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Christchurch City Holdings announces 12 new director internships

To help with building capacity around the next generation of directors and to drive diversity around the board table Christchurch City Holdings (CCHL) is pleased to announce 12 successful recipients of their director internships.

These aspiring directors will have the opportunity to work alongside the boards of established companies and learn from experienced directors how successful boards work.

“We had an overwhelming response when seeking intern applicants. The selection was made more difficult as the calibre of over 150 applicants was outstanding”, said Bill Dwyer, director of CCHL.

“The recipients are from a diverse range of ethnic backgrounds, professions and skill sets. Being an intern director 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 Dwyer.

“We have a good group of CCHL owned companies together with some other associated entities with highly performing commercial boards who stepped up to be part of this and I believe this scheme will offer worthwhile experience to those who have been selected and contribute to diversity around the board table”, said Mr Dwyer.

The interns will be provided mentoring and a study scholarship to do an Institute of Directors course during the term of the internship. The appointment is for a term of 18 months commencing mid 2016.

The following have received director internships with seven CCHL subsidiary companies, Canterbury Development Corporation, Regenerate Christchurch and Christchurch Arts Centre.

Karen Cameron (Lyttelton Port Company), Matt Cameron (Orion), Sina Cotter-Tait (EcoCentral), Analisa Elstob (Enable), Ben Hayward (Christchurch City Holdings), Rebecca Hopkins (Christchurch City Holdings), Melanie Lynn (Red Bus), Laura Meriluoto (Canterbury Development Corporation), Kate Morrison (Christchurch International Airport), Andrew Nicol (Christchurch Arts Centre), Matt Russell (Development Christchurch) and Hilary Walton (Regenerate Christchurch).

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Laura Meriluoto, Sina Cotter-Tait, Karen Cameron, Analisa Elstob, Matt Russell, Melanie Lynn, Hilary Walton, Bill Dwyer (Director CCHL), Bruce Irvine (Chair CCHL), Kate Morrison, Bob Lineham (Chief Executive, CCHL), Andrew Nicol, Matt Cameron, Rebecca Hopkins and Ben Hayward.

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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 New Zealand Limited, Christchurch International Airport Limited, Lyttelton Port Company Limited, Enable Services Limited, City Care Limited, Red Bus Limited, EcoCentral Limited and Development Christchurch Limited.

