

Greytown District Trust Lands Trust

Overview

The Greytown District Trust Lands Trust (“The Trust”) is a registered charitable trust, administered under the provisions of the Greytown District Trust Lands Act 1979 (“The Act”) and governed by a board of six elected Trustees. Greytown District covers the geographic area representing the Greytown electoral ward of the South Wairarapa District Council.

The Trust is based in Greytown and is a diversified entity which owns and manages commercial property for lease, with a portion of annual profits arising from the business being made available to the community by way of grants. The Trust also has significant funds under management with Craigs Investment Partners from which further income streams are derived for return to the Trust and then onto the community as part of the overall grants distribution.

Ordinary meetings of the Board of Trustees are held every eight weeks on a Wednesday evening in the Trust’s boardroom at 124 Main Street, Greytown and are typically of between 2 and 4 hours duration. This schedule is supplemented with additional meetings and workshops approved by Trustees as required to deal with particular issues as they arise. The Trust’s AGM is held in September.

Trustees are paid an annual honorarium, which is subject to withholding tax. The honorarium is \$4,980, with the Board Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson receiving an additional \$3,325 and \$1,250 per annum respectively to cover their extra responsibilities. Remuneration levels are periodically redetermined by the Minister for Local Government and approved under the Cabinet Fees Framework. They were last reviewed in March 2019, when the Minister decided there was no justification for an increase.

Unless they vacate office sooner, Trustees are elected for a six-year term. The Act requires that the three longest serving Trustees must retire by rotation at each triennial local body election in October. This year the retiring Trustees are Catherine Rossiter-Stead, Derek Wilson, and Stephen (Sid) Kempton, who can stand for re-election if they so choose.

Attributes Which May Enhance the Work of the Board

Persons with the following attributes in the following areas may enhance the important work undertaken on behalf of the community by the board:

- Governance experience especially at a corporate or not-for-profit level
- Good leadership skills coupled with clear communication abilities
- High EQ, with strong relationship building skills and the ability to bring people with you
- Experience in commercial partnerships, fundraising /sponsorship and ability to influence key relationships
- All-round Human Resources skills
- Strategic ability and stakeholder focus
- Financial, commercial and business acumen
- Understanding of digital and social media
- Integrity and ethics beyond reproach.

A useful background or a skill-set that can contribute and support the work as a member of the audit and risk committee, especially from qualified accountants or those with a strong financial or property management experience, will be extremely valuable.

The ability to work with an extensive range of stakeholders and consider a wide range of issues including community needs, property, managed funds, culture and heritage, education, commercial partnerships, local government, financial management, health and safety, wellbeing and the complexities of local community centred organisations are essential.

Diversity

Greytown District Trust Lands Trust understands and appreciates the value of diversity and is striving to achieve optimal diversity around the board table. We particularly encourage candidates to step forward from the Greytown community who are women, tangata whenua, from a broad range of ethnicities, younger members of the community, and individuals with disability.

Eligibility

A candidate for election to the Board of the Greytown District Trust Lands Trust does not need to live within the Greytown District but must be a New Zealand citizen and enrolled as a parliamentary elector. He or she must be nominated by two electors residing within the Greytown District and cannot be a person who:

- is convicted of any offence punishable by imprisonment for a term of 2 years or more, unless (in the case of a person seeking election or appointment) the person has obtained a pardon, or has served the sentence or otherwise suffered the penalty imposed; or
- is the subject of a compulsory treatment order made under Part 2 of the Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act 1992 or who is a special patient as defined in section 2(1) of that Act.

Appointment of the Board Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson takes place by ballot among Trustees at the first ordinary Board meeting following the election.

The Trust's website www.greytowntrustlands.org.nz provides further information about the activities of the Trust. Responses to queries can be obtained by contacting the Trust Manager, Helga Perry, on 027 451 7011 or by emailing admin@greytowntrustlands.org.nz.