

## NEWS BRIEF

## BUSINESS AND PROPERTY LAW TEAM

The South Island had its beginnings in commerce. From the Maori trading routes to the discovery of greenstone and gold, to farming, horticulture, viticulture and tourism, the regions we work in have an exceptional history highlighted by exceptional entrepreneurial personalities.



Today the same entrepreneurial flavour continues and MACTODD is an integral part of the go-ahead and proactive business life of the South Island. Our highly skilled team of commercial experts, which includes partners and other talented solicitors, has extensive experience to assist clients in a wide range of commercial and business endeavours.

**JOHN TROON****Partner**

John joined the firm in 1987 having qualified in 1974 and practised in New Zealand and the United Kingdom. John services the company and commercial conveyancing needs of the firm's clientele as well as individual client's estate and asset planning requirements.

He has well over 30 years experience in negotiating, structuring and documenting commercial property transactions, leasing and all aspects of rural residential and commercial conveyancing, commercial securities, trusts, estate and asset planning, and intellectual property.

**BRYCE JACK****Partner**

Bryce qualified in 1971 and worked for 18 months with the Perpetual Trustee and Estate Agency Company in the specialised area of Wills, Trusts and Estate Planning. He was then appointed as the District Solicitor for Southland and Otago of the (then) State Advances and Rural Bank of NZ. Bryce spent two years in this position dealing mainly with urban and rural conveyancing and government lending.

Bryce then travelled extensively before forming a law partnership in Surrey, England in 1980 until returning to NZ at the end of 1994 and joining MACTODD as a senior assistant to Graeme Todd dealing mainly in commercial law and rural and urban conveyancing. Bryce was made an associate of the firm in October 1995 and a Partner in November 2001.

**CLARK PIRIE****Partner**

Clark joined the MACTODD partnership in 2004 after working with the firm for two years, following a two year locum role in London, practising as a conveyancing solicitor. He graduated from Otago University with a Bachelor of Laws in 1994 and was admitted to the bar the following year.

After graduating Clark worked for a Dunedin law firm for four years accumulating a wide range of general practice experience in all areas, including criminal and civil court, property, trusts and company law. Since joining MACTODD in 2002 his focus has been largely in the commercial property area where he acts for commercial property and business owners and purchasers and property developers undertaking significant and often complex transactions. These include the sale and purchase of hotels and large development and commercial sites. Clark's commercial clients have property portfolios relating to Queenstown, Otago, Southland



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and other parts of New Zealand. He has a growing client base of overseas clients and is recognised for his extensive experience with Overseas Investment Office applications and other legislation affecting offshore investors.

Apart from his commercial practice Clark's specialty areas include residential and rural conveyancing, family trusts and estate planning, relationship property agreements, wills, leases, business structures and succession, companies and investment trusts, commercial licenses and leases, subdivisions, unit titles and all aspects of property law.

Clark was brought up on a sixth generation Southland farming property and retains strong links with the family venture as a director and trustee. His skills also make him a valuable member of the Queenstown Chamber of Commerce board and trustee of the Sky City Queenstown Casino Community Trust.

Clark has a varied sporting background and as a top level skeet shooter has represented New Zealand at Olympic Skeet Shooting International Cup and Championship events throughout the world. He plays cricket and squash and is enthusiastic about jet boating, making the most of the outstanding boating rivers in the South Island.

### **MAXINE KNOWLER** Associate

Maxine joined MACTODD in December 2005 and is based in the Cromwell office but regularly visits Wanaka to service clients in the Upper Clutha.

After graduating from the University of Otago with a Bachelor of Laws in 1988 Maxine joined an Invercargill firm as a staff solicitor. In 1993 she opened a practice in partnership with a colleague, which continued until she relocated to Cromwell in 2005.

In the post graduation years Maxine's work centred on all aspects of litigation including Family Court, Criminal Court encompassing jury trials in both the District and High Courts, appearances in the Court of Appeal and employment litigation.

In latter years Maxine's focus has moved to property matters including general conveyancing, relationship property, family trusts, estate planning and administration.

Since taking up her role in Cromwell, she has operated as a general practitioner providing services to Central Otago clients in all aspects of law, in particular property law, general conveyancing, employment, Family Court and Criminal Court.

