



Media Release

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Anne Blackburn appointed to NZVIF Board

Auckland businessperson Anne Blackburn has been appointed to the board of the New Zealand Venture Investment Fund.

Anne Blackburn is a banker by professional background, having worked as a senior manager for the Bank of New Zealand, and for banks in New York and London. Earlier, she had careers in journalism and with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

She is currently a director of a number of businesses in the infrastructure, finance, investment and research sectors, including Meridian Energy and TVNZ. She also holds governance positions in arts and education not-for-profit organisations.

NZVIF chair Sir John Anderson said Anne Blackburn brings a range of skills to the board table.

“She is a highly experienced businessperson with very strong governance and finance experience, and will add to the range of expertise on the NZVIF Board. June McCabe and Grant Ryan recently stood down after completing their terms as board members.”

The NZVIF Board comprises: Sir John Anderson (chair), Peter Taylor (deputy chair), Brian Mayo-Smith, and Anne Blackburn. Board members are appointed by the Government.

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