



NORTHERN AUCKLAND FREE KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION

## NOMINATION PROFILES

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – 7:00pm  
Rangitoto Centre | Rangitoto College | 564 East Coast Road  
Mairangi Bay | Auckland

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#### **Charlotte Lee**

Our family moved back to New Zealand in 2013 after being in the UK for more than 10 years. Since that time both my sons have attended the lovely Stanmore Bay Kindergarten for their early learning centre education prior to starting school - with my youngest child eagerly waiting to start!

I am a tertiary qualified communications specialist with 15 years of experience in marketing and communications, including 10 years at a well-established London Financial PR agency.

My experience includes handling strategic communications and media affairs for law firms, financial associations, commodity funds, investment groups and many other financial institutions.

In 2015 I launched my NZ based consultancy business and currently provide communications advise and implementation across a range of sectors.

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#### **Laura Davis**

I am a passionate advocate of early childhood education and have been part of the NAKA family for three years, enrolled at Whangaparaoa Kindergarten. I am a committed fundraiser and event organiser, a prominent figure on the “Friends of the Kindergarten” and have strong relationships and links with our kindergarten community.

I am a qualified and registered ECE teacher and have experience working in a number of areas, not limited to, but including day care roles and kindergarten placements. I also hold a Bachelor of Communications, majoring in Creative Industries.

I am wanting to represent the Hibiscus Coast area and would love to be a voice for our community on the Northern Auckland Free Kindergarten Association Board.

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#### **Mary-Liz Broadley**

As an existing Northern Auckland Kindergarten Association board member and President, I am standing for re-election because I am passionate about the NAKA kaupapa statements “*every child will believe that they can achieve their dreams and aspirations*” and “*to provide high quality early childhood education services that*



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*enables each child to leave us with a passion for learning and life”* and also the NAKA’s strategic direction.

The year ahead will involve a number of significant changes, including the appointment of a new General Manager and Professional Practice Leader. The selection process will need to be comprehensive in evaluating the needs of the Association moving forward. We have already started this process. I would like to continue on with this mahi (work) – working alongside the management team and New Zealand Kindergarten Association to design a multistage selection and interview process to ensure quality applicants are appointed to these critical positions.

I would like to ensure that NAKA continues to be a successful quality organisation and effective business that never loses sight of the unique communities and the fact that it is children who are at the very heart of our core business.

My personal attributes include, a mother of a four- year old boy, connections with New Zealand Kindergarten Associations (association mentorship relationships) and other ECE tertiary providers and private ECE providers, experience as Vice President and President of NAKA, Kaupapa Maori (bicultural) knowledge, dispute resolution and Co-Branch President (TEU) Open Polytechnic.

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### Nicola Brough

I have a huge interest in early childhood education with both my children (one now at Hobsonville Point Primary School) being enrolled at our Hobsonville Point Early Learning Centre. I have been heavily involved with the centre from the beginning, with the “Friends of HPELC” and have loved being able to contribute in this manner.

I feel Early Learning Centres, because of their hours and attendance, have different needs from kindergartens and as such it’s really important we have a parent representative on the NAKA Board.

I am the Head of Client Services at Fisher Funds, have been involved in volunteering outside of work and want to make sure our families and children are well represented in decisions that Northern Auckland Free Kindergarten Association make.

My professional background gives me leadership experience, project management, human resources, learning and development and training. I have worked both in government and private so have experience in working within legislation.

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### Emma Bird

I am a parent of three children, my first two having completed their wonderful time at Rangitoto Kindergarten, my third now on the waiting list. Kindergarten was established at a time when a necessity for childcare was not the driver and it was instead to help to grow and develop the child as a whole person – I think that remains a distinguishing factor between kindergarten and other childcare models.

I am a qualified lawyer and juggle parenting with running my own sole practice legal firm. I have a range of governance experience both in providing advice and assistance



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to directors and boards of commercial entities and not-for-profit entities including trusts and charities. I think I offer an insight into Kindergarten as a stakeholder, being a parent and community member, but am also in a position to bring commercial and legal experience to the running of the Association Board. NAKA needs to continue to grow and change but without losing what lies at its heart – the children and the uniqueness of Kindergarten.

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### **Grant Mitcheson.**

I have been a Life Member of Northern Auckland Free Kindergarten Association for well over 20 years and a member for about 34 years. I have a passion for seeing this Association be the best it can be in order to service our young children throughout all our various communities that we inhabit.

I have been a Professional Fire Fighter since 1984 and a Station Officer since 2002.

