

Dapaanz Board Nominees 2019-2021



Leilani Maraku

Leilani has 20 years' experience within mental health & addictions starting at the age of 20, over the past five years the focus has been on empowering Tangata whaiora and their whanau in developing peer services within the Manawatu region. Leilani comes with the right passion drive age and ability to connect with youth which would ensure there is a youth and Tangata whaiora voice.

Leilani is currently the Manukura (CE) for Mana o te Tangata Trust a Kaupapa Maori Mental Health & Addiction Peer Support Service in MidCentral. Leilani developed and delivered adult youth and their whanau addictions peer support services throughout the Manawatu region, this also included providing services within the Manawatu prison working with male offenders (18-32) with mental health and addiction issues and their whanau on the outside. Followed by a joint initiative between four AOD NGO providers with the Department of Corrections Community Probation - Single point of entry for referrals that rolled out from MidCentral District Health Board.

Present representation locally & nationally

- Turamarama Kaupapa Maori Suicide Prevention Roopu, Chairperson
- AOD Network MidCentral, member
- Navigate Central, member
- Te Kete Pounamu, member
- Ministry of Health NGO Health & Disability Council, member
- Health Quality & Safety Commission MHA Quality Improvement Programme Consumer Advisory Group, member.

I am standing because

I have the energy and drive and bring experience as a mental health & addictions worker from consumer focussed platform, front line service delivery, administration and management. I am a strong advocate in ensuring that the voice of Tangata whaiora and their whanau are inclusive and being heard. I believe it is paramount that we implement a whole system paradigm change across all sectoral sectors.



Shane Pleasance

An experienced Director, I am passionate about the power of good governance to improve the outcomes of the whole organisation – and beyond.

I am an addictions practitioner of 30 year's experience. Currently self-employed, I have worked in the DHB, NGO and Voluntary fields in governance, executive management, contract management and clinical roles.

A member of the Institute of Directors, my previous and current director/governance roles have included:

- New Zealand Nurses Organisation
- Chamber of Commerce
- Southland Disability Enterprises

Qualifications:

Master of Business Administration (MBA), Post Graduate Certificate Addictions (PGCert), Bachelor of Science (Hons) Counselling & Psychology (BSc (Hons),

	<p>Registered Nurse, Member of the Institute of Directors (MinstD), DAPAANZ Reg AOD Prac.</p> <p>I am standing because</p> <p>The worlds attitude to substance use is changing. There has never been a more important and exciting time to take leadership in the field in New Zealand.</p>
	<p>Toma Petelo</p> <p>Talofa lava, Malo e Lelei, Fakalofa lahi atu, Kia ora, Bula, Taloha ni and warm Pacific greetings. My name is Toma Petelo a father of 8 and a grand-father of 8.I am originally from Samoa and have been living in Christchurch for 22 years. I come from the village of Tauese in Apia and Salelologa in Savaii.I am also known as Luamanuvae as my Chief Title from the village of Salelologa in Savaii.I have been working in the Addiction sector for more than 18 years in various roles both in the Community and Prison settings. In the last two years I was seconded to Samoa as Case Manager for the Alcohol and Drugs Court and it was a very rewarding experience for me.I am currently under the employ of The Salvation Army Addiction Services – Christchurch Bridge at Christchurch Men’s Prison.</p> <p>I am standing because</p> <p>I have a passion for service and willingness to collaborate with all perspectives on issues that matter to DAPAANZ and our communities. But first and foremost I want to represent the voice of our Pacific brothers and sisters other members of DAPAANZ and the community. If elected, I would like to work more closely with our Pacific workforce to strength our working relationship with the sector and on-going support for practitioners working with our Pacifica people and others to make our community a better place to live.</p>
	<p>Anthony Gomez</p> <p>A nurse by profession with fifteen years of professional experience in five countries. Currently working as an AOD practitioner (Odyssey House Christchurch) in the DTU of Christchurch Men’s Prison, Assistant Supervisor at the Matawhaiti Residence (Public Protection Order) of the Department of Corrections and online/external faculty of mental health and addictions programs of private educational institutions in Auckland and Christchurch. Finishing the PG Cert in Health Sciences – Mental Health and Addictions at AUT and pursuing the Criminal Law and Justice degree from UC. My professional qualifications are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DAPAANZ AOD Registered (provisional) Practitioner - Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (APT Accredited Practitioner Level 2) - World Health Organization – Pacific Open Learning Health Network Champion - Human Anatomy and Physiology Society (HAPS) – Member - Australasian Society for Human Biology – Member - Registered Nurse - Nursing and Midwifery Council of Guyana – Registered, Guyana South America - Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Commission of Health Specialties (Prometric) – Nurse Specialist - Supreme Council of Health Qatar (Prometric) – General Scope Nurse - Physiotherapist

