

Introducing Christine Pacey

I am in private practice and work as an occupational therapist in the lower half of the South Island. I am a director of my own company, Cairn Ltd, which provides assessment and rehabilitation services for ACC and private companies. My role is to provide leadership, professional/clinical supervision and training to external organisations. I also work as a community based therapist providing pain management services and worksite and housing modification assessments, but this is just a few of the many job tasks I undertake. As director I am also involved in business planning and budget management.

Involvement in the NZAOT council:

I have had the privilege of being part of the NZAOT council for five years, initially in the research and development portfolio, and in the last three years, as treasurer.

I am most proud of the setting up of the audit and finance committee which acts on behalf of the council, and oversees all material aspects of NZAOT's financial reporting, control, and audit functions. With the appointment of new auditors, NZAOT has had significant advancement in minimising risks and maintaining best practice internally.

I am asking for your support to vote me into what will be a final single year term of office as per NZAOT regulations. I bring a solid history of institutional knowledge, financial acumen and governance experience to support the incoming president, Rita Robinson. The new council composition from the AGM onwards will, by circumstances beyond our control, largely consist of a new president, a relatively new Māori perspective delegate and otherwise a group of brand new council members. I believe NZAOT needs my council experience for the coming year.

Future aspirations:

I would like to see the occupational therapy profession gain a higher profile in order to promote a wider understanding within the population of New Zealand and internationally. I would very much like to continue to be a part of council, ensuring we have a vibrant and continuing occupational therapy association.