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New Trustee Appointed to Central Lakes Trust

Central Lakes Trust (CLT) appoint new trustee, Hetty Van Hale of Wanaka.

The Trust, which was wholly made up of six publicly elected trustees, now, under the governance structure voted in at the November 2016's referendum, includes three appointed, alongside five publicly elected trustees.

The transition to the new structure saw two of the three appointed trustees commence their roles, 1st December 2017, with the final appointment made 1st December 2018. The current six publicly elected positions will reduce to five at the 2019 election.

"These appointments protect the Trust in terms of continuity in governance particularly with next year's election where four of our current six elected trustees are mandated to retire," says Chair, Linda Robertson, herself one of the appointed trustees.

"Over time, the diversification, scale and complexity of the Trust's investment portfolio has intensified, and the Trust increasingly require trustees that can bring appropriate expertise to decision making and greater continuity at a governance-level.

"Now more than ever our Trustees need to be in touch with the contemporary needs of our community. The impact our growing population and demographics place, mean as funders, we must ensure an understanding of community need rather than demand, and respond accordingly in terms of being fiscally responsible with community money," says Chief Executive, Susan Finlay.

Hetty brings with her 23 years governance experience on not-for-profit boards covering a broad industry range, which includes experience on audit & risk committees. Particular interests consist of arts and sports governance. She has lived in the region since 1995, with a strong history of volunteering for community organisations and events over this time.

Hetty is the current chair of Badminton New Zealand, co deputy chair of Winter Games New Zealand, deputy chair of Snow Sports New Zealand, and a trustee of the Southern Lakes Arts Festival Trust. She has been a past board member of Wanaka Wastebusters, Mt Aspiring College Foundation, Lake Wanaka Tourism, Project Crimson, and the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre of NZ.

She has a BA in Linguistics from Victoria University and a post-graduate Diploma of Information Science from Riverina Institute, NSW, Australia.

She says, "I believe strongly in giving back to the community and the region where I live. I am passionate about the Central Otago region. It is an honour for me to be able to serve on the board of Central Lakes Trust; an organisation focused on improving community wellbeing. We are incredibly lucky to have such an asset as a community funding source."

Specialist board recruitment company, Stimulus Consulting of Wanaka, handled the recruitment process which saw 25 people apply for the position.

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ABOUT THE CENTRAL LAKES TRUST

Central Lakes Trust is a charitable trust that grant funds for charitable purposes.

It is the largest philanthropic trust per capita in the Southern Hemisphere. The Trust purpose is to make a positive lasting contribution to the community by supporting charitable projects throughout Central Lakes; to enhance our community and the lives of the people within.

Since its inception in 2000 the Trust has grown its asset base from the \$155m, bestowed by the Otago Central Electric Power Trust to assets totalling \$388m, and has distributed more than \$90m into a wide range of community projects and services throughout the Central Lakes area.