

**Nominations for Age Concern Wellington  
Executive Committee  
Annual General Meeting, 2020**



**Name:** Michael Knight

**Position nominated for:** Executive Committee Member, President

**Nominated by:** Elizabeth Steer

**Bio/Candidate Statement:** Michael is a current Executive Committee Member. He wants to serve on this committee in the coming year to contribute to the development and repositioning of Age Concern Wellington. He has experience in export and national sales, operations and logistics management with national and international businesses. His certifications include Quality Management Systems Auditor and Lead Auditor. For the past 25 years he has been self-employed as a business consultant specialising in business development and human resources, quality and health and safety systems. He is also actively involved in the Lower Hutt Chamber of Commerce and Rotary.

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**Name:** Paul Green

**Position nominated for:** Executive Committee Member

**Nominated by:** Elizabeth Steer

**Bio/Candidate Statement:** I believe voluntary organisations like Age Concern contribute to the common good of our community. It is a way of doing my civic duty and contributing to my community while saying thanks to the country that welcomed my family here almost 50 years ago. Having worked with members of diverse ethnic backgrounds in several community service groups, I am committed to making our services fit for purpose for all senior New Zealanders and to build those bridges where necessary. I would therefore promote consultation where needed to make sure that our services are delivered to the elders of all communities in culturally appropriate ways. So long as I am able to contribute, I see no reason to retire from community service.

I am a good team worker who prefers consensus decision making whenever possible. I have served on several other governing boards involved in the delivery of social services e.g. a general social service agency, alcohol and drug treatment services, and restorative justice conferencing. In public speaking roles, I have promoted the widespread use of restorative practices in schools and other public and voluntary organisations, continuing education for

older citizens and the training of teachers who help immigrants learn English as their second language. As a continuing education lecturer, I have specialised on social justice issues involving Tiriti o Waitangi, prison visiting and the reform of our justice system. I have participated in many social science research projects and designed several others using questionnaires, focus groups and telephone surveys.

### ***Specific Skills and Experience***

- Massey University Lecturer for 25 years teaching Sociology and Social Psychology (retired).
  - A Founding member of both the Manawatu Society for Alcohol and Drug Use 1977-1991 serving terms as Secretary and chairperson and the Manawatu Community Justice Trust (MCJT) and served 2 years on a new board, after contracting with the Ministry of Justice (2007-2014), to deliver RJ services The first coordinator (2007-2009) of MCJT and a MoJ trained facilitator (2008-2014).
  - I have served on Primary and Secondary School Boards, the PN board of Habitat for Humanity and the Diocesan Commission for Justice Peace and Development while in Palmerston North.
  - Continuing education roles: Organised a Compass conference on sexual abuse and family violence; participated in several Prison Fellowship RJ programmes in prisons (Sycamore Tree); Training English language teachers for English Language Partners concerning the Treaty, race relations and NZ identity; University of the Third Age (U3A) lecturer and Philosophy group Presenter.
  - Ethics Committee memberships: the Manawatu/Whanganui Health Ethics (lay member) 1999-2004 and the Massey University Human Ethics Committee a community member and deputy chair for 2 years, (2003-2009).
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**Name:** Elizabeth Steer

**Position nominated for:** Executive Committee Member

**Nominated by:** Michael Knight

**Bio/Candidate Statement:** I currently work at Careerforce (Industry Training Organisation) managing the qualifications for Health Care Assistants in Aged Care and Home Support. I have previously been a Business Development Advisor at New Zealand Trade and Enterprise supporting new and current exporters, a Business Mentor for Business Mentors New Zealand, CEO of Manawatu Business Development Board and a small business owner.

I have a strong background in community participation. For the last 9 years I've been one of the two co-ordinators of Community Fruit Wellington (picking backyard fruit that is distributed to charities through Kaibosh), part of the organising group of Kilbirnie, Lyall Bay,

Rongotai Residents Association and whilst in the UK spent 9 years volunteering with and chairing the Phab Central London Branch of Physically Handicapped and Able-Bodied – a Charity that promotes self-reliance and social opportunities for people with disabilities.

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**Name:** Jill Tanner-Lloyd

**Position nominated for:** Executive Committee Member

**Nominated by:** Susan Iverson

Bio/Candidate Statement: Over the last two years, as a partner and carer, I have had help from a number of wonderful health and elder support groups within the Wellington area. This includes Age Concern. My husband and I have enjoyed the support of Age Concern's two initiatives – the Companion service and the recent addition – the Walking Service. I am impressed by the commitment of the volunteers and the empathy demonstrated - with equal portions of energy and motivation. I have also been impressed by the range of support the organisation provides to the elderly.

