

Cromwell Cultural Centre Trust Trustee Biography

Name: Gillian Watt

Role: Trustee
Key responsibilities: The Arts, Theatre, History, Governance

Why are you involved: I have been part of the Cromwell Community for 25 years holidaying and now a permanent resident of Bannockburn. I am a keen supporter of visual arts in all forms and love bringing art to communities I've lived in through exhibitions and art schools. I recognise the need in Cromwell for a community venue incorporating visual and performing arts as well as a community spaces we can be proud of, recognising the special history of our area. I am very keen to see this happen.

Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educated Hamilton Girls High School • Waikato Polytechnic
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked in legal secretarial and banking sectors 1971 to 1981. • Farmed in partnership with husband James 1981 until 2018. • Fully occupied in family, management and farming operations. • Secretarial work at Wendonside School and Gore High School. • Currently operate a mobile floral design business (since 2005) known as Flowers by Design Wanaka. Serving on the National Committee of Young Farmers Clubs 1970's as well as all other levels. • 1980's various school committees as our 3 children have progressed. • Floral Art Society of NZ. • Riversdale Arts annual exhibition, including as Exhibition Secretary for several years, over a twenty five year period, organising exhibitions. • Catering and organising special events through the Presbyterian Church over many years. • Member of the building committee building the new auditorium, kitchen, foyer, office space of Calvin Church in Gore. • On committee organising the annual Bannockburn Arts festival known as Across the Bridge. • My special interest is in the visual arts, including my own hobby as a water colourist and floral designer.