After 20 years in practice Maxine is well qualified to assist with a diverse range of inquiries regardless of the area of law it concerns. She is well assisted with full access to all partners, staff and legal resources in MACTODD's Queenstown office.

Maxine was appointed as an Adjudicator for the Tenancy Tribunal in 1993, a position she still holds today, now sitting at the Queenstown District Court.

She enjoys making a positive contribution to the local community and is currently on the Cromwell College Board of Trustees. She is fully involved with her children's sporting clubs including squash and junior rugby.

Maxine's personal interests centre on family activities with her husband Oscar and children, Rosannah and Isaac as well as spending time with friends and enjoying the Central Otago environment.

### **ELLIOT GOLDMAN** Solicitor

Elliot was admitted to the bar in 2006 after graduating with a Bachelor of Laws degree from Victoria University and a Bachelor of Arts (English and Political Science) from McGill University in Montreal in Canada. He gained experience in a law firm in New Orleans in

the United States in the 2003/2004 summer, before returning to New Zealand and joining MACTODD in 2004, where he practices in a variety of commercial areas.

In the commercial, company and property law fields he deals with a broad spectrum of work relating to the sale and purchase of businesses, residential and commercial property conveyancing and all aspects of leasing.

Elliot welcomes the opportunities Queenstown offers as an international community and is keen to work with overseas based clients, in a number of areas including Overseas Investment Office applications, for property purchase in New Zealand.

He is fluent in French, which is of particular assistance to clients from New Caledonia, and other parts of French Polynesia.

Similarly Elliot is proficient in all facets of immigration, including business visa and residency applications, and has specific experience in advising New Zealand employers recruiting overseas workers.

The development of the New Zealand, and particularly Central Otago wine industry, has led to his expertise in law relating to the acquisition and establishment of wineries and vineyards and grape supply and distribution agreements.

He has also handled numerous trademark applications for vineyards, tourism ventures, fashion designers and private companies.

Elliot is a keen skier and has previously worked in the United States and in New Zealand as a professional ski instructor. He is currently a member of the Queenstown Ice Hockey Club and the Queenstown Golf Club.

### **LANI KENNEDY-ARNOTT** Solicitor

Lani has worked for MACTODD since 2007 focusing on commercial and property law. She was admitted to the bar in Dunedin in 2004, after graduating from the University of Otago with a Bachelor of Law, and gained experience in Queenstown for two years before joining the MACTODD team.

While commercial and property work is her priority she has developed skills in other areas of general practice including estates, trusts, incorporated societies and charitable trusts. Lani has a diverse cross section of clients, both local and international, and she enjoys the challenge of assisting them achieve their aspirations.

She is actively involved in community work in the Southland district where she was born and raised. Lani loves the Queenstown environment

and takes advantage of the lifestyle it offers particularly on the skifields in the winter. She also plays netball, basketball and touch rugby.

### **PAUL KERRIDGE** Solicitor

Paul joined MACTODD'S Wanaka office in 2007 after completing a Bachelor of Laws degree at the University of Canterbury in 2003. Before returning to MACTODD, where he had previously worked as a summer clerk, he spent several years gaining experience with a large Christchurch property and commercial law firm.

Prior to taking up law Paul graduated from the University of Otago, with a Bachelor of Commerce degree in Economics and Marketing, and after a period overseas worked in the fishing industry in Sales and Marketing roles. He was also a ski instructor at Cardrona and manager of the New Zealand Freestyle Ski Team, and later joined Treble Cone's Marketing and Event Management team.

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Paul has a growing commercial practice and acts for a wide range of clients and business sectors. He undertakes a diverse range of commercial work, covering all facets of complex commercial transactions including business acquisitions and sales, commercial leases, contract and business disputes, commercial and residential conveyancing and employment law.

Paul represents a number of successful businesses in Central Otago and further afield, ranging from small owner operators to significant established regional businesses and franchisors. He carries out a variety of work for private clients including residential property conveyancing, the establishment of family trusts and personal legal matters, requiring broad skills and experience developed during his five years as a volunteer with the Canterbury Community Law Centre.

He is committed to the Wanaka community and is currently honorary advisory solicitor to both the Kahu Youth Trust and the Alpine Community Development Trust (Community Networks). Paul regularly assists groups attain legal and charitable status and is a founding Trustee of the Lake Wanaka Community Springs Trust and also mentor for the Mount Aspiring College Enterprise Class.