- Master of Science in Nursing
- Doctor of Nursing Practice (s), Walden University, USA
- Certification in Occupational Safety and Health
- Dementia Course – University of Tasmania, Wicking Dementia Research & Education Centre
- Certificate in Human Biology, University of Adelaide
- New Zealand Certificate in Adult and Tertiary Teaching
- New Zealand Certificate in Assessment Practice
- LEAN SIX SIGMA Certified
- AHA BLS ACLS and PALS Provider
- Certified Advanced Open Water Diver and Rescue Diver (CMAS, PADI)
- Licensed Embalmer and Undertaker, Member – International Association of Forensic Nurses
- Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, USA – Nurse Leader, Abstract and Grants Reviewer
- Executive Diploma in Forensic Science, ICI Sydney
- Tertiary Education Union NZ – Member
- Public Service Association NZ – Member

I am standing because

I want to use my skills and academic background for the improvement of addictions profession in New Zealand. I believe that my extensive experience in working with people from different culture, religion and ethnic background will benefit the organization. I would like to have an active participation in the area of education, training and research. My strong background as a clinician and academecian will be of great value in ensuring that AOD professionals are continuously upgrading their skills and qualifications, aligning their AOD credential with their core profession. I am passionate in generating researches and studies that will provide substantial evidences for practice. This will ensure that AOD profession in New Zealand is supported by conscientious and judicious use of current and best evidence available. Doing this promotes currency, greater autonomy, wider authority and credible display of expertise, maintaining the profession's relevance and integrity despite of the many challenges and changes the organisation is facing.

Choi Foong Kew



I am a migrant from Singapore who came with 22 years of experience in social service and mental health sectors. Prior to my migration, I was working with the Institute of Mental Health in Singapore as a Senior Addictions Counsellor providing counselling services for people who suffered from Alcohol and Drugs, Gambling and Internet addictions. I obtained my Master of Social Science in Professional Counselling from Swinburne University of Technology (Australia). I joined Asian Family Services in August 2014 and am currently the Clinical Practice Leader. I am fluent in English and Mandarin; and speaks Chinese dialects such as Minnanyu (Taiwanese), Chaoyu (Teochew) and Cantonese.

