



# Kaitiaki Kindergartens

NORTHERN AUCKLAND FREE KINDERGARTEN ASSOCIATION

## NOMINATION PROFILES

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### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – 7:30pm  
Kaitiaki Kindergartens via Online Zoom Meeting

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#### Paul Geden

It has been my absolute privilege to serve on this board for the last few years, the last two as Board President. I have my youngest son still in a Kaitiaki centre, with my older child now at school. Therefore, I know first-hand the huge benefit that kindergarten provides our tamariki, with school often commenting on how well my daughter transitioned into school.

We have had many challenges over the last few years, and I feel continuity on our board is critical to continue the long-term aims of our Association: Our continued work with sister Associations to further the Kindergarten movement, identified growth areas such as potential new sites in our communities, focus on growing our social media content to demonstrate the amazing role we play in local communities and focus on understanding the needs of our local communities so the service we offer is fit for purpose.

I am committed to our long-term stability and future, making sure our communities receive the amazing service our centres offer for years to come.

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#### Grant Mitcheson

I am a current Board Member of Kaitiaki Kindergartens and am seeking re-election to the Board. I have been a Life Member of this Association for well over 20 years and a member for about 38 years.

I have a passion for seeing this Association be the best it can be in order to serve our young children throughout all our various communities that we inhabit.

I have been a Professional Fire Fighter since 1984 and a Station Officer since 2002.

I am able to comprehend and act within the constitution, be accountable to the membership and have a clear understanding and knowledge of the governance role of the board.

I am seeking re-election to the Board. We need people that have a sound knowledge of where we have come from and where we need to go - so that we can be viable in the future. I am genuinely committed to the purpose, vision and goals of the Association, and am able to act lawfully, honestly and in good faith at all times.

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### John Lewis

I am a current Board Member of Kaitiaki Kindergartens and am seeking re-election to the Board.

I work in the insurance industry and lead the Digital team at AA Insurance. My recent career history has involved much experience predominantly in banking and insurance here in NZ and the UK. I am able to bring skills and experience gained from working in technical roles in a regulated industry, such as strategy development and risk management to the board.

I have been incredibly impressed by what kindergarten can offer both children and their communities and I am eager to continue to make a contribution anywhere I can to the ongoing success of our kindergartens as we transition to Kindergartens Aotearoa.

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***Reminder: Constitution clause – 10. Voting (a) and (c)***

*All members shall be entitled to attend all General Meetings of the Association and to speak and vote on all matters coming before such meetings. Voting shall be determined by voice, a show of hands or by ballot.*