Paul is a keen skier and mountain biker and is an active member of the Wanaka Yacht

and Power Boat Club sailing both a Hobie 16 catamaran and a Noelex 22 trailer sailer.

### JACQUI HAAR Solicitor

Jacqui completed studies at the University of Otago in 2007 with an Honours degree in law, joined MACTODD in March 2008 and was admitted to the bar later in the year.

Jacqui, who was brought up in Gore, studied economics, political studies and history along with a variety of law papers to complete her degree. Her honours dissertation centred on reviewing the Succession (Homicide) Bill and comparing it to similar legislation in the UK and Australia. She considered how the bill, which is now an Act, would work in practise and whether any changes would improve it.

During her final year at University she tutored the second year Property Law paper, one of only a few students to tutor for the law faculty at this level.

Jacqui works for partner John Troon specialising in all areas of commercial and property law.

She enjoys spending time with family and friends in the Wakatipu environment and is a passionate reader and active member of a Queenstown based book club.

### EMMA DAVIDSON Legal Executive

Emma Davidson joined MACTODD in 2000 as an administration assistant, and had the distinction in 2005 of achieving the best mark in New Zealand for her final paper, when she graduated from the Open Polytechnic with a Legal Executive Certificate.

Back in Wanaka since 2004, she works alongside partners, in addition to having her own growing client base. She specialises in conveyancing for the Wanaka office, preparing wills and family trusts and is responsible for the gifting for the entire firm.

Emma has an intimate knowledge of the Wanaka community as a long term local, attending both Hawea Flat primary school and Mount Aspiring College. She completed a business administration course at Otago Polytechnic before taking up her first appointment at MACTODD in 2000. She is now expanding her skills studying Small Business Management by correspondence.

Emma is a passionate all round sportswoman involved particularly in running, six-a-side cricket and horse riding. She is a member of the Hawea Picnic Racing Club and works as a volunteer administrator with Riding for the Disabled in Wanaka.

### ROS ECCLESTONE Legal Executive

Ros qualified as a legal executive in 2007 after joining MACTODD as a legal secretary in 2003. She also holds a science honours degree from London Guildhall University and currently works for partner Bryce Jack.

Originally from London where she worked at Hampton Court, Kensington and Buckingham Palaces and the Tower of London as a furniture conservator, Ros has been a Queens-town resident for the past seven years, and enjoys being part of the local community.

She makes an important contribution through her work as a volunteer for the Wakatipu Abuse Prevention Network, an organisation supporting women affected by domestic violence.

Ros enjoys skiing, gardening and reading.



MACTODD's specialist Resource Management Law Team, led by partners Graeme Todd and Jayne Macdonald, has an enviable reputation offering expertise in all aspects of resource management for local and regional authorities, corporations and private clients.

We provide advice and litigation support to local authorities on all facets of resource management, local government law and infrastructure projects and assist private clients with advice on district and regional plans, reviews and plan changes, visitor accommodation, infrastructure, adventure tourism, commercial development projects, residential or rural subdivisions and property transactions.

Among our key clients are the Queenstown Lakes and Central Otago District Councils, and our team is recognised for its pragmatic and cost efficient advice and its ability to deal with even the most complicated issues, arising from this complex area of law.

# RESOURCE MANAGEMENT LAW TEAM

## **GRAEME TODD** Partner

Graeme is a founding member of MACTODD and recognised as one of New Zealand's most experienced resource management lawyers after a legal career spanning 30 years. He graduated from the University of Otago in 1981 and immediately joined Alan Macalister in his Queenstown practice as a sole staff solicitor, becoming a partner 18 months later.

Today Graeme heads MACTODD's Resource Management Law Team, along with partner Jayne Macdonald, and acts for both local authorities and private clients throughout New Zealand. He is currently solicitor to the Queenstown Lakes District Council and Central Otago District Council and has extensive experience in a diverse range of local government and resource management law. He regularly appears for the councils and private clients before the Environment and High Courts, has also appeared before the Court of Appeal and has been involved in most significant zoning and development decisions in the Queenstown Lakes District since the 1980s.