I am standing because

	<p>I am passionate about helping people to journey through their recovery in addictions and providing the perspective from an Asian clinician. After five years of working in the addiction field in New Zealand, I am now more confident of how I can contribute to this sector and especially for those who are considered as minorities in this land. I hope that my future involvement in Dapaanz can add value to the work that has started long before.</p>
	<p>Suzy Morrison</p> <p>I have lived experience of addiction and long-term recovery. My professional training is in social work and counselling. I have worked clinically in the addiction sector in a variety of settings for 15+ years and latterly for 6 years in the Consumer Project Lead role for Matua Raki (the addiction workforce development centre) within Te Pou o te Whakaaro Nui. I retired from Matua Raki early this year and am doing contract work in the addiction sector. I'm a dapaanz accredited supervisor and specialise in supervising those with lived experience of addiction now working in the sector.</p> <p>I am standing because</p> <p>I'm standing again because I have thoroughly enjoyed being on the dapaanz board these last two years. As well as my years of working clinically I bring the voice of long-term recovery and of being a family member. And making visible the older person. It's not just my voice I bring to the table as I have extensive networks and am proud to be part of the Matua Raki Consumer Leadership Group.</p>
	<p>Paul Schreuder</p> <p>Paul Schreuder has been a senior lecturer in addiction studies for over twenty years. Prior to that he has worked as an addictions practitioner, relapse prevention facilitator and co-ordinator for living without violence. He has three children and lives on the Kapiti Coast. Paul was born in Holland and came to New Zealand as a seven year old with his parents in 1960. In 2011 Paul recorded an album of original songs about addiction and recovery titled "sobertown". He has presented at several international conferences and studied at Massey University, The Waikato University as well as the Wellington Institute of Technology. He has degrees in Social Sciences, and Psychology and has a Post grad Dip in Education and Grad Dip in Addiction studies as well as certificates from the New York Institute of REBT where he was supervised by Albert Ellis. He is on the current DAPAANZ board and was on the original board when it first was elected. Paul currently has research interests in the addictability of certain low nutritious high calorie foods, and the integration of CBT/mindfulness and Narrative Therapy. Song-writing remains his passion, his biggest success being that of winning the APRA silver scroll many years ago.</p> <p>I am standing because</p> <p>It is important that the educational sector is represented on the board. I am passionate about the inclusion of Gambling and other non-substance use disorders and enjoy being on the gambling sub committee.</p>
	<p>Rolf Remin</p> <p>Born in Australia, and moved to New Zealand 10 years ago. My career background is Royal Australian Navy, 1978-1984 as a cook and musician. Changed career in 2016 to study Tetaketake. Life changing choice of my own personal recovery since 2010. Currently working with both mental health and addictions. My achievements in this field is Winner 2018 Abstract Award at Cutting Edge with EMBRACE.</p> <p>I am standing because</p> <p>I'm on my own two feet! Funny yes! Yet a very serious statement. To me, if it was not for the principles of dapaanz, having professional and well informed practitioners, my own personal recovery journey may have not occurred. For this reason, I can give back what I have received and uphold, promote and further these principles to all of us practitioners. I'm a person that can translate complexity to simplicity. With changing laws presented by Government, I hope if elected, with other passionate</p>

	<p>members of this board, to help transition all to participate to walk alongside our people to recovery.</p>
	<p>Lisa Phillips</p> <p>Lisa Phillips is a reasearcher who has been practicing in the Health and Education sectors for over 15 years. As a registered educator and addiction practitioner, she began her career working alongside clients experiencing advanced dementia. This sparked an interest in the relationship between substance use and cognitive changes. Her experience includes speaking internationally on the impact of trauma on young people, as well as leading clinical and educational teams both nationally and regionally. With a special interest in ensuring the client remains at the centre of practice, she supports the values that Durie and Kingi described in the Hua Oranga assessment.</p> <p>I am standing because</p> <p>If we take what we have, which is a committed, knowledgeable, and genuine workforce, and we breathe life on the way we support them, we could have revolution in the way we practice working with recovery. We have a responsibility to support each other in the work we do, and this is reflected in our own registering bodies values. My hope is that the addiction workforce is able to access any supports they may need, without fear of reprimand or discrimination for the type of support they are accessing. Addiction practitioners in Aotearoa and those who train, monitor and support them are capable of improving the health and wellbeing of the workforce.</p> <p>I believe that the addiction workforce needs to be encouraged to be bold when sharing their own backgrounds with addiction, which would serve to normalise these issues, as well as reflecting that addiction does not discriminate. We can be employed, hold down a full-time job with a family, and still have issues with addiction. The key is that we talk about these challenges, and the more we do, the less those of us who are in recovery, or working towards recovery, will feel isolated and unable to connect. My Doctoral research will also be dedicated to the addiction sector. This research will progress the findings of my master's research, by designing and developing a nationally recognised suite of addiction workforce support tools and recommendations.</p>
	<p>Selina Elkington</p> <p>Selina is Operations Manager Nova Star, Christchurch. She has been an addiction practitioner for a number of years and is a Registered Practitioner and Accredited Supervisor.</p> <p>I am standing because</p> <p>Having a seat at the table of the dapaanz executive board is a privilege that I take seriously. I have been fortunate to be involved in many areas of the executive board duties, some included, competencies, policy, and strategic planning. The addiction sector is an area of health that is so vital to well-being, the people that work in this sector, we deserve a robust, competent professional body to protect the people we work with and the members.</p>
	<p>Paul Haycock</p> <p>I was born in Wellington, and grew up in Papua New Guinea. I have two adult daughters who live in Australia. My first career was as a chef for 25+ years prior to getting into the addictions field. I have travelled the world cooking and during this time experienced the effects of substance use/abuse within the hospitality industry. I have a passion for residential rehabilitation which allows Tangata Whaiora a period of respite from the chaos that – generally – is their lives. I live with my partner and my dog and our cat in Waikanae on the Kapiti coast.</p> <p>I am standing because</p>

