

## **Kelvin Hill**

Kelvin has been contributing to the New Zealand Water Sector for more than 20 years and an active member of Water NZ across that time. Working as a contractor in the late 1990's and then moving to Local Government in the early 2000's Kelvin has covered a range of roles across the creation and management of water assets for the communities he has served.

Kelvin joined the Water New Zealand Board in 2013 as an elected member from the Western Bay of Plenty District Council providing much needed representation from the local government sector. Kelvin used his working knowledge from his contracting and local government experiences to foster an understanding of the pressure's local government face with the delivery of effective and efficient water services within tight budgetary constraints.

Kelvin was elected as president of the association in 2018 and has served our organisation through a significant time and sector knowledge commitment. He has presided over the recent change in CEO and sought to foster healthy debate and work alongside the Department of Internal affairs around the water sector reforms. This has helped to position Water NZ as the go to agency for technical knowledge across the water sector.

Kelvin has a passion sharing of knowledge across the breadth of our industry and this has been demonstrated by long and effective stints in committee positions the WSMG and conference technical committee. Kelvin, in his almost ten year contribution to the conference technical committee, and as a sitting Board Member played a pivotal role in ensuring that there was a strong linkage between the direction of the board and the content of the conference programme. Above all is Kelvin's ongoing passion for involving, mentoring and otherwise encouraging our young professionals.

Kelvin has contributed the water sector and this association above and beyond the call of duty and is a worthy recipient of a golden shovel.

**Proposed** Steve Couper

**Seconded** Ian Garside & Helen Atkins