

Nelson Marlborough Branch of the Institute of Directors

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

To all members of the Nelson Marlborough Branch of the Institute of Directors in New Zealand (Inc.):

On behalf of the Nelson Marlborough branch committee, it is my pleasure to report on the 2023 year. It has been nice to have a year where we have been able to start meeting together and delivering a programme of in-person events to you, our members.

Our branch's key objectives for 2023 were;

- Deliver at least 10 events in Nelson and five in Blenheim that provide thought leadership, inspiration, governance tools, continuing professional development and networking opportunities; and
- Maintain collaboration with other local organisations that have an interest in or connection to governance networks.

During the course of 2023, we have well achieved this. We delivered 12 face-to-face events in Nelson and 11 face-to-face events in Blenheim. We continued our close collaboration with The Chambers of Commerce in our region. Some of these events were scheduled to be smaller than we traditionally planned for to make sure that our members felt comfortable to attend and that we could ensure we meet all regulatory requirements.

Branch Committee

I wish to acknowledge the work of our branch committee – Stephen Broad-Paul, Pip Jamieson, Tracy Johnson, Euan McIntosh, Venus Guy, Matt Sutherland, Tim Cosgrove, Suzanne Jones, Gordon Shaw, Yolande Tzinavos and newly co-opted member Justin Carter. They have given generously of their time and energy, I greatly appreciate both their support and the time they voluntarily give for our members here in Te Taihū.

Membership

By the time of the Annual Meeting, overall branch membership is projected to be in line with last year's total of 337. We continue to have above average engagement rates for our members attending branch events, training and newsletter readership. Our congratulations to Joe Hanita, Gavin Beattie, Lee Babe and Judene Edgar who have become Chartered Members.

National Office

After the rule changes last year putting in place the IoD national board, it has been a settling in year nation-wide. For those local members who were able to join either our AGM in Christchurch or our conference in Auckland, I know they will have appreciated the scale and input of our national office.

Branch Sponsors

We are extremely grateful for the continued support of our branch sponsors, who are just so important in enabling us to continue to successfully deliver services to our members. We most sincerely thank Duncan Cotterill, Findex, Intepeople, and Ngāti Kuia for the support they provide us, not only financially but with their expertise, passion, spaces and commitment. We also appreciate our national sponsors ASB and Marsh.

Branch Manager

In June we were lucky enough to have Melanie Powick appointed as our new branch manager after our previous branch manager Nelly moved on to a great role with NZ Rugby. Nelly left with our very best wishes, and Melanie has quickly upskilled into the role, and I know that many of you will already have connected with her. Thank you Melanie for all you have done for us in the few past months.

Concluding comments

2023 has been a very solid year for our branch, and it has been an enjoyable year to chair it. I thank you for your support, and IoD thanks you for your membership. We look forward to 2024 and to continuing as Te Taihiti's leading governance thought leadership, support and networking organisation.

Sarah-Jane Weir

Chair, IoD Nelson Marlborough Branch