Graeme is also widely respected as a specialist in tourism industry related work including the purchase, sale, planning and development of tourism infrastructure assets such as skifields, rural visitor zones, international golf courses, hotels and other visitor accommodation and premium commercial projects. He has been a legal adviser to developers of residential and rural residential subdivisions, new urban areas and extensions to urban boundaries.

He has acted for a number of overseas based clients, predominantly from South East and Northern Asia, assisting and advising them on their New Zealand investments often being appointed to the role of owner's representative. In this capacity he has frequently travelled overseas and he has participated in and presented addresses at Investment in New Zealand road shows organised by the New Zealand Government in South Korea, Singapore and Malaysia.

Graeme was a member of a Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange to Nigeria in

1987 and as a student was an AFS scholar. He is a keen traveller and follower of sport, and an enthusiastic golfer.

## **JAYNE MACDONALD** Partner

Jayne became MACTODD'S first woman partner in 2002 and with her vast resource management expertise shares the leadership of the firm's Resource Management Law team with partner Graeme Todd.

She graduated from the University of Otago with a Bachelor of Laws in 1993 and began her career with the prominent land development and surveying company, Clark Fortune McDonald & Associates, based in Queenstown.

Jayne's role involved consulting on survey, resource management and land development issues and the experience she gained provided her with the skills, when she joined MACTODD in 1996, to help direct the office's Resource Management Law team.

Her primary focus has been as an expert adviser, in resource management and local government issues, to both the Queenstown Lakes and Central Otago District Councils. Jayne's experience takes in district, regional and private plan change analysis and submissions as well as tourism related resource management. She regularly appears before the Environment Court and has conducted appeal cases before the High Court and the Court of Appeal.

Jayne has also developed a significant commercial practice and acts for major property developers and business enterprises.

Her work in this area centres on urban and rural land transactions and company transactions, leasing and licensing, business acquisitions and franchising. In the general practice area she undertakes residential and commercial conveyancing and estates and estate planning.

Jayne is a trustee on the Queenstown Primary School Board of Trustees. She is a keen golfer, skier and gardener and enjoys activities with her young family.



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### **TONY RAY** Associate

Tony joined MACTODD in September 2008 bringing 35 years experience to the running of the firm's Wanaka office. He graduated from Victoria University with a Bachelor of Laws in 1974 and has relocated to the South Island after 15 years as a partner in a law firm in the Bay of Islands.

Tony specialises in Resource Management and Local Government law and his extensive background in advising local authorities throughout the country, including Wellington City, Auckland City and other Auckland bodies, the Northland Regional Council and the Far North District Council, spans 30 years.

In his role with MACTODD he is closely involved with local authorities in the region, in particular the Queenstown Lakes District and Central Otago District Councils. His local authority work covers a diverse range of subjects including community plans, and rates and reserves issues.

Tony acts for private clients on local government issues, appears regularly before the Environment Court and is a Hearings Commissioner.

Tony is an avid yachtsman, and he and his wife Leanne and two daughters recently undertook a challenging journey from Europe to New Zealand, in their own yacht. He has also competed several times in the prestigious Sydney to Hobart race. He enjoys the Wanaka outdoor environment, and with his

family is involved in a variety of sporting activities including cycling and skiing.

### **LAUREN BARNETT** Solicitor

Lauren joined MACTODD in February 2008 after working as a resource management planner with the Queenstown Lakes District Council's regulatory contractor Lakes Environmental, following her graduation from the University of Otago in 2005.

She was admitted to the bar in 2007 and due to her wide knowledge and experience with the Resource Management Act, the Queenstown Lakes District Plan and consent processing she has a key role with MACTODD'S Resource Management Law team.

Through her position with the firm Lauren has gained further experience in the resource management field, and is also involved in the areas of local government and general law.

Her role involves managing the team's extensive resource management files, providing advice to local authorities and private clients, reviewing and drafting bylaws for local authorities, judicial review proceedings, appearances as junior counsel at Environment Court hearings, pre-hearings and mediation conferences. Lauren is an Associate Member of the New Zealand Planning Institute.

Lauren loves to travel, enjoys skiing in the winter, good food and wine and spending time with friends and family.

### **ABIGAIL MACKENZIE**

Abigail joined MACTODD in September 2008, after moving permanently to New Zealand from the United States, and anticipates being admitted to the bar as a barrister and solicitor in early 2010. She completed a juris doctor of laws at the University of Virginia in May 2008 and was a member of the editorial board of the Virginia Tax Review and the Virginia Environmental Law Forum.

