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CCHL launches associate director programme

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 CCHL Associate Director 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.

The programme supports CCHL's commitment to the future growth of Christchurch, through a concerted effort to developing governance capability in the region.

CCHL Board Chair Jeremy Smith believes that the initiative will develop into a flagship programme for CCHL by fostering a community of emerging directors with a diverse set of relevant skills and experiences.

"The Associate Director Programme has a very clear focus on equipping participants with the all-round knowledge and skills to develop a career in governance. Targeted at leaders from varying backgrounds and sectors, this will be a unique and immersive experience for participants who are selected to join the programme, and who will benefit from advice and insights from some of the region's most successful business people," Mr Smith said.

The programme has been specifically developed for emerging directors. Participants require current experience as a Chief Executive or General Manager reporting to, or interacting with, a commercial board of directors. Or alternatively, high performing functional or technical specialists.

Throughout the programme duration, CCHL will also facilitate ongoing mentoring, with participants assigned a mentor from a board within the CCHL Group. Opportunities for professional development and social networking will also be coordinated.

"I am very excited about the future potential of the programme to develop governance capability in our region. Even more importantly is the opportunity to enhance the connectiveness between emerging directors and existing directors – creating a community of practice where both parties benefit from collective learning," added Mr Smith.

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

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Any further media enquiry should be directed to info@cchl.co.nz

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.