	<p>I have a strong desire to increase workforce development within the sector; and ensure on going recognition of a high level of skill for practitioners.</p> <p>I also have a passion to see that peer support (or recovery coaches as we call them) and support workers have a clear pathway into significant workforce development.</p>
	<p>Paul Langdon</p> <p>Paul has worked in the addiction sector since 1994. His roles include; addictions counsellor with Auckland CADS services and the Problem Gambling Foundation, clinical supervision, private practice, lecturer in addiction studies at WelTec, clinical manager and most recently Clinical Director at Wings Trust. He has also been a child and family worker and family therapist with Presbyterian Support services and a supervisor with the Methodist Family services. He has a lived experience of addiction and been in recovery since 1989. Paul studied at Massey and Auckland Universities and has a BA with a major in psychology and a Post Graduate Certificate in Health Sciences. He is married with two adult children and two grandchildren</p> <p>I am standing because</p> <p>Paul is standing as he is committed to the development of the addictions workforce to reduce the harms addiction has on individuals, whanau and communities. He brings his experience and understanding of the sector along with his additional experience as a manager of an NGO. Recent themes at Cutting Edge have focused on the importance of a strong sense of belonging and a supportive social network of people who support the change journey. Paul brings a wealth of experience and commitment to this model of inclusiveness.</p>
	<p>Bridgitte Thornley</p> <p>Bridgitte Thornley has been working for the Problem Gambling Foundation (PGF) since 2011 and been working in the problem gambling sector for 13 years. She is a Registered Social Worker and has been both a counsellor and leader in this time. At PGF, Bridgitte's clinical expertise and strong leadership skills were recognised and she was promoted from Southern Region Practice Leader, to the National Clinical Practice Leader then to her current role as National Director, PGF Services. Prior to this, Bridgitte completed a postgraduate diploma in Clinical Drug Dependence in Australia and worked in the AOD sector for six years. Bridgitte has a proven ability to manage teams and oversee the implementation of a wide range of programmes and projects. Her knowledge, experience, and passion for the sector has enabled her to have a successful and rewarding career in the addiction field. Bridgitte hopes that her appointment is successful to ensure the Board is supporting gambling harm services.</p> <p>I am standing because</p> <p>I believe that the gambling harm minimisation sector should have a representative at the Board level. This will ensure that the issues unique to this sector are given a voice and a champion. The impacts of gambling harm continue to need strong representation and promotion within the wider addictions sector. I also hope that with a gambling harm practitioner on the Board we can encourage and increase the level of registered gambling harm counsellors with Dapaanz.</p>
	<p>Debby Sutton</p> <p>Debby has worked in the addiction treatment sector for over 20 years in a variety of roles, including Alcohol & Drug Counsellor at CADS, Senior Lecturer at Central Institute of Technology/ WelTec, and in Workforce Development roles for CADS and Matua Raki. For the last few years she has worked for Odyssey in programme management roles establishing new initiatives including Odyssey's COPMIA family resiliency programme and various projects implemented by the AOD Provider Collaborative, such as Recovery College, and collaborations with primary care and with the justice sector. These roles have provided Debby with opportunities to contribute to the advancement of the addiction workforce, such as assisting with the development of the Bachelor of Alcohol & Drug Studies degree, and the Addiction Practitioner Competencies (2001 and 2010), as well as writing publications such as, A</p>

