

Taranaki Branch of the Institute of Directors

2024 Chair's Report

Tēnā koutou. It's my pleasure, as the Branch Chair, to bring to you the 2024 Annual Report of the Taranaki Branch of the Institute of Directors.

Membership

It has been another strong year for the branch. We welcomed 39 new members into the branch (29 in 2023) and our membership at the end of 2024 stood at 176 (slightly lower than the total of 191 at end of 2023), a big increase since the start of the branch in May 2012 when we had 84 members.

Branch Events

In 2024 the branch ran 18 events including our monthly informal coffee catch ups which we began hosting with branch committee members. These events offered members a mix of local access to speakers from outside the region and a forum to discuss issues of local interest.

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

- Building your governance capability roundtable
- Breaking barriers as women in governance
- Matchmaking for Non-for-Profits

Other highlights were awarding the Emerging Directors award to Sarah Mako with board sponsorship from Venture Taranaki and awarding Pauline Lockett as a Distinguished Fellow.

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.

Sponsors

I would like to sincerely thank all our sponsors for their ongoing support. Our national sponsors ASB and event sponsor 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 2024 Committee; Joanna Breare, Rob Facer, Adam Harris, , Arun Chaudhari, Jesse Waite, Guy Roper, Hayden Wano, Peter van Dyk, Craig Marriot, Justin Petersen, and Allen Mazengarb. 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 Joanna Breare and Peter van Dyk this year. Thank you both for your significant contribution it has been very much appreciated.

Looking Ahead to 2025

As we enter 2025, the IOD Governance Leadership Centre has identified five areas that should be top of mind for directors: return on capital, governance reform, climate as a competitive edge, quantum leaps ahead, the high performing chari.

And our 2025 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 2054 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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