Abigail worked as a summer associate for two law firms in the United States specialising in finance, property, land use and construction litigation.

Abigail is developing skills in resource management and environmental law and also has an interest in immigration law, inspired by her personal experience of applying for work and residency visas and permits in New Zealand. She has completed a masters-level course in administrative and immigration law through the University of Auckland.

Abigail loves the outdoors, and New Zealand's reputation for its unique wilderness and ecology were the main drawcards for her first visit. She is passionate about fly fishing and is a member of the Wakatipu Anglers Club. She is an enthusiastic trumper, sailor and SCUBA diver, and one of her favourite pastimes is underwater photography and videography.

Abigail is keen to be involved in the local community and has recently volunteered for the Big Buddy programme run by the Presbyterian Church in Queenstown.

## OUR LITIGATION LAW TEAM



The law does not always turn out as expected and litigation is sometimes the only way to achieve the right result. MACTODD has responded to this by creating a highly experienced litigation team headed by partners Richard Cunliffe and Dale Lloyd.

We consider that our litigation expertise, accessibility and commitment to providing a superior service, provides the optimum outcomes for our clients.

Our skilled team has experience in all courts from Supreme Court to the Employment Tribunal, Environment Court and Liquor Licensing Authority. We are renowned for our successes and our results speak for themselves.

### **RICHARD CUNLIFFE** Partner

Richard heads the MACTODD Litigation team with Dale Lloyd. Prior to joining MACTODD he was a Litigation Partner in the Christchurch office of national law firm Buddle Findlay. He spent 12½ years at Buddle Findlay (with four years of those as a litigation partner).

Richard graduated in law in 1994 from the University of Canterbury with first class honours winning a University Prize for academic excellence. He also has an honours degree in engineering. Prior to commencing his law studies in 1990, he was farming on the West Coast.

Richard has extensive experience in commercial litigation specialising in insurance (professional indemnity and statutory liability claims),

construction contract disputes, employment and alternative dispute resolution. He has appeared extensively in the District and High Courts, Court of Appeal, Employment Court and Employment Relations Authority and before various professional disciplinary bodies. Richard also has local body experience having acted for local councils in and around the Canterbury and South Canterbury regions.

Richard has acted for a number of nationally based insurers and also London-based underwriters. He has acted extensively on professional indemnity claims against other solicitors, valuers, accountants and real estate agents. He has considerable experience in relation to professional liability issues, in particular in the context of construction contracts and consultants' terms of engagement.

He is familiar with the NZS 3910 Conditions of Contract for building and civil engineering. He advises employers and employees on all aspects of employment relations including drafting employment agreements, advising on disciplinary matters, performance issues and redundancies and the Holidays Act 2003. He has considerable experience in alternative dispute resolution and in particular mediations. Richard also has experience in Public and Local Government Law and in the "not for profit" sector, advising clients on the impact of the Charities Act 2005 and the Retirement Villages Act 2003. He has experience acting in professional disciplinary proceedings.

Richard is a keen trumper and mountain biker. He has a wife Leanne and four teenage and adult children.



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### DALE LLOYD

#### Partner

Dale began her practising career with MACTODD after being admitted to the bar in 1990 and became a partner in 2006. She currently heads the firm's litigation team with Richard Cunliffe, a natural progression after working in the NZ Justice Department (Christchurch Court) and in legal administration, before graduating with a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Canterbury in 1989.

During a period of leave from MACTODD Dale undertook editorial work for a legal publisher, tertiary level tutoring and consulting work in the Pacific Islands.

Since her return in 2003 she has run a general practice with a focus on litigation developing her expertise particularly in family property and protection, civil law specialising in property and business disputes, as well as employment, licensing and criminal law.

Dale is a Ministry of Justice appointed Lawyer for Child and a Youth Advocate.

Her young family requires that she keeps fit and ensures she is an active member of the family's community.

### PHENA BYRNE

#### Solicitor

Phena was admitted as a Solicitor in the Republic of Ireland in June 1996. She completed her three years training and then continued to work as a Solicitor with Garrett Sheehan & Company Solicitors in Dublin until 2004. During that time she worked almost exclusively as a criminal practitioner appearing in the Irish District Court and instructing Counsel in the Irish Circuit Court, Central Criminal Court, Special Criminal Court, Court of Criminal Appeal and Supreme Court.

