

November 2020

## BOARD MEMBERS

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### RENEE WOOD – PRESIDENT

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Renee has worked in the legal sector for 10 years, graduating in 2005 as a qualified Legal Executive. She served four years as a Board Member of the Ruahine Kindergarten Association from early 2016, where she acquired valuable knowledge in the governance side of a not-for-profit organisation. From 2018 Renee has served on the Epilepsy NZ board, stepping in as Acting Chief Executive Officer for a brief period in 2020. Renee and her husband have two adventurous little girls, one of whom was diagnosed with epilepsy in 2017.

### LUCY ACOTT – VICE PRESIDENT

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Lucy is an experienced senior executive who has operated within large corporates in New Zealand and Australia including Air New Zealand and British Airways. Most recently she has been the on the Executive leadership team of the Accor Hotel group as the Director of Marketing for NZ, Fiji and French Polynesia. She is also a Member of the NZ Institute of Directors. Lucy and her husband have three daughters, the eldest, Maddy, now 9, was diagnosed with epilepsy as an infant.

### MATTHEW PATERSON – TREASURER

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Matthew lives with epilepsy. He has a diploma in Quantity Surveying and Construction Management.

### DR PETER BERGIN

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Peter is a neurologist with a special interest in epilepsy. He is Medical Director of New Zealand's only epilepsy surgery programme and founder of EpiNet, an international research project. He has served on the board for approximately five years.

### DR ISABELLE DELMOTTE

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Isabelle lives with epilepsy. Permanent faculty member at the University of Waikato, Screen and Media Dept, School of Arts and Social Sciences, where she has a leadership role. She has a PhD in Media Studies from Southern Cross University in New South Wales.

## RICKY BENNETT

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Ricky lives in Queenstown and is the Director of Kepler Group Central Otago Limited trading as Milestone Financial. He is a qualified Authorised Financial Adviser, Certified Financial Planner and a member of the Institute of Directors. Ricky is also involved in other governance roles as a Director and Chairman of some companies as well as roles in the finance industry.

Having worked in the financial advisory sector for over three decades, Ricky Bennett is one of the industry's most recognisable figures. His contribution to the industry is far reaching, having served on many financial services committees.

Ricky places importance on family and community and enjoys many outdoor leisure pursuits in his spare time.

## PHILIPPA TOLLEY

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Philippa is the Executive Producer of Radio New Zealand National's award-winning weekly current affairs documentary Insight.

# COMMISSIONERS

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## MICHAEL CHAPMAN

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Michael is a retired policy analyst who worked at the Ministry of Health.

## DAVID THORP

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David is past President of the Epilepsy Association and former President and Executive Officer of the Government Superannuitants Association.