

# National Council Member

## Overview

Members of the National Council make up the highest decision-making body of the New Zealand Red Cross. Collectively, Members of National Council govern the organisation by exercising the powers given to it in our Constitution. This includes key activities such as electing National Board members and adopting the Strategic Plan, annual report and financial statements.



## Guidance on key responsibilities:

### Accountability

- Ensuring we fulfil our Objectives as set in our Constitution (Article 1.6), including our principal objective: to prevent or alleviate human suffering with complete impartiality without any form of discrimination (Article 1.6.1)
- Carrying out duties as outlined in the Constitution (Chapter 3) and Regulations (8.1).

### Rule setting

- Voting to accept alterations to the Constitution (Article 1.14)
- Voting to direct the National Board to amend Regulations
- Consider questions concerning the interpretation and or application of the Constitution (Article 1.16.1)

### Election & Appointments to leadership positions

- Electing the National President, National Youth Representative, and National Board members
- Appointing, on National Board recommendation, the Patron and the Auditor
- Appointing Counsellors of Honour

### Commitment to Inclusion & Te Tiriti o Waitangi

- Ensure that NZRC has commitment to the principles of diversity and inclusion in performing the Objectives
- Supporting NZRC to embrace Te Tiriti o Waitangi principles of partnership, participation and protection in pursuing and fulfilling the objectives

### National Council meetings

- Attending the annual National Council meeting
- Attending any Special General Meetings should one be called within the term of office
- Considering all business on the agenda adopted by the National Council

### Financial Oversight

- Adopting the annual report and consolidated financial statements
- Voting to exercise the power to dissolve or liquidate the organisation (Article 1.15)