



Muscular Dystrophy  
New Zealand

## NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS - 2017

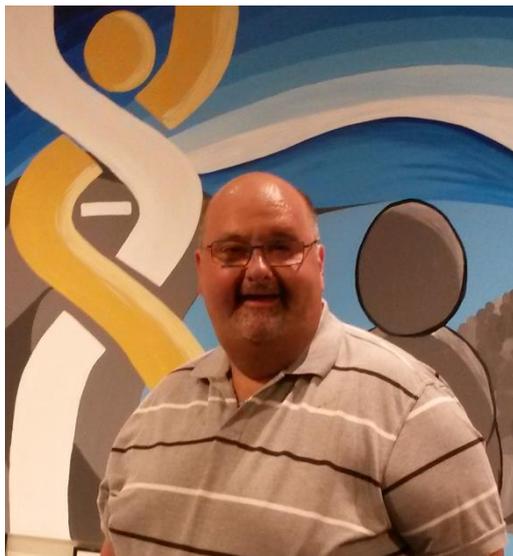
### Ken Green - Chairperson

Ken was elected as Chairperson in April 2017, following one year of service as a Councillor at large. As an experienced Chartered Accountant in both corporate and community settings, Ken brings a depth of knowledge and skill, also acting as Chairperson of the Finance Committee (a subcommittee of the National Council with oversight for financial performance and accountability). He resides in Northland with his wife Jan and has lived experience of FSHD, having been diagnosed as a child. Following a long corporate career,



Ken now works as a contract accountant and participates heavily in the community. He is a past Lions Club member, served for 7 years on the COGS committee and has been involved in CCS Disability Action, Riding for the Disabled, Youthline, Church youth groups, St Johns and various marae.

### Trevor Jenkin - Vice Chairperson



Trevor was elected as Vice Chairperson in April 2017 following a five year period of service as Chairperson for the Northern Branch, where he was often the Branch Representative on National Council. He resides in Auckland with his wife Joy and both are very passionate about MDA, its members and services. Their son who had Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, sadly passed away in November 2015 at the age of 17. Trevor is a former civil engineer and is now self-employed with a successful business. He enjoys interaction with members and fostering relationships so that members may share information and learn from each other.

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## Olivia Shivas - Rangatahi Representative



Olivia was elected as the Rangatahi Rep on Council in April 2016, to represent our members aged 16 – 25years. Olivia has a family history and lived experience of MD. She has a passion to see young people live life to the full, as she does herself. Olivia writes articles for the In Touch magazine and is a keen supporter of the Northern Branch camps. With her university studies behind her, Olivia now works at Attitude Pictures, a TV production company covering stories about people with disabilities. In her spare time she does some freelance journalism, enjoys visiting markets, watching films, and catching up with friends over brunch.

## Andrea McMillan – Elected Councillor at Large

Andrea has served on council since 2012. Originally from Greymouth, Andrea has lived in Gore for the past 23 years. She worked as a Practice Nurse for two decades and currently is an Occupational Health Nurse with an interest in disability in the workplace. Andrea cares about rural communities and how service access needs can be addressed at a grass roots level. A mother of three, she became involved with MDA after her eldest son was diagnosed with Friedreich ataxia aged 11 years.



## Kerry Stephenson – Elected Councillor at Large



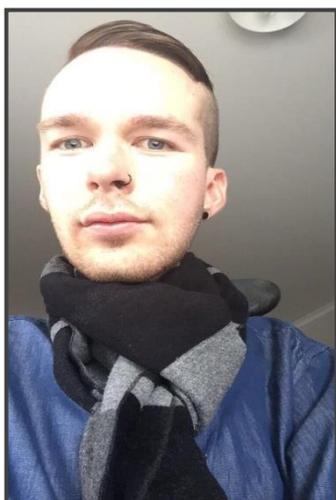
Kerry has served on council since 2015 and as a mother of three boys who all have special needs, is a proud advocate for parents and families. Kerry became involved with MDA when her eldest son now aged 10, was diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. She cares about the physical, emotional and financial challenges people with neuromuscular conditions face each day and became involved in governance to make a difference. She has developed an interest in research and medicines access through her experience trying to access treatment for her son.

