



LAKESIDE VILLAS
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LAKESIDE VILLAS RESORT 2025 BODY CORPORATE COMMITTEE NOMINEE PROFILES

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Introduction to the 2025 Nominees for the Lakeside Villas Body Corporate Committee

As we embark on another year and prepare for the upcoming AGM important it is important to recognize the individuals who have put their names forward to contribute to the continued success and wellbeing of Lakeside Villas. This year, we are proud to present the nominees for the Body Corporate Committee, a group entrusted with the responsibility of overseeing the governance and maintenance of our shared spaces and ensuring that the interests of all owners are represented.

Each nominee has demonstrated a commitment to the values of our community, bringing forward unique perspectives, expertise, and a passion for the timeshare we know and love. In the following pages, we will introduce the candidates, highlighting their backgrounds, their reasons for standing for election, and what they hope to contribute to the committee.

We would also like to take a moment to express our heartfelt thanks to Geoff Shearman for his long and dedicated service on the Body Corporate Committee. Geoff has been an invaluable member, contributing his time and expertise to the growth and betterment of our community. His efforts over the years have been greatly appreciated, and we wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

Voting for the 2025 Body Corporate Committee election is available online. Please visit www.lakesidevillas.co.nz and navigate to the Information section to cast your vote. If you would like a physical copy, please email info@lakesidevillas.co.nz or pick one up from the resort office.

Thank you all in advance, I look forward to working with the selected committee in the coming year.



Cherie Gray

Resort Manager

Current Committee & Chairperson Les Waimotu



Kia ora

As your current Body Corporate Chairman, I would firstly like to thank you all for the confidence and trust that has been bestowed upon me in care of this Timeshare and Body Corporate. It is a privilege to be nominated once more.

I am an owner of a Fixed week at Lakeside Villas and look forward to our time there. Through my time as an owner, I have come to know and love not only the Resort but built great relationships with other owners, staff and families as well. There lies my passion - people. I dedicate my time on the committee to growing the resort for the future so that I, like many other owners who are passionate about Lakeside Villas, may watch our grandchildren enjoy it here for many generations to come.

This remains at the forefront of focus for the committee under my leadership.

In my career I have been involved in Union movement for over 20 years. Primarily I have been involved in Employment relations, and negotiations for some big Companies. I have been in a Leadership role within the Union for some time.

I do not shy away from a challenge or hard work; I have and will continue to give my energy to the resort. It is with my direction that the current committee have implemented the concept of a "Working Committee" at Lakeside Villas - with the wealth of knowledge on the sitting committee and coming through in new candidates this ensures that the unique skillset of each Committee member is utilized to full potential. Your committee after all are our peers and fellow owners. Owners keep the resort going - we are all important and can all contribute.

This will continue so that as Committee we are involved on a level that fosters longevity and Governance/Management/Owner relationships to strengthen while taking the Lakeside Villas Resort into the future.

Staff at Lakeside Villas can attribute I have a hand for painting, handy work and have been known to dabble in the Maintenance Crew while on holiday at Lakeside Villas.

I bring with me the support and love of Wife Margie, Children, my whanau and dedication to my Mokopuna for their future enjoyment.

I believe I can offer myself to the role as chairman and/or committee Member wholeheartedly for many years to come.

Nga Mihi

Les Waimotu

Current Committee – Suzanne Hurn



My name is Suzanne Hurn and I am pleased to present my candidate profile for the Lakeside Villas committee. I am currently on the committee, and I would appreciate your support to continue my role.

I live in the Manawatu with my husband. We have two children and two granddaughters. I am fortunate enough to have my family close by as spending time together is important to me.

I am a very passionate owner. I have been coming to Lakeside Villas since the timeshare started.

I am a retired nurse. I would describe myself as dedicated and reliable. I have the time on my hands to commit and available to attend meetings, contribute new ideas and be involved in decisions to ensure the continued successful running of the facility.

I want to continue to bring the voice of the owners to the committee table and to ensure the decisions made are in the best interest of all our owners. I am a committee member focused on ensuring that we continue the timeshare concept that we have enjoyed for many years. Suzanne Hurn

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Current Committee – Mike Oakes



I have worked in the oil and gas industry for 45 years in New Zealand, Canada, Brunei, Australia. for Shell on the Maui field in New Zealand, and held various operational, technical, safety and Management positions within E&P companies.