Phena was responsible for the running and co-ordination of the Central Criminal Court and High Court Judicial Review section of Garrett Sheehan & Company from 1999 to 2004. Most of her work in recent years was on high profile murder cases and cases of serious sexual offences. She also has ex-

perience of Extradition and Mental Health cases in Ireland.

Phena left Ireland in 2004 originally to live in Australia, but has now made the move to Queenstown. She joined MACTODD in August 2005 as a Criminal Litigator and was admitted as a Barrister & Solicitor in New Zealand in July 2006.

### TANYA SURREY

#### Solicitor

Tanya, who graduated from Victoria University with an LLB and BA (politics and sociology) in 1996 and was admitted to the bar the following year, joined MACTODD as a barrister and solicitor in 2008, after a decade working in liquor licensing roles in Wellington and Queenstown.

Her skills gained as an Investigating Officer with the Liquor Licensing Authority in Wellington, and as Principal Liquor Licensing inspector with the Queenstown Lakes District Council, have provided her with extensive

experience in dealing with local government legislation, bylaws and council policies as well as aspects of criminal law.

In her role with MACTODD Tanya is a member of the litigation team and is involved chiefly in civil litigation work on behalf of the Queenstown Lakes District Council. She also acts for several private clients and this work, which offers her a fresh, challenging direction, is providing her with a new set of skills in a well established law practice.

She represents clients in the liquor licensing industry in areas outside Queenstown offering expertise, gained from her many years as an inspector, to licensees requiring specialist advice and representation. Tanya has a strong involvement in the community and is currently Chairperson of the Wakatipu District Youth Trust, a non profit organisation providing advocacy and support services for young people in the district.

She is a volunteer biographer for Hospice Southland and a volunteer advisor for the

Central Otago Budget Advice Service. Tanya has a passion for the arts and is President of the Queenstown Film Society and a member of the Queenstown Shakespeare and Creative Queenstown committees. She has recently taken up Bikram yoga and is part of a creative writing group and a local book club.

Tanya is also learning Spanish and hopes to travel to Europe and South America in the future.

### NYSSA WILLCOCKS

#### Solicitor

Nyssa joined MACTODD in 2008 after graduating from the University of Otago with a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts (Geography). She was admitted to the bar in August 2009.

Nyssa studied advanced criminal law and sentencing, planning and environmental law as part of her LLB. As part of her BA she incorporated urban design and planning papers to complete her degree.

Nyssa practises in the litigation areas of criminal and family law. She graduated top of her Family Law class in 2008 and has an interest in the area of protection orders and the recent Human Assisted Reproductive Technology Act 2004. Nyssa also has a strong interest in criminal law; particularly in the area of sentencing, along with all aspects of immigration law.

Nyssa is an accomplished gymnast and is a coach of the Queenstown Gymnastic Club's competitive squad. She is a qualified women's Artistic judge and attends competitions in this role, throughout the South Island. She is also a volunteer for the inaugural 2009 Winter Games New Zealand and a keen netballer. She has recently completed a short Spanish language course.



# MACALISTER TODD PHILLIPS AKA MACTODD

MACTODD is one of the South Island's leading law practices and had its beginnings in Queenstown in 1975. Today the firm has expanded dramatically and now has offices in Wanaka, Cromwell and Christchurch.

Founder Alan Macalister arrived in Queenstown in 1975 opening a branch office for an Invercargill based firm, Macalister Bros, where he had been employed for five years. A year later he purchased the practice, and operated under his own name in a rented two bedroom cottage, in Central Queenstown.

He became highly respected locally, nationally and internationally (working in Singapore and Pakistan on major infrastructure and tourism projects) and later became a notary public and the Queenstown coroner, a position he held for many years. Alan also acted for the Queenstown Borough, Lake County and Arrowtown Town councils before they amalgamated to become the Queenstown Lakes District Council. Although now retired as a partner, he still provides continuity and valuable support to the partnership, in his role as a consultant.