I am able to comprehend and act within the constitution, be accountable to the membership and have a clear understanding and knowledge of the governance role of the board.

The Management team have gone through some major changes of late with 2 Senior Managers, including the General Manager, resigning. You have to wonder why? I believe that the Board needs to stick to what it's role is and let the Head Office Team do what they do best, run the day to day business. We also need to respect the team's wealth of knowledge and experience in making the right decisions. I also believe that the Board needs to be more than the minimum 5 members, as has been the case all of last year. We need stability and strength and I believe that I can be an effective part of the Board to make this happen.

I am genuinely committed to the purpose, vision and goals of the Association, and am able to act lawfully, honestly and in good faith at all times.

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### **Paul Geden**

I am a father of six, who lives in Hobsonville Point. My two youngest children both attend the fantastic Hobsonville Point Early Learning Centre. I am active in my local community having previously served on the Hobsonville Point Residents Society and currently leading the parent committee at HPELC.

I want to help Northern Auckland Free Kindergarten Association build on the great position that it is in – delivering life changing foundations for children in the communities it serves.

I have 30 years of experience in the Insurance profession, across two continents and in many differing roles. I also have a strong background in governance and process management which I believe will serve the Association well coupled with the right skill set to help the Board set a strong strategic plan that will see this Association flourish in the future.

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### **Mike Corbett**

I am a dad who has a young daughter attending Massey University Auckland Early Learning Centre. Every day I see first-hand the benefits that she gains from attending this wonderful ELC - from friendships to skills learnt.

I am employed as a Facility and Events Manager for Netball North Harbour and have been employed in the sports/events industry for over 15 years. I can demonstrate extensive management experience in the following areas: management, property, council and risk management. This has resulted in a broad spectrum of skills and knowledge which are directly applicable to being a very capable board member for Northern Auckland Free Kindergarten Association. In addition to this I am familiar in all planning, budgeting, compliance, registration, contract negotiation and health and safety.

I have excellent communication skills and feel this role will help me give back to the Association and help all the centres to develop further in the future.

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### **Kate Dobson**

I am the mother of two daughters who attend Hobsonville Point Early Learning Centre. I have been in education for 16 years with the past six as a full time Physical Education and Health teacher at Takapuna Grammar School.

Last year I was appointed as one of the Across School Leaders for our newly established Kahui Ako (Community of Learning). In my role I have led a professional learning program on the spirals of inquiry model with the staff at Takapuna Grammar.

As a Physical Education Teacher I am a big believer in "PLAY" and learning through experience. I teach students interpersonal skills such as curiosity, teamwork, creativity, resilience, inclusive play, effective communication and much more. I have a great understanding of the NZ curriculum and am familiar with Te- Whariki.

I have been heavily involved in the "Friends of HPELC" parent committee, playing a big role in fundraising and organising several events to support the centre. I would love the opportunity to become part of the Board for Northern Auckland Kindergarten Association.

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### **Melanie Farrant**

I was elected as a board member of the Northern Auckland Kindergarten Association at last year's Annual General Meeting and am a year into my two-year term. I have valued my time on the board and wish to continue contributing and supporting NAKA.

I have a five-year old daughter who attended Torbay Kindergarten and a three year old son currently enrolled there also. I have been on the Torbay Kindergarten



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Committee since 2015 and have been the Secretary since 2016. I am passionate about ensuring the kindergarten experience continues to be available for children.

I have worked in various administration, PA and accounts roles and started my own business in 2004 providing specialist administrative and accounts services to start-up businesses, which I sold in 2010.

I feel my passion for the role Kindergarten plays in our community combined with my administration and accounts experience, will be valuable in continuing my role as a board member.

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### Veronica Aris

I am seeking re-election as a board member for Northern Auckland Kindergarten Association. I have just completed my two-year term and it has been a privilege to gain a deeper understanding of the Association and to meet with the various stakeholders which make this Association unique.

I am a highly successful and commercially astute Professional Director with over 15 years in senior management roles leading the sales and marketing strategy for global, multi-million dollar organisations. I have held multiple board positions across New Zealand for both listed companies and community associations

Governance best practice is one of the main skills along with marketing that I bring to the board and during my term of office I believe that I have made a significant contribution to the work of the board.

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### **Reminder: Constitution clause – 10. Voting (a) and (c)**

*All members shall be entitled to attend all General Meetings of the Association and to speak and vote on all matters coming before such meetings. Voting shall be determined by voice, a show of hands or by ballot.*