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TECH USERS ASSOCIATION

TUANZ Board Roles and responsibilities

Introduction.

Thank you for considering being involved in the governance of our organisation.

As an incorporated society, the board is the legal and decision making representative body of the members. The board is directly elected from and by the members and carries the vision of TUANZ through governing the actions and operations of the organisation.

This paper provides a background to the current strategy, the role of the board and the responsibilities of being a member once elected.

2025 – 2027 Strategic Action Plan

Purpose:

Our purpose is to ensure that all of New Zealand makes the most of the digitally connected world.

Vision:

Our vision is that all businesses and individuals in Aotearoa have unrestricted access to the technology and services needed to thrive; no one misses out on the opportunities in technology; and digital engagement is safe and inclusive for all.

We will contribute to this by being a strong independent voice for all users of technology and helping our members prepare to take advantage of this digital future.

Our Pillars

We will be the strong independent voice for users navigating the digital world.

We will help our member community prepare to take advantage of the opportunities of the digital technology future.

Our Goals

Our Themes

	Access and Inclusion	We will advocate for all New Zealanders to have equal access to meaningful technology, digital services and connectivity.	We will work to ensure that the technology community represented by our membership is representative of the wider population in Aotearoa.
	Trust and Safety	We will help keep New Zealanders safe by advocating for the right policy and programmes that focus on trust and safety.	We will help our member community keep their businesses and customers safe by providing practical tools and services relating to safety online and cyber security.
	Education	We will work with key industry stakeholders to advance mutual objectives in increasing digital capability.	We will support the development of the next generation of leaders who are involved in digitally enabled businesses.
	Generative AI	We will work to encourage the uptake of responsible and inclusive use of AI in Aotearoa.	We will encourage member engagement through working groups to develop practical contributions to supporting the growth and use of Generative AI.
	Data Privacy	We will be a champion for responsible data usage, particularly in the context of new digital technologies.	

The Board.

The Role of the Board

- To provide governance and oversight for the running of the association
- To promote all members' interests on a wide range of issues
- To represent the diversity of the TUANZ membership base and the user community.

Board Member Term

- Two (2) years commencing from the end of the AGM at which they were elected
- Board Members are eligible for re-election but may only serve 3 terms of 2 years
- No more than one person from any Member organisation may be elected to the Board.

Time Commitment

- The estimated time commitment is four to five hours every two months for Board members (excluding the Chair position).

Board Member Responsibilities.

- Act in accordance with the constitution of TUANZ
- Comply with the TUANZ conflicts of interest policy
- Represent the voice and interests of all TUANZ Members and digital users in New Zealand
- Identify and make connections with potential members and partners and the TUANZ CEO
- Attend bi-monthly Board meetings (Auckland-based with dial-in facilities for those outside of Auckland)
- Between meetings, review and comment on discussion papers, draft submissions, media releases and other documents
- Attend an annual strategy session in Auckland
- Attend any local TUANZ events
- Voluntary participation in chosen sub committees, projects and activities outside of Board meetings to further the goals of TUANZ.

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