

## **CENTRAL OTAGO HEALTH INCORPORATED**

### **Candidate Information**



#### **What is Central Otago Health Inc?**

Central Otago Health Inc. is an incorporated society holding all the shares in Central Otago Health Services Limited (COHSL), which provides publicly funded rural hospital and community health services from Dunstan Hospital for Central Otago and Wanaka.

The role of Central Otago Health Inc. (COHInc) is to ensure that these hospital and community services reflect the wishes of the Central Otago and Wanaka communities, and to protect and keep the hospital assets. This is done formally through COHInc appointing (and if necessary dismissing) directors to COHSL, and representing the views of the community to COHSL. COHSL reports to COHInc on important issues as they arise, and at the COHInc's annual general meeting.

#### **Who are its members?**

COHInc is made up of nine members. Five are to be elected in the local body elections, and four are appointed.

The five elected members represent the Earnscliffe-Manuherikia, Cromwell, Roxburgh and Alexandra wards of the Central Otago District Council, and the Wanaka ward of the Queenstown Lakes District Council. Each candidate for election must be on the local body authority roll of the ward he or she wishes to represent. There is no elected member from the Maniototo ward of the Central Otago District Council, as rural hospital services for that ward are provided by Ranfurly Hospital.

The four appointed members are one appointed by the Central Otago District Council; two appointed by the health service providers and one local resident appointed by the Tangata Whenua.

#### **What is involved?**

COHInc meets approximately ten times a year. Members are expected to attend meetings. They need to have a good understanding of and concern, for the health needs of their communities, and to keep themselves informed of the changes in the New Zealand health sector.

Members are to be reimbursed for travel and other necessary expenses.

#### **Election Process**

The Central Otago Health Inc elections are conducted in accordance with the same acts and regulations used to conduct the local authority elections. Information in Central Otago District Council Candidate Information Booklet is relevant to the election of the Central Otago Health Inc. If you are unsure about anything regarding the election process of the Central Otago Health Inc please contact:

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