My work has been varied, overseeing design, commissioning, and startup of four Oil and Gas production facilities, in New Zealand, Canada and Brunei. During the three years in Canada, I was involved with acquisitions and mergers and developing strategies for development of marginal oil and gas plays.

During my later years I continued consultancy work, where I lead the restructuring of Maari offshore facilities for OMV New Zealand, and other consultancy roles.

I have held directorship roles in the oil industry and retired from consultancy work in 2022

My wife and I have been owners at Lakeside for over 20 years, and own 5 fixed Villa weeks. We continue to enjoy our time at lakeside with and children and grandchildren.

I joined the body Corp committee in 2021 and after a short while settling into the role. I bring a can do attitude and undertook the project management for the upgrade of the resort Wifi system, which I'm proud to say has now been completed.

I enjoy the challenge of the role as committee member and the opportunity to add value and improvement to the resort for the generations to enjoy. I look forward to serving the committee in the future.

Regards

Mike Oakes

2023

Candidate Profile

Lake Side Villas



Dawn Meredith

I am pleased to present my candidate profile for a place on the time share committee. I have been actively involved with the committee since 2016, and I am eager to continue contributing to the success of our resort.

As an enthusiastic owner, I thoroughly enjoy my stays at Lake Side Villas and have also had the opportunity to explore other time share resorts in New Zealand and overseas. These experiences have given me valuable insights into the industry and have helped me understand the needs and expectations of owners and visitors alike.

Professionally, I have recently retired from my position as a school teacher. This has allowed me to dedicate more time to my involvement with Lake Side Villas and contribute meaningfully to its ongoing success. I am able to attend quarterly meetings and actively participate in the decision-making processes concerning maintenance, upgrades, and overall facility management.

I am committed to ensuring that all facilities at our resort are maintained to the highest standard possible, providing a delightful experience for all owners to enjoy.

Dawn Meredith

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Current Committee – Graham Tohill (pictured with Wife Anne)



I'm retired, living in Auckland with my wife Anne. I have two adult children, both living in Auckland. I worked 30 years in marketing and management with IBM NZ. During that time, I had a 3-year assignment to an International Development Centre in Montreal, Canada. Prior to IBM, I worked as a Civil Engineer, in Auckland and in Toronto. In my retirement, I have several commercial and residential investments, two involving Body Corporates. I am a very keen sportsman, currently actively involved in both tennis and golf. I have been on many club committees including 18 years at a Wellington Tennis Club (Ngaio) as Secretary (3 yrs.), Club Captain (6) and President (7). Also, an active member of the board of Wellington Tennis (10 years), serving as of Vice-President. I Chaired Wellington interclub, managing the interclub competition, maintaining the competition rules and draws, plus chief arbiter of all disputes throughout the season. As a player, I captained many interclub teams, as well as Coaching Junior tennis at Ngaio. In 2009, I had the privilege of being President of Tennis NZ. I was a member of a Lions Club in Wellington, for 27 years, and a board member for 8 years - 2 as President, and 5 as Club Secretary. I served on 3 school committees and Chaired 2. I also stood on the Westpac Stadium Member's committee for 6 years. Anne and I are very keen travellers and have been to many parts of the globe, experiencing many different styles of holiday accommodations, including timeshare facilities. I am currently a member of the Lakeside Body Corporate, for the past 10 years. I have been a constructive member of this Body Corporate and have worked diligently on behalf of all timeshare owners. I feel I can contribute to this for a number of years to come, and trust you will have faith to elect me for a further term

Current Committee – Puka Te Rangi (pictured with Wife Kim & Family)



Kia ora, my name is Puka Te Rangi and I am excited to have been nominated for the Lakeside Villas body corporate committee. I am a proud father of 4 along with my wonderful wife Kim. Millar(15) Brierley (12) Declan (10) and Alice (9). We live in Puni, a rural area just west of the Pukekohe township.

My whanau and I love spending family time in Taupo and at the Lakeside Villas, enjoying everything that the complex offers to all of its owners, whanau & guests.

My whanau has a long history with Lakeside Villas with grandparents purchasing a week in unit 18 & 26 in 1986. They went on to purchase more weeks over the years and I was lucky enough to spend a week every year with them at the villas growing up from a very young age. The Lakeside villas has been a holiday destination for me for as long as I can remember. Grandfather in the past served on the committee and was also chairperson for a number of years. Kim and myself have purchased 3 weeks over the past four years for our whanau to enjoy.

