

**MINUTE EXTRACT FROM THE NON-PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY
28 MAY 2019**

C1 NEW ZEALAND MASTERS GAMES APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

Councillor Newell withdrew from this item.

A report from Community and Planning advised that the Dunedin (New Zealand) Masters Games Trust Deed required the Council to approve, by resolution, the appointment of new Trustees.

The report noted that the following resignation of Trustee Ron Mackersy, the Dunedin (New Zealand) Masters Games Trust sought approval to appoint two new Trustees; Julie Ryan and John Guthrie. The appointment of new Trustees, while not required under the Trust Deed, supported the Board to enhance its skill base and contributes to the Board's direction of sustainability and growth.

The General Manager City Services (Sandy Graham), Manager Events and Community Development (Joy Gunn) and Masters Games Manager (Vicki Kestila) spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Moved (Cr Kate Wilson/Cr Rachel Elder):

That the Council:

- a) **Approves** the appointment of Julie Ryan as a Trustee on the Dunedin (New Zealand) Masters Games Board.
- b) **Approves** the appointment of John Guthrie as a Trustee on the Dunedin (New Zealand) Masters Games Board.

Motion carried (CNL/2019/134)

NEW ZEALAND MASTERS GAMES APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

Department: Community and Planning

REASONS FOR CONFIDENTIALITY

- Grounds: S48(1)(a) - The public conduct of the part of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding exists under section 7.
- Reason: S7(2)(a) - The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of a deceased person.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1 The Dunedin (New Zealand) Masters Games Trust Deed requires the Council to approve, by resolution, the appointment of new Trustees.
- 2 With the resignation of Trustee Ron Mackersy, the Dunedin (New Zealand) Masters Games Trust is seeking Council approval to appoint two new Trustees; Julie Ryan and John Guthrie. The appointment of new Trustees, while not required under the Trust Deed, supports the Board to enhance its skill base and contributes to the Board's direction of sustainability and growth.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Council:

- a) **Approves** the appointment of Julie Ryan as a Trustee on the Dunedin (New Zealand) Masters Games Board.
- b) **Approves** the appointment of John Guthrie as a Trustee on the Dunedin (New Zealand) Masters Games Board.

BACKGROUND

- 3 The New Zealand Masters Games is owned by New Zealand Masters Games Limited, and the Dunedin City Council is one of two franchisees.
- 4 New Zealand Masters Games Limited guarantees franchise rights for the biennial New Zealand Masters Games in Dunedin until the completion of the 2036 New Zealand Masters Games.
- 5 The Dunedin City Council has delegated the management and coordination of the biennial Dunedin Masters Games to the Dunedin (New Zealand) Masters Games Trust. The Trust was

formed in 2007 to administer and organise the event. The Trust received notification of Charitable Status in February 2008.

- 6 Trustees are not remunerated for their voluntary role.
- 7 The current members of the Dunedin (New Zealand) Masters Games Trust are;
 - John Bezett - Chairman
 - Councillor Damian Newell and Dr Sue Bidrose (DCC representatives on the Trust)
 - Ron Esplin
 - Ron Palenski
 - John Brimble
 - Nathan Pitcher
 - Judy Bevin

DISCUSSION

- 8 The Dunedin (New Zealand) Masters Games Board Trust Deed states that there will be no less than three (3) and no more than ten (10) Trustees.
- 9 The resignation of Ron Mackersy was received in May 2018. Prior to this resignation the Board had been considering the merits of appointing new members to add to its diversity and skill base.
- 10 While under its Trust Deed the Board is not required to appoint new members, with this resignation Trustees took a proactive approach in identifying additional members to enhance diversity of skill base and support wider reach into local sports and community groups. Recommendations were sought from existing board members on the availability of possible members.
- 11 Board Chair Mr John Bezett approached Dr John Guthrie and Julie Ryan to ascertain their interest in being appointed to the Trust. Both have sound business management and marketing experience, governance experience and strong connections with sporting codes and community organisations.
- 12 Dr John Guthrie (most recently as senior lecturer in marketing at the University of Otago) established the University of Otago Business Case Competitions in 2004 and organised regional, national and international business case competitions on a voluntary basis. Within the wider community, Dr Guthrie has been chairman of the Transition to Work Trust since 2007, Eastern Harbour Tennis Club president since 1993, a New Zealand Masters Games executive member (1992-2002) and Scouting New Zealand Otago Area Commissioner (2002-05). See Attachment A; J Guthrie CV.
- 13 Julie Ryan has recently returned to Dunedin and is a Market Development Manager working for Sato New Zealand Ltd. Ms Ryan has experience working across sectors including procurement, IT and Project Management in both government and private organisations. She has previously held board positions with Otago Netball and New Masters Games. See Attachment B; J Ryan CV.

