

Nomination for William Rolleston.

Moved: Ven Indrea Alexander

Seconded: Rev Pauline Geddes

I am willing to put my name forward again for the Craighead Board of Proprietors as I consider there are important projects to be progressed as Craighead continues its development and rebuilding programme.

I have a passion for history and heritage and have been on the Craighead BOP since 2009 after voicing my concern that Salmond House would be demolished without consultation and a reasonable scoping of the options for its development and use. I have served on the Special Character and Finance committees.

I am a trained medical practitioner who now runs a farming and biotechnology business in Timaru with my brother, John, employing around 80 people and exporting biological products throughout the world for use in diagnostics and pharmaceuticals.

I practiced as a part time general practitioner for about ten years until 2002 and have held positions as founding chair of both Biotenz (the Biotechnology Industry Organisation of New Zealand) and the Life Sciences Network (a grouping of national industry and science organisations advocating for regulation on genetically modified organisms to be based on science). In 2009 I was awarded the Distinguished Biotechnologist of the Year Award. I have been director and chairman of a number of companies in the science and medical field, was on the Board of the Foundation for Science, Research and Technology and was subsequently appointed to the Ministry of Science and Innovation's Science and Innovation boards, the latter as chair. I am a past national and international president of Federated Farmers New Zealand and the World Farmers Organisation respectively, and vice chairman of the local economic development agency - Aoraki Development, Business and Tourism (ADBT). In 2019 I was recognised by the South Canterbury Business Excellence Awards with a Special Commendation Award and was appointed a Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to farming in 2017.

I am a keen skier, representing New Zealand Universities as a competitor and on international committees. I currently participate in the national masters ski race programme each winter and volunteer as an official in the annual Aoraki Interschool competition.

I live at Blue Cliffs Station and was on the St Mary's Church Esk Valley Management Committee. St Mary's Church in Esk Valley was built by Charles Meyer, the previous owner of Blue Cliffs Station, in 1880. Many of the windows and chattels in the church were provided by, and are in memory of, my family. I attended Anglican schools (Waihi and Christ's College).

I have had three daughters at Craighead, the youngest having completed year thirteen in 2020. They are the fourth generation of my family to attend Craighead including aunts, great aunts, great grandmother and numerous cousins.

I believe that my professional experiences provide me with the skills in good governance and in understanding people and the challenges and needs of the school.

I am committed to the special character of Craighead which to me is the culture of the school, with its Anglican values, providing the girls with life skills which will serve them well for the rest of their lives.