



HBPCT
Proud owners of **unison**

HBPCT Media Release

Hawke's Bay Power Consumers' Trust appoints new Chair Kirsten Westwood

Hawke's Bay, October 16, 2024

The Hawke's Bay Power Consumers' Trust (HBPCT) convened this week for its first meeting since the recent election and is pleased to announce the appointment of Kirsten Westwood as the new Trust Chair.

Kirsten Westwood has been an integral part of the Trust since 2020 and brings a wealth of experience and dedication to her new role. Her extensive background in supporting Hawke's Bay consumers is evident through her previous roles on the Board of Sport Hawke's Bay, as a member of the Woodford Board of Proprietors, and her current position as the President of the Health Research Foundation – Hawke's Bay. Kirsten's commitment to prioritising the interests of the region's power consumers and ensuring dividend payments remain a focal point is unwavering.

Kirsten's professional journey began after completing her Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws (BCom/LLB), which led to a variety of legal and HR roles in London, UK. Upon returning to New Zealand, she dedicated her expertise to the education sector, notably serving as the Head of School for Health and Sport Science at EIT. Currently, she is a practicing Barrister and Solicitor with a specialisation in family law.

Kirsten Westwood says, "It has been a privilege to serve the consumers of Hawke's Bay on the Trust over the last four years, and an honour to be appointed to the role of Chair. I am committed to ensuring that the needs of consumers are at the forefront of our efforts, and that the value of this regional investment is protected and enhanced, now and into the future."

The Trust is confident that under Kirsten's leadership, it will continue to safeguard the interests of Hawke's Bay power consumers, ensuring security and prosperity for all consumers.



HBPCT

Proud owners of **unison**

HBPCT holds the shares in Unison Networks Limited on behalf of all consumers who are connected to Unison's electricity networks in Hawke's Bay.

-ENDS -

For further information, please contact:

Stephen Dine, Trust Secretary

Hawke's Bay Power Consumers' Trust

Email: secretary@hbpct.co.nz

Phone: 06 6505600