

Board of Directors



The NIWA Board as at 30 June 2008, with the Chief Executive (left to right): John Morgan, Ed Johnson, Sue Suckling, Graham Hill, Troy Newton, Craig Ellison, John Hercus, Wendy Lawson.

Sue Suckling (*Chair*), OBE, BTech (Hons), MTech (Hons), is a Christchurch-based director and strategic business consultant. She is Chair of the New Zealand Qualifications Authority and a number of private companies. She is a director of Restaurant Brands and a member of the Takeovers' Panel. Previously, she was Chair of AgriQuality Ltd and Deputy Chair of the Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences Ltd. Sue was appointed NIWA Chair in July 2001.

Craig Ellison (*Deputy Chair*) has an MSc in zoology from Otago University, and is a director on several boards, including Airways Corporation of New Zealand, and New Zealand Trade & Enterprise, as well as chairing the New Zealand Seafood Standards Council. He was a commissioner on the Treaty of Waitangi Fisheries Commission until 2004, and a director of Aotearoa Fisheries until the end of 2007. Craig has a strong interest in improving NZ business management capability, Māori governance structures, and resource management.

John Hercus has an MSc in physics from Victoria University of Wellington and has been a leading figure in polytechnic, technology, and science education, serving as Director of the Christchurch Polytechnic from 1974 to 1993. He has worked for the UN Development Programme in higher education and training, and on projects with UNESCO and the Asian Development Bank. He has held directorates with several companies involved in international education and technology development.

Dr Graham Hill is an astronomer and astrophysicist currently lecturing in astronomy at the University of Auckland. From 1967 to 1996 he was a research scientist at the National Research Council of Canada – Dominion Astrophysical Observatory in Victoria, BC, and is a scientific computer software consultant and collaborator with colleagues at several overseas universities. He is an invited member of the International Astronomical Union and holds a PhD in astronomy from the University of Texas. He is a director of Mighty River Power and the Research and Education Advanced Network New Zealand, a former director of the Meteorological Service of New Zealand, and a council member of Unitec.

Ed Johnson, BA (Hons) Finance and Accounting, MBA (Hons), is a Marlborough-based company director and advisor. He is currently Chair of Fulton Hogan Ltd and Goldpine Industries Ltd, and a director of several entities, including the Bank of New Zealand, Port Otago Ltd, MDC Holdings Ltd, and Marlborough Airport Ltd. He retired as Chairman and Chief Financial Officer of Shell New Zealand in 2002 after having senior management roles in New Zealand, the US, and the UK. In 2001, Ed was appointed the inaugural Honorary Fellow of Massey University's Centre for Business and Sustainable Development. In 2003, he was made a Fellow of the Institute of Directors in New Zealand.

Dr Wendy Lawson, BSc (Hons), PhD, is a glaciologist and academic, with a particular interest in the impacts of climate change on earth systems at IPCC time scales. She has more than 25 years of remote field science experience in Arctic, Antarctic, and alpine regions, on expeditions from universities in the UK and US, as well as New Zealand. She is Head of the Department of Geography at the University of Canterbury, Chair of the Advisory Board of Gateway Antarctica, and serves on the Board of the Antarctic Research Centre at Victoria University. She previously served on the Board of Antarctica New Zealand.

Troy Newton is a partner of KPMG Corporate Finance, where he advises clients on mergers and acquisitions, valuation, regulatory reform, and financing matters in New Zealand, Australia, and the Pacific Rim. He is a chartered accountant and was a director of Industrial Research Ltd from 1997 until September 2002. He has particular industry experience in telecommunications, information technology, and energy and transport operations.

John Morgan (*Chief Executive Officer*) John took up his position as CEO of NIWA on 30 April 2007 and has a wealth of experience in guiding companies to world-leading positions in their fields. He has extensive senior executive and governance experience in the science sector and is passionate about the role science can play in transforming New Zealand's economy, society, and global reputation. John's previous roles include CEO of AgriQuality Ltd, Executive Director of Orica New Zealand Ltd, and Chairman of New Zealand Pharmaceuticals Ltd.