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Profiles of those nominated for the Executive Committee

For Chairperson: Brendan Kelly



I am co-owner of Quest Highbrook, a hotel apartment franchise business in the Crossings precinct of Highbrook, providing accommodation services to businesses in the Highbrook area. We employ 19 people and opened our business in 2013. I returned to New Zealand after a 30-year Overseas Experience trip, most of which was with DHL in Europe, where I was a regional operations director and global sales director.

I used GETBA resources to develop and promote my business when we opened, and I have used them for networking and education/training for myself and staff in the time I have been operating in East Tamaki. As an SME employer Business East Tamaki delivers real value to my business.

I think we have a great resource in our Business Association, probably "best in class" from what I have observed. I was elected to serve on the committee in 2017 and appointed to the position of Chair replacing retiring Chair Richard Poole in February 2019. I am happy to again commit my time and support to such a worthwhile organisation contributing to our shared local business environment

For Secretary: Henry Jansen



I am a lawyer, Partner and Notary with Wynyard Wood. I joined the firm at their East Tamaki office in 1992 and very soon after that began the work of co-founding GETBA which was incorporated in 1994.

Wynyard Wood moved to new premises in Highbrook in 2013 so I am very familiar with the East Tamaki/Highbrook area. I am proud to have been a part of the development that has taken place in this area and enjoy my work with Business East Tamaki. Over the years I have met many of our members through my work with the executive committee.

Successful businesses provide a vital foundation for cohesive, vibrant communities. I believe Business East Tamaki contributes to the growth and development of both.

Wynyard Wood has been and continues to be an active sponsor of Business East Tamaki.

For Treasurer: Lisa Murphy



I am the Tax Partner at RSM New Zealand, with more than 30 years' tax experience assisting both domestic clients and multinational organisations. RSM New Zealand is a member firm of the global international audit, tax and consulting group RSM International, located in 120 countries globally. I joined RSM New Zealand in 2017 and have been based at the Highbrook office throughout this time. We have a team of 65 people (including 10 partners) at Highbrook, and 150 people in three offices across Auckland.

On a personal front, I am somewhat of a local, living in Beachlands for 23 years where my husband runs an electrical business, and we have both been involved in supporting the local community. I held the role of treasurer at the local touch rugby club for 9 years. I am currently also treasurer of the Counties Manukau Touch Association.

I am keen to be more involved in Business East Tamaki and contribute to its success. I have many clients and friends who operate businesses in East Tamaki, and I believe Business East Tamaki is a vital part of ensuring our business community is well represented in the areas of crime reduction, local infrastructure and advocacy. The pandemic has proved difficult for many, and I want to be part of that support network and help deal with issues that the business community is facing.

For Committee members:

Nick Biland



I am Managing Director of Plummer Compressors Ltd. We specialise in energy efficient solutions and ongoing maintenance services for industrial users of compressed air, Nitrogen and vacuum systems. We currently have a staff of 12 and have been in business since 1995, with our base here in East Tamaki since 2001.

Having lived in the area for over 20 years and worked in East Tamaki for the lion's share of that, I do feel a close affinity to the area and I am very keen to contribute in some way to the prosperity and well-being of the place I call home.

I have been on the Business East Tamaki committee since 2017 and have a good network within the local business community. I feel that my strong local connections will be a sound conduit through which important local issues can be raised and addressed, so it would be my pleasure to continue to contribute on the Business East Tamaki committee into the future.

Andrew Turner



I am Managing Director of Nautech Electronics Ltd, world leaders in the design, development and manufacture of electronic products and solutions for over 30 years. My background is electronic engineering and I have a passion for robotics and automation.

Nautech has been based in East Tamaki for 24 years and has been an active Business East Tamaki member for many years. Having worked with NZ Police for over 20 years, we have supported Business East Tamaki in their crime prevention efforts by providing ANPR camera systems and automated reporting to Police. I feel Business East Tamaki plays a critical role in the future development of the Greater East Tamaki area by bringing companies together and supporting local businesses.

I was elected to the Committee in 2019 and am happy to put myself forward for the coming year.

Personally, I am hard working and dedicated to continual growth, improvement and innovation in all areas of our business. I enjoy working with others to achieve common goals and feel I can contribute to Business East Tamaki in a positive way.

