

1 April 2017

Dear Barrier Free NZ Trust Clients and Colleagues

The BFNZT team wishes to advise of some developments and plans that impact on our service capacity in the short-term.

Recently, three new Trustees were appointed: Don Miskell (ex CCDU), Katrina Bach (ex DBH), and Cindy McEwan from Lunar Consulting. The professional experience and insights these new Trustees offer will build on the legacy of Bill Wrightson, whose 25 year plus contribution to accessibility and to the Trust is unparalleled.

It is with much regret that we recently accepted the resignation of Jason Strawbridge who has been an invaluable member of the Trust team for the last five years. Jason has decided to explore other opportunities and we wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

The governance changes provide the Trust with an opportunity for strategic reflection and refocus. The Trust's rich heritage gives us a solid platform to continue our work to promote universally accessible environments.

We are extremely proud of the Trust's reputation, and we are committed to increasing our influence and impact on New Zealand's built environment. We are building the depth and breadth of our team to ensure that we can successfully meet the growing market demand for our services.

Our current resources are fully committed until the end of June 2017 and we will therefore not be able to take on any new large projects until 1 July. If you have projects you would like to discuss (commencing after 1 July) or small projects requiring only limited resources, please feel free to contact me.

We look forward to reconnecting with you in due course to update you on the Trust's plans, new resources and services.

In the meantime, I welcome any questions or comments by email or phone, as does our Chairperson Don Miskell, who can be contacted at 027 480 0413 or through the email below: executive@barrierfreenz.org.nz.

Yours sincerely

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