

Chair's Report AGM 13 May 2023

Morena, Good morning, Welcome

I am pleased to present my report as the Board's Chair of Communicare CMA (Auckland) Incorporated for today's Annual General Meeting, Saturday 13 May 2023. I was appointed Chair in August 2019 and feel very privileged to be in this role.

Thank you, to all of you, for taking the time to attend today's Annual General Meeting.

This past year, we have witnessed a lot of change and as we know there is one philosophy that is always constant and that is change. Change in our cost of living, change in our Health and Educational systems, change in inflation, interest rates, change in every-day living. We also now have changes in leadership like our newly appointed Prime Minister and the recently crowned Monarch of our Commonwealth.

Last year, Communicare appointed a new General Manager, Brigid Curran. Brigid has been in this role for just over a year now. As a result of Brigid's appointment, Communicare has been on a journey of change. Part due to this change, is Communicare's own financial make-up along with other environmental factors that have challenged Communicare particularly given we are a not-for-profit organisation. I take this moment to thank Brigid for all her hard work throughout the past year. Her enthusiastic and empathetic personality along with key skill sets, has helped to keep Communicare sustainable for the future. Thank you, Brigid.

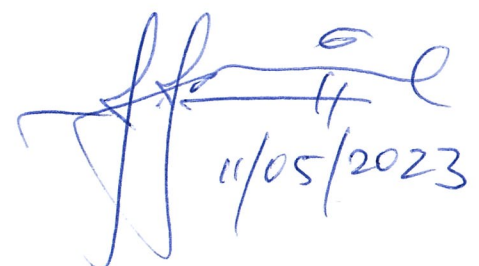
I have also, in the last year, had a slight change with the Board. Mark Alviola resigned earlier this year so he could go and live with his partner in Australia. Mark was key in helping with older people's health and will be missed by various centres that he supported. Thank you Mark for your voluntary service over the last year and everyone from Communicare, wish you well. On that note, we are currently looking for a Board member with a similar experience – that is a nursing background specialising in elderly health. If you know of anyone, please let Head Office know.

It is no easy feat being a volunteer, juggling family, jobs, etc and then to be a volunteer in a Governance role on a regular basis. I thank all Board Members for your time, energy, efforts, and endearing passion to help lead Communicare into a dynamic, diverse, sustainable, and secure future. Over the last year, The Board has been working on further amendments to the Constitution and other policy discussions along with exploring numerous financial areas to help support the future of Communicare. I thank the Board for all their help, knowledge, and expertise over the last year.

I also take this moment to thank Heather du Plessis Allan who will continue as the Patron of Communicare. Heather's network is key to helping Communicare continue to grow.

Yes, change is constant yet so is community. Community is always constant. Community is at our heart. Community is always there for you, for me, for our families and for our friends.

Communicare's Staff, Volunteers, family, and friends are all part of the Communicare Community and all of you have helped to rise above some tough challenges over the last year. I thank all of you for your resilience, your perseverance, determination and above all, passion. It reflects how you care so much about Communicare, and nobody can teach that. It is impressive and is beyond measure. Thank you all so much.



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At the core, I thank you, our Members for your support. Communicare exists for the benefit of every Member and your loyalty and commitment to Communicare is appreciated and certainly demonstrates that resilience and wisdom we all aspire to.

Kia kaha, Kia maia

Stay Strong, Stay Steadfast

Thank you and best wishes to you and your family.



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JOSEPHINE JARDINE
Chair of Communicare