	<p>guide to the addiction treatment sector in Aotearoa, New Zealand (Matua Raki, 2012), and the Supervisors' Guide: Integrating Family Inclusive Practice into clinical supervision for the addictions workforce (Kina Trust, 2010).</p> <p>I am standing because</p> <p>People with alcohol and drug challenges should have access to quality support and treatment services. Dapaanz plays an important role in supporting the treatment workforce to maintain high standards. In seeking re-election to the executive board I hope to contribute to the success of dapaanz into the future, and ensure that dapaanz registration continues to reflect quality addiction practice. Over recent terms the board and dapaanz staff have made good progress in strengthening dapaanz as an organisation, and enhancing services to members. Dapaanz is now preparing for changes in the addiction and mental health sectors during 2019-2021, which I would like to support with my commitment and capabilities.</p>
	<p>Denise Blake</p> <p>I have engaged in the social justice and alcohol and other drug sector as a health professional, researcher and consumer for over 20 years. For the past few years, I have taught and researched in the field of disaster risk reduction and critical health psychology in the School of Psychology at Massey University. In this role, my commitment to social justice informs my work with groups who have vulnerabilities within a disaster context, and more generally. I argue that we need to bridge the knowledge-practice gap for providers and end users while valuing the intersubjective experience of both.</p> <p>I am standing because</p> <p>I am motivated to serve another term on the dapaanz Board because it is an incredible honour and privilege to be able to contribute to the overall ethical and cultural wellbeing of the addiction workforce. I believe my skills as an academic researcher, my past experience and knowledge as an AoD worker and consumer collectively allow me to bring a unique and useful set of abilities to the Board. As a Board member, I contribute practical, operational and strategic knowledge to enable practitioners and researchers to be responsive and accountable in their professional and personal lives. I will continue to work with the Board, dapaanz members and external stakeholders with the energy, enthusiasm and drive I demonstrated during my current term.</p>
	<p>Annabel Prescott</p> <p>Annabel has been involved in the addictions sector for the past 15 years holding a variety of roles including, clinical, supervision, academic, research and has previously been a DAPAANZ executive member. She manages Anamata CAFE a youth one stop shop in Taupo including primary prevention and intervention of youth health services in schools and the community.</p> <p>I am standing because</p> <p>With the changing landscape of the addictions sector and the acknowledgement of the importance of wellbeing, I am keen to advocate on behalf of the sector, what wellbeing looks like for young people accessing addiction services. I moved to Taupo two years ago, and over that time I have also seen the unique challenges our region faces regarding addictions and I see this being present on the executive ensuring these challenges are visible at a national level is important.</p>
	<p>Maikali Kiloni</p> <p>Hello, I live in Wellington with my partner and two teenage children.</p> <p>I am currently serving on DAPAANZ Board as a representative of the Pacific addiction & mental health workforce community. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term.</p>



I've been working in the addiction and mental health field for the past 15 years. I'm registered with DAPPANZ as an AOD Practitioner and Accredited Clinical Supervisor.

I've had extensive experience working within hospital settings including the Regional Forensic and Rehabilitation Service in Porirua (Te Korowai Whariki) and at the Acute Inpatient Ward at Wellington Hospital. I've run several groups within the community and for the Probation Service and currently deliver a contract with Ministry of Justice in Wellington. I'm also a contract auditor with Central (Technical Arm Services) TAS and conduct provider audits including addiction services for most of the DHBs throughout the country.

I'm a founding member of Drua, the Pacific Addictions Network and currently a member of the Pacific Advisory Group for the Health Promotion Agency (HPA).

I am standing because

I believe that I can support DAPAANZ and its membership by sharing my experiences from what I've seen and learnt through my work. I would like to be a part of further promoting DAPAANZ as a signifier of confidence in practitioners. With the recent budget funding allocation and possibility of legislative reform, I would like to represent fellow members in our push to ensure proper frameworks and support are put in place for addiction treatment services.



Tracey Fitzgerald

Tracey is a member of the Executive Team at Odyssey Christchurch, managing the Christchurch Central Service. Tracey's career spans roles across the addictions sector including clinical, teaching and management. With a passion for collaboration, Tracey is integral to the success of the central addictions' hub in Christchurch and works closely with other agencies and not-for-profits to ensure clients receive services for enduring change.

She has been a Registered Practitioner and Member of DAPAANZ for ten years. She also holds post graduate qualifications in Strategic Leadership, Health Sciences and Counselling.

