

Trust Board Vacancies – February 2025



ORGANISATION DESCRIPTION

The Waikato Institute for Leisure and Sport Studies Trust Board (WILSS), now trading as Waikato Institute for **Leadership** & Sport Studies, was established in 1989 through the vision of John Parker, Lyn Gunson and Wilf Malcom. Our vision is “Active communities empowered by capable leaders and volunteers” within schools, sports clubs, community groups, volunteer organisations and workplaces.

Our work predominantly focuses on the development of effective leaders and volunteers who are contributing to their communities through their paid or volunteer roles. In 2024, WILSS delivered programmes to over 6,600 participants. We are an accredited New Zealand Qualifications Authority provider and accordingly our strategic plan, policies, procedures, business plan and reporting criteria are well established. WILSS is also a registered charitable trust. The Board, which meets in person quarterly, consists of representatives from schools, community, sport, Iwi, and professional services.

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The WILSS Board is responsible for setting the strategic direction, ensuring financial sustainability, managing resources effectively, stakeholder responsiveness, and overseeing academic performance. Board member roles are voluntary and the Board meets monthly, either in person or online.

IDEAL APPLICANT DESCRIPTION

We are seeking three board members with expertise in either community development, youth engagement, sports coaching, Pacifica communities, business management, and/or Te Tiriti-centric/kaupapa Māori approaches. Ideal candidates will strengthen our governance capability, ideally with governance experience and an understanding of challenges in the not-for-profit and education sectors, though this is not essential. A commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi is highly valued. If you're eager to contribute to a small but vibrant organisation with a strong history of providing quality community education in Waikato and across New Zealand, we welcome your application.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

- Jack Clayton (General Manager) – 027 4757515 – jack@wilss.ac.nz
- Andrew Matheson (Board Chair) – 027 6666443 – andrew.mathesonnz@gmail.com
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Or apply by emailing your CV and Cover letter to Jack Clayton

Applications close 2 April 2025