

11. Northland Events Centre -- Appointment of Trustee

Reporting officer Mark Simpson (Chief Executive Officer)

Date of meeting 27 February 2013

Vision, mission and values

This item is in accord with Council's vision, mission and values statement as to create the ultimate living environment

Filling of Trustee vacancy

Under the Northland Events Centre Deed of Trust, Council appoints the Trustees of the Trust. The Trust Deed requires not less than three nor more than five Trustees, and requires the Trustees to have a good combination of skills.

Council appointed five trustees in May 2010, but amended the Trust Deed in 2011 to enable Northland Regional Council to appoint one of the Trustees.

A vacancy has now arisen among the WDC-appointed Trustees with the moving from the District of Trustee Ken Rivers, the former Chief Executive Officer of the New Zealand Refining Company.

It is proposed that this vacancy be filled by Mr Greg Gent of Ruawai.

Mr Gent is chairman of BNZ Partners Northern, chairman of FMG Insurance, a director of Southern Cross Health Care Group and a ministerial appointee to Northland District Health Board. He chaired the Kaipara District Council Review Team, is a former director of Fonterra and former chairman on Kiwi Co-op Dairies.

In last year's Queen's Birthday Honours Mr Gent was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to the dairy industry and corporate governance.

Recommendation

1. That Council appoints Mr Greg Gent to the Northland Events Centre Trust.
2. That Council thanks Mr Ken Rivers for his contribution to the Trust.