I'm an architectural designer starting my own business Blank Space Architectural Ltd in 2010. I am a professional member of Architectural Designers New Zealand (ADNZ) having joined them in 2012. I also served on the Auckland/ Northland ADNZ regional committee between 2014 – 2018.

I am currently on the body corporate committee for our commercial building since 2018 and have been chairperson for the last 3 years.

I hope to use my experience and expertise to help maintain this wonderful asset we have, being the Lakeside Villas. Bring along some new ideas and ensure that we all continue to enjoy using the complex for many more years to come

New Nominee – Bettina Smith



Hi, my name is Bettina Smith, and I am seeking your vote to become a member of the Lakeside Villas Body Corporate committee.

My husband Matthew, and I have owned 2 floating weeks since November 2004. We are both passionate about Lakeside Villas and actively promote the resort when the opportunity arises. Lakeside is our home away from home. Our son, Ben and his wife Holly, also own a floating week. As do Matthew's parents.

In 2023 I gained certification as a Payroll Practitioner with New Zealand Payroll Practitioners Association. This led to a career change and since August 2023 I have been working remotely for a Christchurch based Payroll Bureau.

Prior to this I worked for 17 years as an accountant.

I believe my accounting, Xero software and payroll knowledge, including payroll legislation, would be beneficial to the Lakeside committee, Cherie and her team

My past governance experience includes serving as a chairperson on a school board of trustees, and as a trustee for Conductive Education Taranaki Trust.

The role of the Lakeside committee is to represent the interests of all resort owners, regardless of the type or number of weeks they own.

Given the opportunity, I would do this to the best of my abilities.

I would like to be part of a committee that is dedicated to maintaining and enhancing our resort so that may be enjoyed by all ages. And a committee that is also dedicated to supporting our management team.

Thank you for your time.

Bettina

Graham Poucher

Candidate for Committee



Annette and I have been owners at Lakeside Villas for 15 years and enjoy every Christmas and New Year in our Taupo “home away from home”, sharing it with our four children and many, many, grandchildren.

My professional background is in project and programme management in the construction industry. I trained as a quantity surveyor and after 5 years working in the boom and bust of the construction industry I joined the Royal New Zealand Air Force. I spent the next 35 years at various bases and headquarters around NZ, with a couple of years in Singapore thrown in as well. While most of my Airforce career was concerned with construction and facilities maintenance, I also completed tours in personnel management and as a Base Commander. I retired in 2011 in the rank of Group Captain. I was then offered a position with Beca (one of the Asia Pacific’s largest independent advisory, design and engineering consultancies) as a Principle and Project Director which I held for 8 years before retiring permanently.

My main areas of focus for Lakeside Villas would be to ensure that we continue to maintain the extremely high standards of the facilities, that we address the ongoing challenges of bad debts and that we provide a flexible ownership model to ensure owners can maximise use of, or more easily dispose of, their weeks.

I would like to emphasise that I do not have an issue with the current committee in any way. I believe that the chairman and the members of the committee have served the owners well over many years and continue to do so.

I do believe, however, in the democratic principle of choice. If committed owners, willing to serve on the committee, do not put their names forward then the opportunity for owners to have that choice is lost. Hence this nomination.

New Nominee – Pete Bennetts



Hello

My name is Peter and I'm seeking nomination to the committee for Lakeside Villas.

My wife and I have been owners at Lakeside for over 15 years but started holidaying not long after Lakeside opened staying with family who bought from the outset.

I am keen to see successive generations of families enjoy the benefits of Lakeside with its whanau centre focus, and I would welcome the opportunity to work with the committee and owners to achieve this.

What can I bring to the committee?

Having worked in commercial property most of my career I have extensive knowledge in programmed maintenance, large scale office fitout projects, commercial lease knowledge, excellent negotiation skills and a passion to keep Lakeside Villas as one of the premium timeshare facilities available to its owners.

Regards

Peter Bennetts

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New Nominee – Geoff Ward



Short Profile for Geoffrey Wayne Ward in standing for election as Body Corporate Committee Member

I have experience in the timeshare industry being president of the New Zealand Holiday Ownership Council (NZHOC) and current chairman of the Bishop Selwyn Body Corp. Committee. This resort is planned to be sold this year. I am also on the Edgewater Resort Committee. NZHOC is providing the framework for resorts to convert from UTA compliance to a Company Structure.

I am a retired Electrical engineer and Project manager having worked with Shell for 31 years, including overseas service. I have also served 12 years on School Boards of Trustees.

I believe these roles would be beneficial to the resort's governance.