealand, Grant was a partner of Eversheds LLP for 10 years and lead the Africa Investment desk for Eversheds, focussing on cross-border finance and investment into Southern Africa.

In 2010 Grant co-founded Samuel Kennedy Investments, a boutique legal and corporate advisory business assisting junior mining companies in Southern Africa with their growth strategies and corporate actions.

He also established various media outlets to produce original television formats for local and international broadcast notably, creating and producing the photography reality TV show "Sharp Shooter SA" which was nominated for a SAFTA in 2011.



### **Erin Victoria Jackson**

A North Canterbury girl at heart, Erin is a part of the emerging young professional

generation who has committed to remaining within the region post-quake.

Erin works as a freelancer within Canterbury; her time is split between the Committee for Canterbury, communications and fundraising contracts and assists a number of community organisations around town.

After her involvement with the original Student Volunteer Army in September 2010, Erin made a decision to stay in Canterbury following her rather shaky last year of university.

She was elected as President of the University of Canterbury Students' Association for two years in a row, and also sat on the University of Canterbury Council and was Deputy Chair of Student Job Search Aotearoa during that time.

Currently, Erin serves as a trustee on the Arts Centre Trust Board, is Chair of Strong Links and remains a Student Volunteer Army Foundation trustee.

# Trustee profiles cont.



**Garry Jackson**

Garry is a proud Cantabrian, dating back to his great great grandfather Samuel Manson, a Scottish

carpenter and early pioneer who built Deans' cottage for the arrival of the Deans family in 1843.

Garry has a life-long career in the automotive industry, including general management of a large retail business, and positions of Director of Sales and Marketing of Ford New Zealand, and Executive Director of the South African Motor Corporation (a Ford Motor Company joint venture), where he was responsible for Ford, Mazda, Jaguar and Mitsubishi operations in Southern Africa.

He is presently contracted as a senior consultant on the marketing and sales strategies aligned with Ford's substantial \$US6 billion investment and growth in the China market, presently spending much of his time in Asia.

Garry was also Mayor of Hurunui District 2004 – 2010, leading the council and district through sound planning for growth and development, particularly in Hanmer Springs and Amberley, in tourism and viticulture, and the Canterbury Water Management Strategy for the region. It was in his mayoral role that Garry clearly saw the opportunity for a new, "Canterbury approach" for the future prosperity for the region.

Throughout all of these roles, he has demonstrated particular skills in strategic and innovative thinking, financial responsibility, and an inclusive focus on community and customers.



**Trevor McIntyre**

Trevor's background is in agriculture, education and community. Recently, he

completed nine years as Headmaster at Christchurch Boys' High School to take up an advisory role in the Greater Christchurch Education Renewal Programme of the Ministry of Education.

Trevor was a member of the University of Canterbury Council for eight years, the last one as Pro Chancellor. He was the inaugural Chair of the Minister of Earthquake Recovery's Community Forum and the Minister of Education's Education Advisory Board to the Greater Christchurch Education Renewal Programme. He also chairs the Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology's Trade Innovation Institute's Advisory Board and is a board member of the Canterbury Rugby Union and Transwaste Canterbury Limited.

His education career was put on hold in its early stages, in order to participate in the early days of the capture and farming of deer. He subsequently operated a 187ha sheep and deer farm.



**Abbas Nazari**

Abbas is a postgraduate student at the University of Canterbury, studying Political

Science History and Management. Hailing from Afghanistan, Abbas is a proud Cantabrian since arriving here in 2001.

His interests in Political Science were spurred by his upbringing in Afghanistan and subsequent escape as refugees. Now settled in Christchurch with his family, Abbas wishes to further his studies and contribute an energetic youth voice to the rebuild of his adopted home. Abbas is heavily involved in the migrant and ethnic communities of Christchurch and hopes to bring this perspective to the decision-making process.



### **Andrew Priest**

Andrew is Chief Executive Officer of Ngai Tahu Farming. He is also an independent director with

current and past appointments at farmer cooperatives based in the Canterbury region.

Prior to this he had his own consulting practice with an emphasis on strategy formulation, performance improvement and organisational alignment across a range of industries encompassing forestry and wood products, fast moving consumer goods, energy, tourism, retail banking, agriculture and high tech.

Before consulting, Andrew worked for a number of New Zealand companies operating in global markets, including a senior position for Carter Holt Harvey based in the United States.

Andrew's community service focuses on surf life saving with the Sumner Club where he is a lifeguard, coach and administrator.



### **Emma Twaddell**

Emma is a recent recipient of the New Zealander of the Year 'Local Hero Award'

and received a Christchurch Hero Award in 2012 in recognition of her work in communities following the Canterbury earthquakes.

She is committed to investing in local networks that keep people confidently connected to the things and people that matter.

She has been an active participant in the community development sector since living in Christchurch – a member of the St Albans Residents Association since 2002, Chairperson since 2010, and is also a member of the CERA Community Forum and a founding member of the Christchurch Federation of Residents Groups.

Emma grew up in Timaru and has lived in Christchurch for 13 years. She is a qualified primary school teacher and has developed Environmental Education Programmes for the Christchurch City Council.

Emma is the co-owner and a director of a local commercial construction company, CanForm Structures Ltd.

She is dynamic, action-orientated, not afraid to challenge authority, and is able to draw a network of fellow local citizens around her and inspire them with passion for their community. She dreams of a future for her children, where people are happy, healthy, educated and safe, living sustainably in vibrant communities.



### **Darren Wright**

Darren is passionate about Canterbury and chairs the CERA Community Forum. He

is a Governance member of the Residential Advisory Service and has previously served as the President of the Mid Canterbury Fire Brigades Association.

Especially involved in his local community of Sumner and Redcliffs, Darren is currently the Chair of the Sumner Community Residents Association and was a member of the Joint Advisory Group alongside the CCC in developing the Sumner Village Master Plan. He was awarded a Community Service Award by the Hagley Ferrymead Community Board in 2013 for services to the Sumner community.

Darren has three children at Sumner school and has spent the last four years as a Trustee on the Sumner School Board of Trustees. He has spent the last ten years serving as a volunteer in the Sumner Volunteer Fire Brigade, currently holding the rank of Station Officer and received a Commission Citation for services during the February 2011 earthquake.





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