I am standing because

Over many years I have been developed my scope of practice in the field of addictions, counselling and education delivery. I believe that through working together we can improve the wellness of individuals, families and the community.



Ben Birks-Ang

Ben grew up in rural Manawatu, before moving to South Auckland. He has extensive experience working with young people using drugs and alcohol and has led the development of treatment and early intervention services for young people. This includes establishing and overseeing school-based, community, and residential drug and alcohol treatment programmes. He now works as the National Youth Services Adviser for the New Zealand Drug Foundation and Odyssey Trust, and is also the current Chair of dapaanz, the Addiction Practitioners Association of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Ben is passionate about empowering communities to create space for taiohi to grow and develop. He is excited to be leading a number of projects focused on building the capacity of our services, schools, and communities to really engage young people who use substances and also to support them to remain engaged in education. Being of mixed ethnicity, he is particularly interested in supporting the strengthening of cultural identity and traditions, and also supporting younger generations to understand how they can both be proud of who they are and move confidently between different cultural worlds.

I am standing because

I am standing for the Board for the following reasons:

- I believe that the experience I have gained as current Chair of DAPAANZ, and active involvement in many of the board's subcommittees, will support the Board to continue functioning well and moving in a positive strategic direction. I am particularly excited to support new Board members who would like to develop skills at a governance level.
- Being based between a treatment organisation and a policy/advocacy organisation, I bring a unique perspective about how our workforce can best support New Zealanders to reduce substance-related harm. This role also means that I am well positioned to support DAPAANZ to progress its activities.

Topou Folau



Kia ora koutou. I have Tongan and Samoan/German ancestry and am married to Georgina Davis (Ngati Manu, Ngai Tai, Ngati Porou and Ngati Pakeha) and have three young children under the age of 11. I grew up in Otara/Mangere, in South Auckland.

I am a fully registered Practitioner and an Approved Clinical Supervisor. I currently am employed by Te Atea Marino Maori services in the WDHB on a part-time basis, I also do private practice and contracting work. I have a Bachelor of Health Sciences in Population Health and a Post Graduate Diploma in Alcohol and other Drug studies, both from the University of Auckland. I am currently working towards completing my Level 9 certification in Psychodramatic Action Methods.

Through personal experience with AOD together with my formal training in health, addictions and systems. This experience has taught me that good health systems can contribute to positive health outcomes for the public including our communities who are effected by addictions.

My multicultural background and surrounding has allowed me to practice in a bicultural appropriate way; to acknowledge the importance of Te Tiriti o Waitangi; to acknowledge the importance of working towards a partnership where people are free from health disparities and inequalities. At the heart of this is the need to better work with Tangata whenua, Pasifika and our youth as they feature highly in our addiction statistics.

These experiences has allowed me to be an active leader and contributor to effective intervention for Kiwi's, youth, Maori, Pasifika and other cultures. I have been able to develop and implement programmes that focus both on narrative and action, this creative approach has helped whanau navigate through difficulties in language and cultural norms. This allowed me to develop skills to cater to whanau in complex situations and I have been privileged to work across Auckland and the North Island.

I am standing because

My primary registry body is DAPAANZ. Each decision made by the Board directly affects me as practitioner, student, researcher, worker, employer, contractor and supervisor. It has a large impact on what type of work I seek and 'seek to attract'. Therefore, I expect a Board to be strategically driven to provide a nurturing environment so members can grow in their chosen areas of practice, whether it is in government organisations, NGOs, contracting or private practice.

I believe I am well positioned in Government frontline treatment services, NGO and private practice to bring the views of the members to the board table. I am aware that members working in different areas have different needs and challenges.

What I have experienced, is that it can be very difficult to transition from contracting to employment or from employment to private practice. What this can creates is isolation for many members, in which they will continue to work in service that is distressing.

	<p>I will also continue to support and advocate for decisions that support better work situations which include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- competent and supportive training centres that equip members for the work force.- explore further how to support for members who are starting new roles in services.- clinical and professional supervision that caters for members need as apposed to organisational needs. <p>I understand that we are competing against some other big registry bodies and institutions: both government/non-government and clinical/non-clinical. However the work members do in the field of addiction and AOD are very unique, important and demanding. One that requires care and consideration.</p>
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