



REGENERATE CHRISTCHURCH BOARD BACKGROUND

The organisation established to lead regeneration activities across Greater Christchurch, Regenerate Christchurch, today announced the make-up of the Board of Directors that will help guide its development and focus on the future of the city.

The new Regenerate Christchurch Board includes Ross Butler, Chair of Ōtākaro Limited, the new Crown company that has responsibility for the key anchor projects and precincts in the city, and Bill Dwyer, Chair of Development Christchurch, the Council's development organisation.

“Our three organisations are working very closely together. Having Ross and Bill on the Regenerate Christchurch Board underscores our commitment to acting in partnership, together with local people,” says Regenerate Christchurch Chair André Lovatt.

Other Board appointees, announced today, include Jen Crawford, Manaia Cunningham, Richard Holden and Humphry Rolleston.

Humphry Rolleston has served as a director of a number of private, public and state-owned enterprises, operating throughout New Zealand. The founder of Asset Management Limited, which invests in small local businesses operating in the tourism, manufacturing, security and technology sectors, Mr Rolleston says he is looking forward to being able to participate in the decisions that will attract new people to invest, work and live in the city.

Christchurch local, Richard Holden, has a financial services background and has served on the Board of the Lotteries Commission and as chair of Milestone Joint Venture Partnership. Mr Holden has been extensively involved in local sports administration in rugby union and masters rowing.

“I am excited about my role on the Board because I see Regenerate Christchurch as a unifying force in continuing to make our city the most desirable in the world in which to live,” says Richard Holden.

Resource management and environmental lawyer Jen Crawford is a partner in the Christchurch office of national law firm Anderson Lloyd. She says it is a privilege to be able to play a role in helping to shape the future of Christchurch.

“But to do this, we must first pause and listen, so that we understand what drives our communities,” says Jen Crawford. “What excites me the most is the potential for people to come together, face each other openly, and define what they want. Success will ultimately be measured by what our children and their children think of our actions today.”

Jen Crawford is the current Chair of the Arts Centre of Christchurch Trust Board and a member of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga.

Manaia Cunningham is a qualified teacher who currently works for Te Rūnanga o Koukourārata. Mr Cunningham says he sees the Board as having a genuine opportunity to celebrate the past and look forward to the future.

“I also appreciate perspectives that young people can bring to policy,” says Manaia Cunningham. “We can use both of those elements to lay a solid foundation for an exciting city.”

Regenerate Christchurch will be formally established on Tuesday 19 April.

About Regenerate Christchurch

Regenerate Christchurch is a wholly new entity, established to lead regeneration activities across Greater Christchurch. The focus of the organisation will be on working with the community, including a host of local groups, businesses and iwi, in partnership with the Crown and Council to stimulate regeneration in key areas. Regenerate Christchurch is established and governed by legislation through the Greater Christchurch Regeneration Act.