From a broader perspective, I am keen to get involved in supporting Age Concern in the following ways: firstly, I am empathetic to the ongoing needs of the older members of our community and what they have to offer, and I believe my communication and marketing skills can enhance how Age Concern grows greater awareness for and influence of this important group.

Secondly, the future of this organisation is looking positive, and I am very interested to help its continued growth in popularity and interaction across communities, in a future-focused and sustainable way.

Thirdly, I am motivated to support how Age Concern becomes more inclusive; with stronger links to older people from other cultures; to give them a stronger voice too - to be heard and understood by many and valued by all.

I have a degree and postgrad diploma in Communications from Massey University and have worked in the tertiary education sector in Communications and Marketing for the past 13 years.

As National Communications and Marketing Manager, I am on the Senior Leadership team for my organisation – Ako Aotearoa (ako.ac.nz) and work closely with my Director to develop, plan and manage special initiatives (e.g. our National Tertiary Teaching Excellence Awards at Parliament for Minister Hipkins) as well as ongoing management of the Comms and Marketing team with all aspects of promotion, reputation and brand management, media relations, print and video resource development and online delivery of seminars, conferences and one-off webinars etc.

I work closely with Ako Aotearoa's Deputy Director Maori on tikanga, core values and other relevant Māori Kaupapa for our organisation and others across the sector. This includes supporting comms and marketing with our Te Rūnanga Māori and event committee for our national Māori education hui (since 2010). I work with and for our Pacific Peoples' Caucus, Pasifika advisors and especially in supporting our national Pacific Tertiary Education Forum (since 2015).

Ongoing learning in-house involves weekly te reo and tikanga lessons with our Deputy Director Māori and completion of various Te Tiriti o Waitangi workshops over the years.

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**Name:** Aaron Scott

**Position nominated for:** Executive Committee Member

**Nominated by:** Michael Knight

**Bio/Candidate Statement:** I founded Somar in 2008. The Somar team have successfully delivered hundreds of projects across the business, government, and NGO sectors, including large-scale data integrations for Wellington's Metlink public transport network, design transformations for organisations like the Citizen Advice Bureau NZ, NZ Cancer Society network, Department of Internal Affairs, and fun, vibrant events like the Wellington Jazz Festival.

I am especially interested in how digital tools can enhance real-world user experiences, like catching a bus, climbing a mountain, or making donations to people in need. A great deal of Somar's ongoing focus is on ways to work with Intelligent Transport Systems, simply put, taking complex data and information and delivering it up to users in a clear and concise way.

I have overseen Somar to being nominated and winning awards from Deloitte (50 Fast & APAC Tech 500), Web Marketing Association (Outstanding Website), and NZ Best Design Awards (User Experience and Public Good).

I'm proud to be an adopted Wellingtonian and I try to bring a growth mindset and constant learning approach to everything I covers. When I'm not at work you'd find me playing bass guitar, following sports, and spending time with my family.

I was fortunate enough to spend a lot of time with my grandparents in my formative years. This gave me some insights how they gave back to our family and wider community.

I believe that digital inclusion is an important topic for Kiwis, especially for the elderly, in the past 15 years we've seen the average life expectancy increase by 10 years, NZ's population is only going to get older and we need to ensure organisations like Age Concern are digitally ready.

I want to take my 15+ years' experience in digital and help that shape Age Concern's customer experience which will need to be digitally driven.

I want to create positive outcomes that are not only achievable, but measurable to ensure the board and I are held to account.

### ***Specific Skills and Experience***

Innovation – As the CEO of a Digital Agency we need to be on cutting edge of technology and our innovative systems are on display through all our key client projects.

Building Relationships – Over the past 15 years' of being based in Wellington I've formed relationships with a wide variety of people from corporate world, NFP/NGO sectors, through to public sector and believe that my network is able to be leveraged to help directly benefit Age Concern.

Willingness to take calculated risks – I have a great ability to see unforeseen opportunities that help establish new markets and offerings. Embracing risk also helps you overcome the fear of failing.

Leading a highly profitable organisations – Whilst I think it's important for a Social Good organisation to breakeven, I also think we need to strive for more than this. I bring a growth/profit mind set to all the organisations I've led.