

Dear supporter

We are looking for new Board Members for Kidney Health New Zealand

Kidney Health New Zealand (KHNZ) is adopting a new, modernized constitution which involves Board members serving a maximum of eight years on the Board. The Board is therefore going through a process of renewing and refreshing its membership, with two of the six Board members stepping down at the end of 2018.

Kidney Health is developing a new 3-year strategic plan. We are planning to shift our focus from national advocacy to the development of new national level services for renal patients and their families, while looking to further develop our role of patient education and support. We want to make this shift while recognizing and respecting the critical role that local kidney support groups play in the community up and down New Zealand.

KHNZ currently has 4 employees, and turnover of about \$350,000 per annum, funded through grants, donations and bequests, as well as investment income. Our ambition to develop new national services for renal patients and their families could see KHNZ grow, but in doing so we have to manage the tricky balance of creating new funding sources while demonstrating to funders the potential of the new services we have in mind.

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:

- Business management
- Accounting and finance
- Legal, particularly as the law relates to incorporated societies, trusts and charities
- Risk management.

The KHNZ Board usually meets four times a year, twice by teleconference and twice face-to-face (either Wellington or Christchurch). Board members are not remunerated, although out of pocket costs are reimbursed.

If you are interested in helping us help others, please contact Michael Papesch, Chair, Kidney Health New Zealand by emailing your CV and your reasons for your interest in the role to michaelpapesch@xtra.co.nz by Friday 17 August 2018. Applications will be considered by a selection panel of two current KHNZ Board members and two members of KHNZ's Consumer Council. Our new Board members would attend their first meeting of the Board at the AGM on 7 November.



Michael Papesch

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 NZ (KHNZ) is an NGO based in Christchurch that aims to make that 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.