

Vacancy Board Member

Kidney Health New Zealand (KHNZ) is a non-governmental nation-wide incorporated charity (CC11348). KHNZ has been representing and supporting people with kidney disease since 1979.

KHNZ has six employees, and turnover of about \$450,000 per annum, funded through grants, donations and bequests, as well as investment income. The national office is in Christchurch, with our National Education Manager and Medical Advisor based in Auckland.

In 2018 we adopted a new, modernised constitution which involves Board members serving a maximum of eight years on the Board. KHNZ is seeking applications for up to two Board members to bring the governance Board to its maximum number of seven members. Board members are appointed for a term of 4 years but may serve for another term of 4 years.

Over the past 18-months KHNZ has undertaken some significant transitional changes to build a stronger future focused organisation offering an array of services to support patients and frontline kidney services throughout New Zealand. With a new management team and refreshed strategy underway, we have embarked on an ambitious journey to:

- expand our screening roadshows, patient education and support programmes,
- advocate for increased kidney donation and transplantation,
- fund research to reduce inequities in access to kidney health support & dialysis, and
- increase facilities for home dialysis – which were the original purposes when we started in 1979.

We want to make this shift while recognising and respecting the critical role that 22 local kidney support groups play in the community up and down New Zealand.

Our ambition to offer new national services for renal patients and their families will see KHNZ grow, but in doing so we have to manage the tricky balance of creating new funding sources while demonstrating to funders the impact of current and new services.

We are looking for two new Board members to help us take KHNZ to the next level. While we are looking for anyone who wants to make a difference for kidney patients, at this stage we are particularly looking for Board members with one or more of the following areas of expertise:

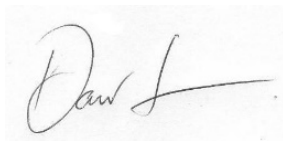
- Strong accounting and/or financial acumen.
- Medical (particularly with a background in nephrology or general practice).
- Legal (particularly as the law relates to incorporated societies, trusts and charities).
- Experience delivering health and wellbeing initiatives that benefit Maori or Pasifika and/or knowledge of public sector health policy is highly sought after.

Experience in governance as a Board member, or lived experience with kidney disease, would be advantageous, but is not necessary.

The KHNZ Board usually meets face-to-face 3-4 times a year (either Wellington or Christchurch) with 2-3 video conferences in between. Board members are not remunerated, although out of pocket costs are reimbursed.

If you are interested in helping us help others, please contact David Shearer, Chair, Kidney Health New Zealand by emailing your CV and your reasons for your interest in the role to dave.shearer@kidney.health.nz by 5pm, Tuesday 26th January 2021.

Applications will be considered by a selection panel of two current KHNZ Board members and members of KHNZ's Consumer Council. We expect our new Board members would attend their first meeting of the Board on either 25th February or 22nd April 2021.



David Shearer

Chair, Kidney Health New Zealand

About Kidney Health New Zealand:

Kidney disease affects about one in ten New Zealanders, even though most of these people don't know that they have kidney disease. Kidney disease can seriously impact patients' health, their quality of life and their life expectancy. Over 3,000 New Zealanders have sufficient kidney impairment that they are kept alive by dialysis treatment. Improving the care and support for renal patients – and their families – makes a difference.

Kidney Health New Zealand (KHNZ) is the national organisation representing the interests of the one in ten New Zealanders with kidney disease. It is an NGO based in Christchurch that aims to make a difference for kidney patients and their families. The purpose of KHNZ is to be:

- the national voice for people with kidney disease and their families
- a leading advocate for world class kidney health in New Zealand
- a primary source of reliable and relevant information on the prevention and management of kidney disease.
- KHNZ also commissions research to support the organisation's objectives.

Kidney Health NZ is an independent national organisation with a Board consisting of the Chair, and up to 6 Board members, elected by the Board and approved at the AGM. Our stakeholders include people with kidney disease, their families and supporters; kidney health professionals; researchers and 22 independent regional kidney patient support organisations. KHNZ is a charity and operates due to the generosity of donors, grants and fundraising. In 2019, we celebrated 40 years at Government House.