



Kiwifruit Vine Health Incorporated

2023 DIRECTOR ELECTION CANDIDATE PROFILES

Election of one (1) Director

Sandy SCARROW

Sandy was born into a horticultural family and made production horticulture her career when, after graduating with a Bachelor of Horticultural Science from Massey, she began work as a Horticultural Advisor with MAF 36 years ago. Over that time Sandy has worked with growers and the wider industry to implement technological changes that have lifted production and improved other outputs. In 2003, she was part of a management buyout from Agriculture New Zealand to form Fruition Horticulture (BOP) Ltd with Ruth Underwood.



Sandy bought a kiwifruit orchard in 2013 and as a grower is more aware of the pressures and opportunities this brings. As such, she is very aware of the economic impact biosecurity incursions can have on our food and fibre sector, as well as the impact on the wider natural environment. As such, she will work on KVH to, in the first instance, do what can be done to exclude any biosecurity risk from our environment and work with industry and government to prepare for and respond to any incursions that occur.

Environmental sustainability is a passion for Sandy who was instrumental in gaining seed funding from Zespri to understand what farmers and growers were doing with their agrichemical containers. Not happy that the answer was burning or burying them, she went on to gain funding for and manage the project that has been operationalised into Agrecovery (<https://agrecovery.co.nz/programmes/container-recycling/>). This programme has subsequently recycled 4.2 million kgs of plastic in New Zealand and collected unwanted agrichemicals. Social sustainability is not to be forgotten. As a business Fruition Horticulture, under Sandy's management, has sought to find solutions to bringing those who are not in employment, education or training (NEET) into roles in the horticultural industry and developed programmes so that the seasonal workers from the Pacific make the most of their time in New Zealand.

To provide more insight into the roles and responsibilities of being a board member, Sandy completed the Institute of Directors Company Directors Course in 2019. Along with her role as Managing Director of Fruition Horticulture (BOP) Ltd she also has roles on the boards of Fruition Horticulture (NZ) Ltd, the Bay of Plenty Rural Support Trust, the Food and Fibre Centre of Vocational Excellence (<https://foodandfibrecove.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Vocational-Excellence-Framework.pdf>) and the Sydenham Botanic Park (<https://sydenhampark.wordpress.com/>) Funding Trust.

Sandy loves the varying roles she plays in the kiwifruit and the wider horticultural industry with recent investments in Rockit apples and Hops.

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