Tim Bull



I am a Commercial & Industrial Broker for Bayleys Manukau with a strong focus on East Tamaki.

Connecting with East Tamaki business leaders and property owners is at the core of my day-to-day business. Through my role, I've had the privilege to be able to work with a wide range of clients, from small industrial start-ups to some of New Zealand's largest businesses and landlords. As well as local businesses, I have also had the opportunity to work with a range of local and central governments.

East Tamaki is New Zealand's largest industrial precinct and I have spent the majority of the last 7 years working in the area leaving me with a strong appreciation and association with the local community.

Passionate about East Tamaki, I am excited by the opportunity to contribute back to the local businesses, property owners and community that have supported my career so far.

Alan Lun



I am the founder and director of Mega Food Services, a foodservice distribution company that has supplied local restaurants for over 20 years.

We have been owner-operated in the Highbrook business area since 2004 and now employ 80+ staff members. Over this time, it's been a pleasure to build lasting relationships with other like-minded business owners in the region and so I am passionate about preserving and improving the wellbeing of all inhabitants of the Greater East Tamaki.

In saying that, I firmly believe in the importance of improving infrastructure and fostering local discourse as a means of prosperity for our community. I believe that Business East Tamaki provides an effective platform for these tenets through forums, networking events and security initiatives that improve the daily lives of the people here.

It would be privilege to work with Business East Tamaki as a committee member so I can be a part of a successful environment and make meaningful differences to those around me.

Cozy Tsui



Ever since I was granted a Master of Town Planning degree from University of Auckland, I have been passionate about extending the role of planners, working cooperatively with Engineers and Surveyors to achieve good environmental outcomes. I had worked on various planning positions for the Auckland Council between 2006 to 2015. This period included two years that I worked as a Strategic Planning Advisor for NZTA Auckland. I am a full member of the New Zealand Planning Institute.

In 2016, I started my own business - Topland (New Zealand) Ltd from home when I took on a job from a client on the Auckland Ritz Carlton Hotel project. As the business grew rapidly in 2017, I built up a team of 4 and moved to an office floor within Botany Town Centre. At the end of 2018, Topland purchased a 500m² Grade A office floor in Ormiston, East Tamaki and established Topland Professional Hub, which contains 4 surveyors, 3 engineers, 2 Architectural Designers, 6 Planners, and 3 Management staff. We have been involved in hundreds of projects ranging from residential development to commercial resource consent, covering the whole Tamaki Makaurau.

As the NZ population continues growing, the challenges from climate change, housing, commuting and transportation, are unquestionable. It's awesome that Business East Tamaki provides a well-established platform for all businesses owners and property investors/owners in East Tamaki, to think about our future environment on the same page, and to work collaboratively for a better community, while we're developing our businesses successfully. I am very keen to be part of this community and hope to make a valuable contribution.

Lucy Hall



Kia ora, I am the General Manager of Health Improvement Group which is the owner operator of Highbrook Medical GP clinic.

I have been in this role since 2019, after having been a practising physiotherapist that transitioned in management roles supporting the primary and community healthcare sector within Counties Manukau District Health Board (as it was known in that time) for over 20 years. In addition to healthcare roles, my husband and I are well versed in both the opportunities as well as the challenges, in having been SME business owners in the neighbouring Alfriston area for over 10 years, where we learnt the importance of “support local”.

The planning towards opening a medical centre in a commercial area commenced in 2018 but due to Covid we finally opened the doors in September 2021. As newcomers to the Highbrook business community, we have been struck by the significant amount of local company engagement and support which has instrumental in building up our ‘green fields’ start up business in the area. We have had huge support from the Business in East Tamaki Team in terms of connecting us to the East Tamaki business network. This exposure has allowed us to truly co-design our health services to meet the needs of the people who work in this area; our acute walk-in clinic being a key example of a service that has been developed based on feedback from employers in the area.

With my health background, I believe I can add value to the committee by bringing my experience and connections from regional and national health networks to build an increasing awareness of and tangible actions towards enabling the East Tamaki business community to have a strong and resilient workforce, thus allowing businesses to thrive. It would be an amazing opportunity to work with the Business in East Tamaki committee and give back to the business community that has been influential in supporting a new business owner to establish a footprint and grow.