## Jan Daly - Elected Councillor at Large

Jan has served on council since 2015. Originally from Central Otago, Jan lives in Timaru and is a proud grandmother of four. With a background in education, including early childhood and special needs, Jan also has much experience contributing to community services in her local community. She was diagnosed with Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) five years ago and following this diagnosis, proactively found support through the MDA by doing her own research. She became involved in governance to bring a voice for members such as herself to the strategic forum. She is keen to raise awareness of neuromuscular conditions by health professionals and within the community.



## Brent Walker - Appointed Councillor at Large



Brent was appointed by the National Council to fill a casual vacancy in April 2017. Brent grew up in the Waikato and resides in Hamilton, where he attends Waikato University and studies Philosophy. Aged 23-years, Brent brings a young persons perspective to council, along with the elected position of Rangatahi Representative. Brent has SMA and lives independently, managing his own supports and funding through the recent development of Enabling Good Lives. Brent is keen to bring this unique experience to his governance position. He enjoys travelling and meeting new people, going to concerts, and keeping up to date with politics. He would like to see disabled people being well looked after by services and nobody falling between the cracks.

## Dr Tristram Ingham - Elected Councillor at Large

Tristram was elected in April 2017 and resides in Wellington. He became involved in governance because he is passionate about advocating for better outcomes for people with disability, and neuromuscular conditions in particular. Tristram has lived experience of FSHD and extensive experience on governance and advisory groups across the health and disability sector. A qualified Doctor, he has clinical experience in the fields of neurology, internal medicine, and rehabilitation and now works at the University of Otago, as a Senior Research Fellow. He is keen to utilise his skills for systems improvement and to address health inequalities and outcomes for marginalised groups.



## Michael Schneider – Northern Branch Rep

Michael was appointed as the Northern Branch Rep in May 2017. A commercial photographer for 25+ years, he now works in the disability sector and is a passionate advocate for families and individuals living with impairment. Michael's son was diagnosed around five years ago with Duchenne muscular dystrophy and since then, he and his wife have worked hard to provide opportunities for their son and to support other families on their journey following diagnosis. Michael enjoys making creative and practical suggestions from the perspective of families. Michael resides in Auckland and is also an ADHD Association Committee Member.



## Annelize Steyn – Wellington Branch Rep



Annelize resides in Wellington and became the Wellington Branch Rep following her appointment as the Wellington Branch Chairperson in March 2017. She is passionate about family and about her work as a Diversional Therapist, supporting people in aged care to have meaningful activities in their lives. Annelize has lived experience of FSHD and has made a contribution to different branch committees over the years. She is keen to revitalise local engagement with members and to assist the organisation to be more sustainable for the future benefit of its members.

## Warren Hall – Canterbury Branch Rep

Warren Hall is a watch maker and business owner from Christchurch who has served on council as the Canterbury Branch Rep since 2015. He became involved with the local branch committee with a view to supporting fundraising and local governance because his step-son has myotonic dystrophy. Warren regularly volunteers for camps run by the branch and enjoys firing up the BBQ sharing the meat he has caught himself, through his hunting activities.



## Robbie Verhoef – Southern Branch Rep

Robbie has a long association with MDA and he and his wife Barb live by the Waianakarua River in North Otago. Robbie became the Southern Branch Rep following his appointment as the Southern Branch Chairperson in March 2017. His eldest son had SMA, which initiated contact with MDANZ 30 years ago. Robbie and Barb have continued to stay involved making a contribution to the organisation, although their son passed away in childhood. Robbie is a builder and keen tramper. He has a vision that the branch can foster a strong network of support and that our community of members become known to one another and have a sense of identity.

