



**Media Release:**

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**CCHL Announces Appointment of Associate Directors**

Christchurch City Holdings Limited (CCHL), the investment arm of Christchurch City Council, is launching an Associate Director Programme to enhance the governance capability of senior leaders who are embarking on a governance career. The Programme offers emerging directors the opportunity to accelerate their boardroom experience with participants assigned as an Associate Director, for a 12-month duration, on a board in the CCHL group of companies. This inaugural group consists of five appointments.

The following candidates have been appointed and will take up their roles in October / November after the Annual General Meetings of the companies:

**Melissa Davies:** (appointed to Lyttelton Port Company) *Melissa is currently a Director on the Canterbury A&P Association and also on Push Digital. She has been a Senior Manager in the private and public sectors. She is the Principal Consultant and Director of SilverDelta specialising in high impact growth or change to improve business performance - in large banks, law firms, local government, tourism etc. She was previously the General Manager – Business & Investment at Grow Wellington.*

**Ben Reed:** (Appointed Eco Central Ltd) *Ben is General Manager for CWF Hamilton & Co (Hamilton Jet). He leads all operations from the company base in Christchurch and has responsibility for 3 regional offices in Singapore, London and Seattle. He has worked extensively in UK, NZ and USA. He is a Chartered Mechanical Engineer and a Fellow of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers.*

**Leighton Evans:** (Appointed to CCHL) *Leighton is currently the CEO of the Rata Foundation. Prior to this he was CEO of the Eastland Community Trust in Gisborne. Both are large regional multi-million dollar community trusts. Earlier career experience was Gisborne Area Manager of Quality Roading Services, and the Water Asset Manager and Engineer for Gisborne District Council.*

**Mike Killick:** (Appointed City Care Ltd) *Mike has a broad and proven general management experience spanning the business sectors of manufacturing, food and beverage, exporting, asset management and sports governance. He was a Director and founder of OpEx Management and was a Director / co-owner of Deep South Ice Cream Ltd. Mike is currently a Canterbury Branch Committee Member of Export NZ and the Institute of Directors, is an Executive Committee Member of NZ Football and is leading the Coalitions Programme in the South Island for NZ Trade & Enterprise.*

**Patrice Feary:** (Appointed to Christchurch International Airport Ltd) *Patrice has worked in senior roles in strategy, marketing, business development, and managed commercial teams with some of the world's biggest brands including Coke, Fifa, and Tesco. On returning to New Zealand, Patrice was a founding partner of Estute, a strategy consulting business. Estute was acquired by KPMG and Patrice now has her own company, Feary Futures Limited, which focuses on consumer and market led growth strategy in the Agri-food and beverage sector. Patrice is also a Partner on the Springboard Trust.*

For more information on the programme and the application process, visit <https://www.cchl.co.nz/associate-director-programme>

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**About CCHL:**

Christchurch City Holdings Limited is the 100% owned infrastructure investment arm of Christchurch City Council. It is the majority shareholder of Orion Group, Christchurch International Airport Limited, Lyttelton Port Company Limited, Enable Services Limited, Red Bus Limited, City Care Limited, Eco Central Limited and Development Christchurch Limited.