



New faces at NZ Shippers' Council

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New Zealand Shippers' Council has re-elected Mike Knowles (Zespri International) as Chair and elected Blandina Diamond (BlueScope Steel) to the role of Deputy Chair.

The appointments were made at the Councils' recent AGM, which also acknowledged the contribution of departing Executive Officer Peter Morris.

Megan Campbell, from Saunders Unsworth, has been appointed to the Executive Officer role and effective September 1 is the main point of contact for the day to day business of the Council.

Mike Knowles has more than 20 years experience in the New Zealand kiwifruit industry as an executive with Zespri International Ltd. This includes eight years based at Zespri's European head office in Antwerp working in the operations area and subsequently as European Operations Manager. Mike returned to New Zealand in 2001 to take over the Shipping Manager's position where he is responsible for Zespri's global shipping function and strategy. He has been Chair of the Shippers' Council since 2013 and a member since 2001.

Blandina Diamond is the Logistics Manager for New Zealand Steel, and is currently on secondment through 2015 to the project team managing the integration of New Zealand and Pacific Steel. Her previous roles include 20 years in supply chain leadership and management in the New Zealand Defence Force, and Programme Manager for Lockheed Martin. She joined New Zealand Steel in 2012 as part of a newly formed Customer Service and Supply Chain Group. Blandina has been a member of the New Zealand Shippers' Council since 2013.

Megan Campbell has a background in policy, research and administrative roles across government. Prior to joining Saunders Unsworth Megan operated her own government relations business, working for a wide range of clients from not-for-profits through to multi-national corporates.

About The New Zealand Shippers' Council

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The New Zealand Shippers' Council is a not-for-profit organisation representing the supply chain interests of major New Zealand shippers, with members across all sectors including ports, freight forwarders, road and rail.

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