



Greater East Tamaki  
Business Association Inc.

## AGM 13 October 2020: Profiles of those nominated for the Executive Committee

### For Chairperson: Brendan Kelly



I am co-owner of Quest Highbrook, a hotel apartment franchise business in the Crossings precinct of Highbrook, providing accommodation services to businesses in the Highbrook area. We employ 19 people and opened our business in 2013. I returned to New Zealand after a 30-year Overseas Experience trip, most of which was with DHL in Europe, where I was a regional operations director and global sales director.

I used GETBA resources to develop and promote my business when we opened, and I have used them for networking and education/training for myself and staff in the time I have been operating in East Tamaki. As an SME employer GETBA delivers real value to my business.

I think we have a great resource in our Business Association, probably “best in class” from what I have observed. I was elected to serve on the committee in 2017 and appointed to the position of Chair replacing retiring Chair Richard Poole in February 2019. I am happy to again commit my time and support to such a worthwhile organisation contributing to our shared local business environment

### For Secretary: Henry Jansen



I am a lawyer, Partner and Notary with Wynyard Wood. I joined the firm at their East Tamaki office in 1992 and very soon after that began the work of co-founding GETBA which was incorporated in 1994.

Wynyard Wood moved to new premises in Highbrook in 2013 so I am very familiar with the East Tamaki/Highbrook area. I am proud to have been a part of the development that has taken place in this area and

enjoy my work with GETBA. Over the years I have met many of our members through my work with the executive committee.

Wynyard Wood has been and continues to be an active sponsor of GETBA.

Successful businesses provide a vital foundation for cohesive, vibrant communities. I believe GETBA contributes to the growth and development of both.

**For Treasurer: Liz Groenewegen**



I am a Partner at RSM New Zealand (Auckland): we are a member firm of the global international audit, tax and consulting group located in 120 countries globally. I joined RSM New Zealand in 2002 and have been based at the East Tamaki branch since 2005. We have a team of 65 people (including 10 partners) at Highbrook, and 150 people in three offices across Auckland.

RSM has been an active sponsor of GETBA; I have been a volunteer committee member for 10 years; our firm has been a supporter of the GETBA Business Owners Forum for 9 years and we offer our support to other GETBA events.

Personally, I have been a business owner and a commercial property owner in the East Tamaki area. I was a founding member of Highbrook Rotary and have played an active part in the business community. Many businesses are going through tough times due to Covid-19 restrictions; the impact on business has been significant locally, nationally and internationally. I care about the business community and understand the key issues facing business owners in the area.

I joined the GETBA Committee in 2010 and became Treasurer in late 2011.

**For Committee members:**

**David Lindsay**



As well as being the designated representative for Auto Super Shoppe Botany, I own an Accounting Practice, Lindsay and Associates.

When working for GETBA members I have been able to draw on many of the experiences and issues faced by my clients. I am interested in practical business issues as well as tax advice and measuring to manage businesses.

My wife has worked nearby, and we have seen some of the issues faced by young people as my children study and enter the workforce.

I have worked in East Tamaki for over 20 years, been on the GETBA committee for 16 years including as Treasurer for 7 years.

GETBA has made big gains in the areas of crime reduction and local infrastructure. GETBA has an effective voice to advocate for business and property matters and seeks to represent the area's best interests.

## **Nick Biland**



I am Managing Director of Plummer Compressors Ltd. We specialise in energy efficient solutions and ongoing maintenance services for industrial users of compressed air, Nitrogen and vacuum systems. We currently have a staff of 12 and have been in business since 1995, with the last 18 years based here in East Tamaki.

Having lived in the area for over 20 years and worked in East Tamaki for the lion's share of that, I do feel a close affinity to the area and I am very keen to contribute in some way to the prosperity and well-being of the place I call home.

I have been on the GETBA committee for two years and have a good network within the local business community. I feel that my strong local connections will be a sound conduit through which important local issues can be raised and addressed, so it would be my pleasure to continue to contribute on the GETBA committee again in 2020.

## Nick Steele



I am one of two Managing Directors of Boyd Visuals Ltd, importer and distributor of presentation, display and office furniture products. We have 17 staff and have been in the East Tamaki area since 2007. As a property owner also, I look to represent commercial property stakeholder interests as well.

I was appointed to the Committee in July 2018. Growing up in Howick, I have a natural affinity with the local area, and as a Committee member see the opportunity to be more involved and contribute to the local business community.

## Andrew Turner



I am Managing Director of Nautech Electronics Ltd, world leaders in the design, development and manufacture of electronic products and solutions for over 30 years. My background is electronic engineering and I have a passion for robotics and automation.

Nautech has been based in East Tamaki for 24 years and has been an active GETBA member for many years. Having worked with NZ Police for over 20 years, we have supported GETBA in their crime prevention efforts by providing ANPR camera systems and automated reporting to Police. I feel GETBA plays a critical role in the future development of the Greater East Tamaki area by bringing companies together and supporting local businesses.

Personally, I am hard working and dedicated to continual growth, improvement and innovation in all areas of our business. I enjoy working with others to achieve common goals and feel I can contribute to GETBA in a positive way.

I was elected to the Committee in 2019 and am happy to put myself forward for the coming year.