

Taranaki Branch of the Institute of Directors

2021 Chair's Report

Tēnā koutou. It's my pleasure, as the Branch Chair, to bring to you the 2021 Annual Report of the Taranaki Branch of the Institute of Directors, a year in which we continued to face the ongoing impact of covid19. This brought with it many challenges but also some great opportunities and achievements for our branch.

Membership

It has been another strong year for the branch. We welcomed 31 new members into the branch and our membership at the end of 2021 stood at 191 (187 at end of 2020), a big increase since the start of the branch in May 2012 when we had 84 members. Overall the Institute of Directors celebrated passing over 10,000 members nationally, with membership at 10,260 for the year.

Branch Events

In 2021 the branch ran 12 events, 8 of these were face to face and monthly informal catch ups. These events offered members a mix of local access to speakers from outside of the region, as well as a forum to discuss issues of local interest.

Our committee members facilitated events featuring diverse speakers and topics including:

- Kirsty Godfrey-Billy Xero CEO, Leading with Emotional Intelligence, facilitated by Brent Hulbert
- Tim Jones, Purposeful Companies and Purposeful Boards, facilitated by Adam Harris
- Dr. Rod Carr from the Climate Commission to the region and held three events in conjunction, facilitated by Joanna Breare
- My journey to directorship - A fireside chat with Kathy Meads, facilitated by Sam Tyson

Other highlights were: the creation of hybrid events which allowed us to access national speakers but celebrate our unique Taranaki connections and facilitate our own local discussions; the creation of a Taranaki Chairs Forum; and a farewell lunch with our Chartered Members for Nigel Barbour;

A big thank you to all of you who support our branch events through your attendance and by bringing clients, colleagues and other guests. As always we are interested in your feedback on guest speakers and topics of interest.

Finances

Our branch finances continue to track ahead of budget expectations and copies of financials are available on request. We are grateful to Brent Hulbert for his contribution to overseeing our finances.

Sponsors

I would like to sincerely thank all our sponsors for their ongoing support. Our national sponsors ASB and Marsh; and our local branch sponsors, PwC and also Auld Brewer Mazengarb & McEwen. Without their ongoing support the branch would be the poorer, and not just financially. They enrich the value

of the local branch in many other ways through the supply of speakers, use of premises, attendance and provision of opportunities.

Branch Committee

I extend my personal thanks to the 2021 Committee; Tim Barrett, Joanna Breare, Rob Facer, Adam Harris, Brent Hulbert, Sam Tyson, Emma Bennett, Arun Chaudhari. We are very grateful for their continued hard work, support and creativity which made this year's programme such a big success despite the challenges the year held for us all.

We are always keen to talk to people interested in serving on the committee; especially as we farewell Tim Barrett this year. Thank you Tim for your significant contribution and very much appreciated.

Looking Ahead to 2022

IoD Restructure

As the next part of the restructuring process, the IoD is currently advertising for the new IoD Board vacancies. There are up to 7 positions available and they are undertaking a targeted search of the membership, identifying any potential members who might meet the criteria and skill/experience requirements for the roles.

As we enter 2022, the IOD Governance Leadership Centre has identified five areas that should be top of mind for directors – Climate Crossroads, Reconnecting Globally, Talent Migration, Board Character, Active Regulators.

And our 2022 programme is already off to a great start – so make sure you watch out for the local newsletters to keep you informed.

We are a professional organisation that operates on the enthusiasm and passion our members have for good governance, we invite you to share the 2022 journey with us; and invite others; be they directors, aspiring directors or even just thinking about it; to come and engage with us to add to the diversity and reach of our branch.

So thank you, members, for your attendance, input and engagement. New Zealand business needs good leadership and governance.

Craig Hattle

Chair

Taranaki Branch IoD

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