

Taranaki Branch of the Institute of Directors

2020 Chair's Report

Tēnā koutou. It's my pleasure, as the Branch Chair, to bring to you the 2020 Annual Report of the Taranaki Branch of the Institute of Directors, a year in which we, like all other businesses and organisations worldwide, faced the sudden, unexpected 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 2020 stood at 186 (179 at end of 2019), a big increase since the start of the branch in May 2012 when we had 84 members. Our congratulations to Anita Scott and Brian Ropitini who were recognised as Chartered Members this year and to Bev Gibson who was recognised as a Chartered Fellow and we are delighted to present this at the 2020 AGM.

Branch Events

In 2020 the branch ran 15 events, 8 of these were online. 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.

The Taranaki Committee initiated the very successful virtual coffee cart series of events in April and May to create an ongoing leadership conversation amongst our members and community leaders. 273 attended this series of complementary events (6 events)

Another highlight was our annual dinner in November. We were delighted to be able to come together for this event and had a full house who enjoyed listening to guest speaker to Rob Campbell. Rob reflected on his learnings as a director over 2020 and his resolutions and priorities for 2021. He also called on directors to be leaders in social and economic change.

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 who came on board as a new branch sponsor in 2020. 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 2020 Committee; Tim Barrett, Joanna Breare, Rob Facer, Adam Harris, Kaleb Heberley, Brent Hulbert, Murray Seamark, Ruth Smithers and Sam Tyson. 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 Kaleb Heberley in 2020 and will farewell Murray Seamark and Ruth Smithers. They depart knowing that their contribution has been significant; and very much appreciated.

Our success as a branch depends on continuing to find fresh people and ideas to move us forward. If you have not already sought nomination please chat with me or any of the committee; we would love to welcome you.

Looking Ahead to 2021

IOD Constitutional Review

The IoD Council is reviewing its governance arrangements, rules and standards to ensure they are fit for purpose now and for the future. Having grown from an organisation with a few hundred members to an organisation with many thousands of members, it is incumbent on us to ensure that the way we operate – and are governed- delivers the best value for members it can.

As we enter 2021, the IOD Governance Leadership Centre has identified five areas that should be top of mind for directors – Revival: rethink and redesign; Climate urgency; Adaptive boards; Prioritising people; Cyber resilience.

And our 2021 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 2021 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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