



News Update May 2014

New EFM Executive Officer

EFM New Zealand has been in the process of shaping a new role of Executive Officer, to be responsible for the administration, support and promotion of EFM in New Zealand.

The role was advertised in March 2014.

It is with great pleasure that the EFM Trust Board announces the appointment of **Valda McBeth** as the new Executive Officer for EFM NZ.

Valda is based in New Plymouth, and is a member of the Anglican parish of Holy Trinity, Fitzroy.

Valda brings many skills and expertise to this role. She has considerable experience in administration, financial management, communication, public speaking and relationship-building. All these skills are key elements needed to promote EFM and support the EFM community at this stage of EFM's development in NZ. Valda has great enthusiasm for EFM, and plans to join a new EFM group due to start soon in New Plymouth.

Valda will start with a period of overlap with Judith Wigglesworth, Interim Executive Officer, for the last two weeks of May, and will officially take up the role of Executive Officer from 1 June 2014.

There will be changes in postal and telephone contacts in due course, but the EFM email address will remain the same.

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EFM Board

The 2014 Annual General Meeting for EFM NZ was held on Friday 9 May in Wellington.

In his Annual Report, the Interim Chair of the Board, Bill Atkin, expressed particular thanks to the Board members who retired in 2013 – Peter Williams and Michael Holland. The meeting also recorded huge gratitude for the long serving National Administrator of EFM, Barrie Gimson.

At the AGM the following people were elected as Board members:

Bill Atkin (Chair until 31 May)

Sue Beauclerc

Tricia Carter

Sharron Cole

Verity Doak

John Whitehead

Judith Wigglesworth (Chair from 1 June)

Bill, Sue, Tricia, Verity, and Judith were sitting Board members; Sharron and John are new to the Board.

Both Sharron and John have considerable experience in governance and will bring valuable skills to the Board. They also have a keen interest in theological education: John is a member of the EFM Year 1 group based at Newlands in Wellington; and Sharron was Director of the Wellington Catholic Education Centre for two years.

The EFM Trust Board looks forward to the continuing growth of EFM in New Zealand, prompted by the fresh new curriculum.