

Christchurch Women's Refuge Governance Board

Madeleine Hawkesby-Browne

Board member since: October 2008

Roles: Chair since December 2009

Madeleine Hawkesby-Browne has been a member of Christchurch Women's Refuge's current Board for three years. Madeleine is a specialist in employment law and human resource and works as an Employment Law Consultant at Brannigans providing employment law advice, human resource consulting and executive recruitment services. Madeleine's previous roles and experience have included working as a legal advisor to large national corporations in the United Kingdom; senior solicitor at large New Zealand law firm; running her own human resource consultancy; and lecturing in employment law at Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology. Madeleine is a member of the New Zealand Institute of Directors' (IOD) Canterbury Branch and received their "Aspiring Director Award" in 2009. Madeleine is passionate about contributing to the community and first became associated with Christchurch Women's Refuge as a volunteer in 1998. She also had a period of time on the Board in 2004 and 2005.

Madeleine holds a law degree and an arts degree in Political Science.

Robin Pratt

Board member since: November 2009

Roles: Deputy Chair since November 2010; Member Audit and Risk Committee since April 2010

Robin Pratt is a professional director and is accredited by the Institute of Directors. He has held directorship roles on private companies, public entities and not-for-profit boards in Australia and New Zealand for the last eight years. In addition to his role on the Christchurch Women's Refuge Board, Robin is currently Chair of the Testing Laboratory Registration Council. Robin trained in medicine, specialising in Clinical Biochemistry, and went on to roles as inaugural CEO of the New Zealand Blood Service, Principal Consultant with Deloitte Touche Consulting Group, COO of Medical Laboratory and group CEO of Ngai Tahu Holdings Group, managing Ngai Tahu's commercial assets.

Robin holds an MB ChB and is a Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia. He also has an Executive MBA.

Ann Kilgour

Board member since: November 2010

Roles: Treasurer and Chair of Audit and risk Committee since November 2010

Ann Kilgour brings considerable experience and skills relating to finance, accounting and best business practice to the Christchurch Women's Refuge Board. Over the last ten years Ann has held a variety of financial management and accounting roles and is also part owner of a plumbing and drainage company. Having transitioned to general management, Ann currently works as a College Manager for the University of Canterbury. Ann is a member of the Association for Tertiary Education Management Aoteroa Committee.

Ann holds a Masters' degree in Commerce, is a qualified Chartered Accountant and is a member of the New Zealand Institute of Management.

Liz de Lange

Board member since: October 2009
Roles: Audit and Risk Committee since April 2010

Liz de Lange brings 15 years' experience in sales and marketing to her role on the Christchurch Women's Refuge Board. With a background in the rural and commercial sectors, Liz currently works as a Brands Manager for Progressive Enterprises. She has considerable expertise in branding and utilisation of multiple media channels, as well as practical business and financial knowledge. Liz is a firm believer in the benefits of linking business with social organisations, and she is passionate about the skills and opportunities that both sectors can provide each other.

Liz has a degree in sociology, graduate qualifications in marketing and management and is currently completing a Bachelor of Business, majoring in accounting.

Kate Hickey

Board member since: October 2009

Kate Hickey brings more than a decade of Communications and Marketing experience to the Christchurch Women's Refuge Board. Kate has worked in a variety of Marketing and Communications roles and since 2005 has run her own successful Communications Consultancy business providing website usability services, marketing and technical writing, communications and marketing advice and services for a variety of businesses and organisations. Kate currently divides her time between her role as a mother of two young children and managing a family-owned restaurant.

Kate holds an Honours Arts Degree in Sociology and History and a Post-graduate Diploma in Information Design.

Nicola Woodward

Executive Board Member since: June 2011

Nicola Woodward is Christchurch Women's Refuge's Chief Executive Officer and holds a position on the Christchurch Women's Refuge Board in that capacity.

Nicola brings extensive experience in the health and social service sectors in the United Kingdom and in New Zealand to her roles as CEO and Board member. Nicola's career has focussed on working with communities who are in some way marginalised, isolated or experiencing social discrimination. She has held a variety of roles including practitioner, service manager, planner and funder, strategist and researcher at community, regional and national levels within the fields of social policy, health, dependency and addiction. Consumer and community participation and leadership is central to Nicola's vision for meaningful change.

Nicola is a registered general nurse and holds a honours Master of Science degree.