

Media release

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Christchurch City Holdings announces eight successful director internships

Christchurch City Holdings (CCHL) is pleased to announce eight successful recipients of their inaugural director internships.

“We had an overwhelming response when seeking applicants. The selection was made more difficult as the calibre of all 170 candidates was outstanding”, said Bruce Irvine, chair of CCHL.

“The recipients are at a stage in their careers where they are looking to enter director roles and are motivated to further their business experience. This is an opportunity for them to gain an insight into good governance practice and learn about the dynamics of sitting on a board”, said Mr Irvine.

“We have a group of significant companies with highly performing commercial boards so we believe this scheme will offer worthwhile experience to those who have been selected”, said Mr Irvine.

The following have received director internships with CCHL subsidiary companies.

Elizabeth Kirby has been awarded a director internship with Christchurch International Airport.

Elizabeth is currently a Microsoft NZ Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) business manager whose role is to assist Microsoft partners to grow their businesses. She has previously been the South Island Regional Manager for Microsoft where she has worked since 1995. She has a BCom from the University of Otago and has had experience working in London for Solomon Brothers and Credit Suisse.

Gabrielle Wall has been awarded a director internship with City Care. Gabrielle is a director of D&G Consulting Ltd which is involved in providing services to the education sector. This includes the development of training materials for school boards of trustees and the provision of guides for the Ministry of Education on the relationship between property design and student learning outcomes. She also has residential and rural property investments and is currently co-managing development of a lifestyle subdivision. Gabrielle has a PhD in Psychology from University of Canterbury. She has also lectured at the University of Canterbury and Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology (CPIT).

Jane George has been awarded a director internship with Enable Services. Jane is a Project Director for Beca where she has held a number of roles since 2006. She has an MBA from Cranfield School of Management in the UK and has had overseas experience with a number of consulting firms.

Claire Evans has been awarded a director internship with Lyttelton Port Company. Claire is a Senior Associate at Lane Neave specialising in Corporate law, Mergers, Acquisitions and Securities. She has a BA (Hons) and LLB(Hons) from the University of Canterbury. She has had previous work experience in legal firms in Christchurch, London and Sydney.

Donna Frew has been awarded a director internship with Orion New Zealand. Donna is currently the Director of Sales and Marketing for Pay Global Ltd where she has held a variety of positions since 2005. She has a BCom and LLB from the University of Canterbury and is strong on market intelligence and communications.

Leah Scales has been awarded a director internship with Red Bus. Leah is currently a part time CFO of CropLogic Ltd and was previously the interim COO of Powerhouse Ventures. Before going on maternity leave she was head of Corporate Services for PayGlobal Limited. An accountant by training she has had wide ranging experience at a management level in HR, IT, finance and legal. She has a BCom from the University of Otago.

Shannon Goldsmith and Jonathan Lyttle have received director internships with the parent board of CCHL. Shannon has worked for Ngai Tahu Property since 2004. Shannon is of Ngai Tahu and Ngati Kahungunu descent. He has two BCom degrees, one in property management and valuation from Lincoln University and another in Marketing and Management from the University of Otago. He is currently studying for an MBA at the University of Canterbury.

Jonathan is currently General Manager of Colliers International in Christchurch and is a director of two modest commercial investment entities and trustee of the Sovereign Community Trust. He has previously worked for Michael Hill International and completed their management and business development programme. He has received a number of training awards from Colliers and Michael Hill International.

“Congratulations to the successful director interns and to CCHL for encouraging the development of an emerging group of future directors in Canterbury. Providing an opportunity to work alongside an experienced board is a great initiative”, said Janice Fredric, chair of the Institute of Directors, Canterbury Branch.

The successful candidates will take up their 12 month appointments from July. They will be provided mentoring through one of the directors of each company. CCHL will also cover the costs for the intern to attend an Institute of Directors (IoD) course.

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