Graeme Todd, whose family holidayed in Central Otago for many years, arrived fresh from Otago University as a graduate in 1981, to join Alan as sole staff solicitor, becoming a partner in 1983. At that time Macalister Todd operated from premises in the original Stage Coach building in Shotover Street before it was demolished. The firm then transferred to offices across the road which eventually became the infamous Candy's Gentlemen's Club.

Graeme made his mark early on in planning and resource management law and tourism infrastructure development and planning. He has been involved in most of the prominent

zoning and development decisions in the district since the early 1980s and has extensive Environment Court and High Court experience, regularly appearing before both courts in his current role as counsel for the Queenstown Lakes District Council.

Macalister Todd looked to expand and in 1985 Kevin Phillips, who had been practicing in his own right in Queenstown, joined the firm with a solid reputation as a court room barrister. He was an adviser to the Queenstown Lakes District Council for many years, through the firm's role as council solicitor, and was a leading litigation lawyer appearing before diverse courts, tribunals and the Court of Appeal. In 1999 Kevin successfully represented clients before the International Court of Arbitration in London, winning a significant settlement and an award of costs. Kevin retired from the partnership in 2006 to take up an appointment as a District Court Judge.

Macalister Todd Phillips continued to grow and in 1987 John Troon, who had previously practiced for some years in London then in Southland, joined the firm focusing on commercial and corporate law, general conveyancing and trusts. He became a partner in 1993 and continues to head the firm's commercial team.

In 1987 the firm relocated to offices in the O'Connells Centre, when it opened in Camp/Beach Street, replacing the landmark historic O'Connells Hotel. The partnership has subsequently grown and commercial lawyer



Bryce Jack, previously practicing in partnership in England, joined in 2001 bringing a range of skills particularly in the property and business areas. He is highly regarded by his local government, corporate and private clients as a very experienced conveyancer and commercial law practitioner. Bryce has undertaken legal work associated with a number of major commercial and subdivision transactions, both private and for local government. He has also acted for a number of well known overseas clients in obtaining Overseas Investment Office consent for the purchase of land in New Zealand.

In 2002 resource management expert Jayne Macdonald became the first female partner of the firm, bringing a wealth of resource management experience gained from her previous work with a local land development and surveying company. Jayne grew up in rural Canterbury and has strongly supported the opening of a MACTODD office in Christchurch. Jayne and Graeme lead the firm's resource management team and provide advice on all facets of environmental and local government law to local authority and private clients.

Clark Pirie who was originally from a farming family in the deep south returned to Queenstown after completing his overseas experience in London where his general practise skills had been put to use as a locum manager in London firms. He joined the partnership in 2004 and has developed a strong commercial practice with an extensive national and overseas client base. Clark's wide general practice continues to grow in the South Island where he is a member of the executive

board of the Queenstown Chamber of Commerce and a trustee for the Skycity Queenstown Casino Community Trust.

Two years later, 2006, the firm's second woman partner Dale Lloyd, widely experienced in general litigation (civil and criminal) and employment law, was appointed. Dale had joined the firm in 1989 bringing with her court knowledge and experience gained in her previous employment. Her litigation practise now extends to appointments by the Ministry of Justice, representing children and youth.

Richard Cunliffe, who together with Dale heads the firm's litigation team, joined the partnership in 2007, from one of New Zealand's leading legal firms where he was a senior litigation partner. He has a varied background in civil litigation focusing on professional indemnity insurance claims, employment and alternative dispute resolution and appears in all courts ranging from the Employment to the Supreme Court.

Offices were opened in Cromwell in 1996 and Wanaka in 2003 and in 2006 following Kevin's appointment to the bench, Macalister Todd Phillips finally adopted the practice name MACTODD, which the firm has been known as for many years.

With its diverse team of 20 legal practitioners and highly qualified group of support personnel, MACTODD opened its Christchurch office mid 2009 launching yet another chapter in the history of a partnership committed to retaining its reputation as a leading South Island law firm.

## SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITIES

MACTODD is committed to the communities it works in and has a strong culture of sponsorship for local organisations, voluntary and sporting groups, and charities.

Our people, including partners, are encouraged to become actively involved in the community providing voluntary services and pro bono support.

Our partners and staff are active in service and business groups such as Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, school committees, youth and sports groups, and charitable organisations.

