

Nominations for board membership 2021

1. **Maximus (Max) Smitheram**
2. **Jenny Kuttel**

Max Smitheram



Max Smitheram is a policy analyst and has his own consultancy company.

He was diagnosed by biopsy in 2007 and is interested in encouraging earlier and improved diagnosis rates for all people with coeliac. Disease.

As a coeliac for life, he believes that retaining and extending our membership base and working together is critical to effective advocacy as is having a strong national voice and organisation. Max also likes to drink cold gluten-free beer – preferably at a cabaret or in a sweaty salsa joint, with his cat Dr Roosgrit onboard a small boat!

He is a supporter of the Dining Out Programme and is keen to improve food and beverage labelling requirements and compliance, which would provide more selection and help keep coeliacs safe.

Jenny Kuttel



Jenny Kuttel has wide-ranging business experience in industries including rail operations in New Zealand and Australia and sawmilling operations in New Zealand.

She has expertise in project management, policy development and implementation, operations management, human resources management and management consulting services.

She has been a member of CNZ since 1986, and still remembers the difference the society made for her when she was first diagnosed. Now retired after a busy career and returned to NZ she would like to contribute to the ongoing success of the society and the work it is doing for all those with coeliac disease, dermatitis herpetiformis or gluten intolerance. She knows there are still challenges with raising awareness across many sectors, including the medical profession and the hospitality industry. CNZ can take credit for the dramatic changes in awareness over past decades, and she would like to assist with that continuing journey.