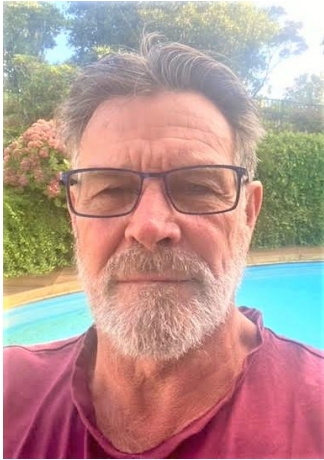


John Rutherford - Board Chair



My name is John Rutherford and I am excited to be serving on the Albany Junior High School Board of Trustees. My partner Kim and I have had both our children go through AJHS, and have been extremely appreciative of the hard work, commitment and care they have received from the staff during their journey through the school.

I've been in education for 43 years as a teacher, deputy principal and have been a principal in 4 different schools. During my time in the education sector I worked for the Ministry of Education and worked as an Education Consultant for Cognition Education. I retired from teaching at the end of 2021 and now work part time outdoors doing garden clean ups and landscaping to keep active.

I have served on the Albany Primary School BOT and am currently serving as presiding member (board chair) at AJHS. I am also on the BOT at Albany Senior High School.

Working part time has helped create flexibility in my week, enabling me to better support AJHS in the role of board chair.

As part of my commitment to the community, I also volunteer at the North Shore Riding for the Disabled (RDA) where I help with the riding programme and grounds maintenance.

I'm passionate about our children's wellbeing and success, and am committed to ensuring our schools are safe places for both children and staff and that our teaching programmes support our children to realise their goals and ambitions.

Our children, their families and our staff have been through an incredibly challenging time over the last few years. Our focus on providing a safe environment for all is critical to enable good mental health and wellbeing so that our children can learn effectively and thrive - not just survive.