

Board Newsletter

Napier Kindergarten Association

March 2019

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From The President

This year we have six board members whose terms are ending. We're pleased to say that three are standing for another two year term on our Board and another 1 new nominee is standing for the first time.

The nominees are:

- Jessica Uri (re standing)
- Rob Barzey (re standing)
- Ingrid Squire (re standing)
- Cameron Ormsby

Each nominee has provided information regarding their interest in a position on the Board (see over page).

The nominees will be introduced to our Members at our AGM, prior to voting. Members will have the opportunity to ask them any questions they might have regarding their standing for a Board position.

Voting

Although we have fewer members standing for election than positions available, we are still required to conduct a vote for each nominee.

Who can vote

A voting member is any person present at the AGM who is:

- A parent, guardian or parental caregiver of a child either attending kindergarten or on the waiting list to attend kindergarten (unless that person is an Association employee)
- A Board Member
- A Life Member

Constitutional Remit

Members at our AGM on the 3rd April 2019 will be asked to vote on the following:

Motion:

That the Napier Free Kindergarten Association Incorporated's Constitution be rescinded and replaced with the draft Constitution presented to members at the AGM of 3 April 2019, with effect from the 30 June 2019.

Jessica Uri
President



Role of Our Board

Napier Kindergartens' Board is responsible for the governance of the Association and its role includes:

- Development of the Association's Strategic Plan
- Employment of the General Manager
- Monitoring of strategic outcomes
- Management of risk
- Monitoring of legal compliance
- Setting policies

Association AGM

Our Association AGM is being held at:

Pirimai Kindergarten,
17 Allen Berry Ave, Pirimai

Wednesday 3 April 2019
7pm

AGM Agenda

An AGM agenda will be distributed to kindergartens prior to the meeting.

Quorum

We need a minimum of 20 Members to attend the meeting (that is parent, Board and Life members)



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Board Nominees:



Jessica Uri (President)

I am seeking re-election; I have been on the Board since November 2010 and President since 2013. Our children attended Mary Richmond Kindergarten over a 13 year period and we are now caregiver for additional children attending Bette Christie Kindergarten.

I am a staunch advocate of kindergarten and education. I have attended a number of National conferences to learn more about the wider issues affecting early childhood education. I completed my degree in Education while our older children were young, and in 2018 I graduated with a grad-dip in Primary teaching, however teaching has been put on hold following the surprise arrival of baby Kate.

In 2015 I participated in a New Zealand kindergartens national forum group which was set up to consider aspects of education for children with special needs and provide feedback and recommendations to the Ministry of Education. I have been a member of our Appointments and Staffing Committees for the past 7 years and have a thorough understanding of the functions of these committees. I have attended kindergarten community meetings, kindergarten AGM's and special kindergarten events.

I am extremely passionate about kindergarten being available to as many tamariki as possible and look forward to supporting the association in the future.



Ingrid Squire

I am seeking re-election as a Member of the Board of the Napier Kindergarten Association for a third and final term.

I was appointed as a Board Member in April 2015. I have greatly enjoyed the role. I believe that I bring practical and pragmatic solutions to the Board, which complements the skill sets of other Board Members.

In the event that I am reappointed, I look forward to continuing to address the challenges which NKA currently faces, and assisting in making the difficult decisions which need to be made to ensure longevity and maintaining the commitment to educating children that NKA stands for.

On a personal level I have two children who attended Kindergarten and I am a Partner in a Hastings law firm.

Since my children began at kindergarten, and since I joined the board, I have developed an understanding of why our kindergartens excel and what we offer above other Early Childhood Education providers.

Our 100% fully trained, committed and passionate teachers, well resourced kindergartens, and the broad educational and managerial support team means that attending children get the best educational start around.

As a Board member I look forward to supporting our Association to thrive as we look to the future.

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Rob Barzey

Rob is seeking reelection as a Board member of Napier Kindergarten Association (NKA) for a final 2 year term. Rob has been a Board member since May 2014. Rob's son previously attended Onekawa Kindergarten. Rob and his wife operate a design, marketing and printing business. He was impressed by the commitment of the Board at our 2014 AGM and became interested in learning more about the Association and being a member of the Board. He has since then attended a number of kindergarten AGM's, national conferences and kindergarten community meetings. He has a strong interest in ensuring we understand, capture and articulate well what it is that parents perceive sets kindergarten apart from other providers.



Cameron Ormsby

Ko Pirnogia tōku Maunga
Po Puniu tōku Awa
Ko Kawhia tōku Moana,
Ko Ngāti Maniapoto tōku Iwi
Ko Ngāti Te Wehi tōku Hapū
Ko Rakaunui tōku Marae
Ko Cameron Ormsby tōku Ingoa.

Kia ora koutou,

My name is Cameron Ormsby, and I'm of Ngāti Maniapoto descent. I was brought up in Auckland but now live in the Hawkes Bay after meeting my partner Hinewai when studying a Bachelor of Science at Otago University, and have since continued Post Graduate studies in Environmental Health, Public Health, and also in Environmental Science. We moved to Hawkes Bay in 2012 to raise a family of which we now have two children, Kaea (6) and Kipa (4). Both have attended Greenmeadows Kindergarten, and Kipa our youngest still does.

My work and professional experience has been 13 years working in the Environmental and Public Health fields where compliance, quality assurance, and finding practical solutions to often complex problems are key focuses of my work. I currently work for the Hawkes Bay DHB as a Health Protection Officer while also operating my own environmental consultancy business specialising in Aquaculture, and Food Safety.

My motivation for joining the board is to contribute to the continued success of the Kindergarten Association, and to ensure that this carries on sustainably into the future. I believe I would bring a unique insight to the Kindergarten Association Board, and in particular around the areas of compliance and quality assurance.

The key principle guiding me is ensuring decision making is informed and evidenced based with the educational development of our children being the goal.

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