- 14 Both nominees have experience in marketing, bringing a positive contribution to the Board's current direction of sustainability and growing the event.

OPTIONS

Option One – Recommended Option

- 15 The Council approves the appointment of Dr John Guthrie and Julie Ryan as Trustees on the Dunedin (New Zealand) Masters Games Board.

Advantages

- The Trust (and Masters Games) benefit from new ideas, skills and the expertise of a wider membership.

Disadvantages

- Risk that the process is perceived as non-inclusive.

Option Two – Status Quo

- 16 The Council does not approve the appointment of Dr John Guthrie and Julie Ryan as Trustees on the Dunedin (New Zealand) Masters Games Board and requests the Board to undertake a wider expression of interest process.

Advantages

- May identify other people with additional skill sets who could be appointed to the Board and bring a wider skill base to the Board.
- A more transparent and inclusive process is undertaken.

Disadvantages

- Time delay while a wider expression of interest process is undertaken.
- Risk that the proposed appointees decide not to continue and there is no other interest in the Board roles.

NEXT STEPS

- 17 That the two proposed Trustees are appointed and take up their roles at the next Masters Games Trust meeting. The Trust continues to plan the organisation of the 2020 Masters Games.

Signatories

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| Author: | Vicki Kestila - Master Games Manager |
| Authoriser: | Joy Gunn - Manager Events and Community Development Nicola Pinfold - Group Manager Community and Planning |

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| | Sue Bidrose - Chief Executive Officer |
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Attachments

| | Title | Page |
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| A | J Ryan CV | |
| B | J Guthrie CV | |

SUMMARY OF CONSIDERATIONS

Fit with purpose of Local Government

This decision enables democratic local decision making and action by, and on behalf of communities.

Fit with strategic framework

| | Contributes | Detracts | Not applicable |
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| Social Wellbeing Strategy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Economic Development Strategy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Environment Strategy | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Arts and Culture Strategy | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Waters Strategy | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Spatial Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Integrated Transport Strategy | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Parks and Recreation Strategy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other strategic projects/policies/plans | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

The New Zealand Masters Games contribute to three of the Council's strategies and towards the vision that Dunedin is one of the world's great small cities. The Games align with Council's Festivals and Events Plan in relation to attracting visitors, visitor nights and visitor expenditure. The Games also meet the Council's goals relating to recreational activity and participation.

Māori Impact Statement

The Games are open to Maori and non-Maori entrants, providing opportunities for all to participate in sport and recreation.

Sustainability

The Dunedin (New Zealand) Masters Games Trust has the franchise rights to host the biennial New Zealand Masters Games until the end of 2036.

LTP/Annual Plan / Financial Strategy /Infrastructure Strategy

There are no implications.

Financial considerations

There are no identified financial implications.

Significance

The proposal to appoint new Trustees onto the Dunedin (New Zealand) Masters Games Trust is assessed as low significance in terms of Council's Significance and Engagement Policy

Engagement – external

The Trust sought advice from local governance members of other organisations.

Engagement - internal

There has been no internal engagement on the decision set out in this report.

SUMMARY OF CONSIDERATIONS***Risks: Legal / Health and Safety etc.***

There was no public expression of interest process undertaken to identify potential trustees. There is a potential risk that the Council is perceived to be endorsing a non-transparent process. However, both proposed trustees bring sound business and governance experience to the Board.

Conflict of Interest

There is no known conflict of interest.

Community Boards

There are no implications for Community Boards.