

All enquiries, 24-hours: 0800 AVIVA NOW (0800 28482 669) or (03) 378 3847

Web: www.avivafamilies.org.nz Email: enquiries@avivafamilies.org.nz

PO Box 32 034, Christchurch 8147 Fax: (03) 377 2847

Rangiora correspondence: PO Box 198, Rangiora 7440 Fax: (03) 313 1082



Abby Suszko

Board member since: December 2015

Abby is originally from Dunedin, where she undertook her studies at the University of Otago, and she currently works at the University of Canterbury. There she is a Kaiārahi Māori in the Office of the Assistant Vice-Chancellor and works to support Māori development and bicultural competence and confidence through strategic institutional change.

Her commitment to cultural integrity and equity has encouraged her to become an active member of the Rāpaki Branch of the Māori Women's Welfare League. She speaks te reo and possesses an understanding of te Ao Māori as well as tikanga Māori and State law, and continues to undertake research projects concerning Indigenous Peoples and the recognition and protection of their rights.

Abby holds a Doctor of Philosophy, a Bachelor of Arts with First Class Honours in Māori Studies and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Otago. She is also a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand.