

New faces at the Community Trust of Mid and South Canterbury

The Community Trust of Mid and South Canterbury is delighted to welcome its three newest Trustees, Tina Stevenson (Waimate), Tania Reuben (Ashburton) and Nathan Mills (Timaru).

Who are our new Trustees?

Tina Stevenson is an Associate Chartered Accountant and the Corporate Service Group Manager at Waimate District Council. Her Trustee roles include the Waimate District Charitable Foundation, Waimate Fire Brigade Educational Trust and several years of past School Board of Trustee experience. In her spare time, Tina enjoys all things sport and is a keen supporter of Waimate Rugby. She is always looking to plan the next rock concert experience. Tina is married with two adult children, lives in Waimate and is a passionate advocate for the District.

Tania Reuben was raised in Ashburton along with 5 siblings and has worked in the shearing shed industry and freezing works. In 2008 Tania became a whanau caregiver for CYFS adding 6 children into her existing family of 5. In 2009 Tania became a committee member of the Hakatere Marae and Head Ringawera, going on to become a trustee. Tania's interests are music, movies and whanau gatherings.

Nathan co-founded Ashburton-based Genesis Private Equity Ltd in 2015 and since then the business has raised and manages ~ \$36 million. GPE remains the only South Island-based private equity firm which accepts investment from wholesale investors, and invests those funds in New Zealand based small to medium enterprises. Prior to this venture Nathan was a senior commercial banker based in Timaru, operating in the Mid and South Canterbury market with deep networks throughout the wider region. Previously Nathan was an award winning Journalist working for RNZ National. He's currently Chairman of YMCA's Butler Street Trust, is a keen golfer and classic car enthusiast. Nathan lives in Timaru with his partner Lisa and two school-age children.

Who are the other current Trustees?

Tina, Tania and Nathan join seven existing Trustees including Chair David Forman (Timaru), Deputy Chair Alistair Wing (Mayfield), Jan Hide (Peel Forest), Karen Simpson (Tekapo), Lisa Stevenson (Temuka), Jane Argyle-Reed (Ashburton) and Janine Quigley (Timaru). The new appointments bring the

number of Trustees back to ten and ensure that the Trust has appropriate geographic representation as well as the relevant skill set to perform its functions effectively.

Whom are the new Trustees replacing?

In 2018 the Community Trust farewelled three Trustees including Geraldine lawyer Jennifer Strauss who assisted the Trust with decision making, investment and policy development over a period of 7 years. The board also both welcomed and farewelled Sam Callander (Timaru) and Te Hurinui Clarke (Ashburton) who each brought a wealth of expertise and insight to the board when they were appointed in June of 2018. As chance would have it however both Sam and Te Hurinui have since been called from the Trust's funding area by their other professional commitments.

Community Trust Chair David Forman commented "We wish our retiring trustees well and acknowledge their contributions to the Trust. Jennifer, through her legal skills, community knowledge, wisdom and leadership made a significant impact over the past 7 years. Likewise, both Sam and Te Hurinui, even during their short time on the Trust, made valuable and meaningful contributions.

The Board is delighted to welcome our three new trustees. They all bring a broad range of expertise, community involvement and experience and we look forward to the contributions they will make".

The Community Trust of Mid & South Canterbury uses returns from investments to fund its philanthropy. The Trust supports not-for-profit organisations and projects which contribute towards achieving a region of healthy, vibrant and caring communities. To learn more please visit www.comtrust.org.nz

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