

2026 Canterbury Branch Committee Nominations

As we have received no new nominations for the branch committee this year, members attending the Branch AGM will be asked to accept the re-appointment of Anna, Hannah and John for a further three-year term, and the election of Jessie and Amanda to the committee.

Anna Bolland

CMIInstD



Anna is a leadership and culture strategist who positively influences and challenges boards, leaders, teams, and individuals. With extensive experience across most industries in both public and private sectors, she works on building the foundation within organisations in both systems and people for growth and impact.

Passionate about human behaviour and the power of neuroscience, Anna brings a fresh perspective to leadership development, team dynamics, culture, wellbeing, strategic direction, and brand. She specialises in unlocking potential in people and businesses alike.

Anna currently holds three governance roles in the not-for-profit and education sectors in South Canterbury and is deeply committed to ongoing development in this space. Giving back to the community is a core value: she is a motivational speaker, mentors young adults, and co-founded a foundation in Papua New Guinea focused on early childhood education in rural areas. Together with her husband, she has owned three businesses.

Anna's main motivation to be a part of the Canterbury IoD committee is to help build awareness in governance and for the IoD, foster connections, add diversity, and keep evolving within the governance journey.

Hannah Doney

MBA, CMIInstD



I'm a governance professional and commercial leader with experience across industry bodies, professional services, retail, sport, and manufacturing. My governance career began more than 15 years ago, following my retirement as a player and appointment as President of the New Zealand Women's Lacrosse Association.

After completing an MBA, being appointed to national-level boards, and being recognised with the Institute of Directors' Emerging Director Award in 2017, my governance career expanded across a broad range of sectors in New Zealand and overseas.

I am currently Chair of the New Zealand Institute of Directors' Canterbury Branch and serve as the branch representative on the Institute of Directors' National Council. I am also Deputy Chair of Harness Racing New Zealand and hold board roles with Swimming New Zealand, the UMF Honey Association, and the Jane Goodall Institute of New Zealand. I also serve on several advisory boards and am a supporter of Chapter Zero.

I bring strong commercial acumen, strategic oversight, and deep marketing expertise to the organisations I serve. I'm a champion for change and transformation, applying a people- and customer-focused lens to help organisations scale and succeed sustainably.

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John Ruge

MInstD



John's career has spanned both the legal and teaching professions, including practising civil litigation in Auckland and Christchurch, and secondary teaching in New Zealand and Germany. He is currently a member of the senior leadership team at St Andrew's College with a diverse portfolio of responsibilities that includes academic and pastoral care for over 450 senior students.

As a director, John has more than 25 years' experience in the not-for-profit, charitable, and education sectors. As well as serving on the Canterbury Branch Committee for the IoD, John is currently the Board Chair of College House, an independent student hall of residence at the University of Canterbury, and a Trustee and Quality Assurance & Risk Chair for Stepping Stone Trust, a community mental health provider in Christchurch and Dunedin.

As a Treaty partner, John actively seeks opportunities to increase his knowledge and understanding of te ao Māori and to incorporate these into his life and work.

Jessie Chan

MNZM, CFInstD



Jessie has an Honours Degree in Animal Science and has worked in a range of primary sector management positions including MAF, Federated Farmers, and Meat and Wool NZ. She also owned and co-managed a dairy farming business in Mid-Canterbury on 420 ha of leased land and is now an equity partner in a dairy farm in Mid-Canterbury.

Jessie is currently a director of AgriZero, NZPork, Nga Puhi Investment Fund and Amua Innovation, and is Independent Chair of Cranley Farms. She has previously served on the boards of Pharmazen, AgResearch, RuralCo, Ngai Tahu Farming, Alpine Energy, Meat the Need and Bioprotection Aotearoa, and was a member of the Fonterra Shareholders Council.

Jessie was awarded a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2022 for services to dairy and agriculture. She also received the Women in Governance Award for Inspiring Governance Leader in 2021, and Dairy Woman of the Year in 2017.

Amanda Ng

MInstD



Amanda is a qualified financial adviser and Director at SFS Private Wealth, with over a decade of experience in the financial services industry. She is known for integrating her strong governance expertise with a values-driven approach to investing. Her work with clients is grounded in structured giving, long-term legacy planning, and creating meaningful intergenerational impact.

Amanda was a recipient of the Institute of Directors Emerging Director Award 2025 and recognised in the 40 under 40 Asians in Business New Zealand list for her leadership in strengthening the resilience and inclusivity of New Zealand's business ecosystem. She is currently on the board of Oxford Charity Health Limited, a board intern of Canterbury Scientific and the Institute of Directors (IoD) Canterbury branch committee as well as on the IoD Young Directors Steering Group.

Through her work she has seen firsthand how inclusive leadership has positively impacted long-term outcomes for businesses, families, and communities. She is passionate about supporting emerging and diverse leaders to step into governance, and is excited to contribute to initiatives that foster best practice principles, mentorship, and meaningful connection across the director community.