The firm has its name associated with a number of community events, and where appropriate takes on title sponsorships, such as the highly acclaimed Lakes District Museum's "Cribbies" Exhibition in 2009. We saw this outstanding Arrowtown exhibition as an excellent opportunity for the firm to associate itself with a unique event.

Other events and organisations we sponsor include the Queenstown Winter Festival and the Arrowtown Autumn Festival, the Central Otago Winegrowers Feraud Dinner, Citizens Advice Bureau and the Aspiring and Wakatipu Trails Trusts, the Arrowtown, Taras and other district golf clubs.

### Other recent sponsorships include:

- ▶ Arrowtown Autumn Festival
- ▶ Chamber of Commerce Business Awards
- ▶ Central Otago Championship Bowls
- ▶ Gibbston Community Association
- ▶ Iron Kids Triathlon
- ▶ Millbrook Country Club
- ▶ Mt Aspiring, Cromwell & Wakatipu Colleges
- ▶ Queenstown Shakespeare Society
- ▶ Queenstown Gymnastics Club
- ▶ Queenstown & Arrowtown Primary Schools
- ▶ Remarkables Symposium
- ▶ Schilite Mining Trust Glenorchy
- ▶ Upper Clutha A and P Society
- ▶ Upper Clutha Dog Trials
- ▶ Wakatipu District Youth Trust
- ▶ Wakatipu Rowing Club
- ▶ Wakatipu Abuse Prevention Network
- ▶ Winter Games NZ Patron's Club

### SKYPE

We are available on Skype to talk to you face to face by arrangement.  
Skype: Mactodd.queenstown

# MACTODD OPENS CHRISTCHURCH & LYTTELTON OFFICES

MACTODD has expanded into Christchurch and Lyttelton to meet the growing demand in the Canterbury area for specialist services offered by our highly skilled partnership. We are delighted to announce that prominent former Central Otago and Wanaka lawyer Ray Blake has joined the partnership as a Senior Associate and will have a key role in both the Christchurch and Lyttelton practices. MACTODD already has offices in Queenstown, Wanaka and Cromwell and after identifying a gap in the market we felt it was a logical move to establish premises both in Christchurch and Lyttelton.

Ray Blake, formerly of Blake Horder Gowing in Wanaka, is opening the office in Lyttelton where he now resides.

Ray will also assist with the manning of the Christchurch city office along with our Queenstown partners. With the ease of air travel between Queenstown and Christchurch, we can provide an excellent service to clients in the Christchurch and larger

Canterbury area. We already have an extensive client base there and many of our Queenstown clients are undertaking business in the Canterbury region.

Our highly experienced team will offer specialist services relating to commercial property, employment law, trusts, estates, sale of liquor, the wine industry, civil litigation, relationship property, resource management and local government.

MACTODD is ideally placed to undertake this expansion. We have a diverse and talented partnership leading highly experience teams in many different areas. All our personnel are focused on providing clients with the best possible service.

We are looking forward to having a strong presence in Christchurch and Lyttelton and are committed to contributing to the communities we work in and playing a proactive role in Canterbury, as we do throughout the Southern Lakes.

## MACTODD'S NEWEST MEMBER



### RAY BLAKE

#### Associate

Ray Blake has joined MACTODD as an Associate to spearhead the opening and operation of MACTODD's new Lyttelton office and assist the partners in the Christchurch office as required.

Ray started his working life the New Zealand Police before spending some years in Sydney. He returned to Christchurch to study law at the University of Canterbury, qualifying in 1981. He practiced in Christchurch and Ashburton before moving to the Alexandra firm of Bodkins in 1984 where he became a partner in 1988.

Having had a holiday home in Lake Hawea since 1985, Ray moved permanently to Wanaka at the start of 1996 where he later started his own firm with emphasis on urban and rural conveyancing, commercial and business law, trusts, estates, companies and relationship property.

At the start of 2007, Ray retired from his busy Wanaka practice and moved his home to Lyttelton in October 2008. "I am thoroughly enjoying living in the close community of Lyttelton and the Lyttelton Harbour basin. I'm sure the town and surrounding Bank Peninsula area will benefit greatly from having a resident, full time law firm in Lyttelton, especially one with many and varied skills that we at MACTODD can provide."

Ray is becoming involved in Lyttelton's business and community affairs including hosting the Monday morning breakfast show on Lyttelton's Volcano Radio 88.5FM.

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