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As a firm, we look back on 2016 with a great deal of satisfaction. We had another strong year with several high-profile projects including advising Chevron Corporation on the sale of Chevron New Zealand to Z Energy, advising Newell Brands on its proposed acquisition of the Sistema plastics business, and advising SKY Television on its proposed merger with Vodafone New Zealand.

2017 is off to a good start as we commenced the year celebrating the appointment of two partners in our Auckland office, eight senior associates and thirteen senior solicitors nationally.

On a personal note, this is my final Alumni message as National Chairman. It has been a privilege to serve in this role for the past 10 years and I value the opportunity I have had to lead such a talented group of people.

Kind regards

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Peter Chemis
National Chairman
Two partners appointed

We are proud to welcome two talented lawyers into the partnership this year.

Both promotions signal continued investment in our people and recognise their broad law skills and ability to meet and exceed the needs of our clients.

Lisette Hood is a member of our Auckland corporate team, and specialises in corporate law, commercial contracting and mergers and acquisitions.

Lisette has been a special counsel for the past eight years, and with the firm since 2000.

David Broadmore is a member of our Auckland litigation and dispute resolution team, and specialises in commercial litigation.

David re-joined Buddle Findlay in 2010 after working for several years as a commercial litigation solicitor at Olswang and Barlow Lyde & Gilbert in London.
A warm congratulations to our new senior associates

Buddle Findlay promoted eight senior solicitors to senior associates.

Amy Watson // Christchurch
Business services

Brannavan Gnanalingam // Wellington
Property and litigation

Damien Steel-Baker // Wellington
Corporate and finance

Holly Hedley // Wellington
Employment and health

Mark Davis // Auckland
Banking

Rupert Rouch // Wellington
Corporate and finance

Scott Holdaway // Christchurch
Business services

Tim Hayward // Christchurch
Business services
Congratulations to our new senior solicitors

Alexandra Tunnicliffe // Auckland
Tax

Amy Prentice // Auckland
IP/IT commercial

Celia Olds // Christchurch
Litigation

Jonathan Schwarcz // Auckland
Litigation

Rafael Krzanich // Auckland
Resource management

Julia Heitmann // Auckland
Insolvency

Frances Jones // Auckland
Litigation

Jane Maltby // Wellington
Litigation and insolvency

Jennifer Howes // Wellington
Employment

Sophie Riley // Auckland
Banking

Louise Brazier // Wellington
Property

Philippa Kennard // Christchurch
Business services

Stephanie Snedden // Wellington
Property
After 10 years as National Chairman, Peter Chemis will hand over the baton to Paul Beverley on 1 April 2017

The firm’s National Chairman, Peter Chemis will step down as chair effective 31 March 2017, after completing 10 years in the role. Peter has led the firm astutely and with significant skill and care through some challenging times such as the global financial crisis and the Christchurch earthquakes. He worked to reshape the firm’s business model to make it more modern and more focused and responsive to our clients’ needs.

He also helped to drive a number of successful initiatives to promote collaboration across the firm’s three offices and further entrench a one-firm culture and a very strong client service ethos.

During Peter’s leadership, the firm has experienced significant growth in market share and this is a testament to the planning and commitment of its Board and to Peter’s vision and his management, leadership and people skills.

Peter will continue to lead the firm’s national employment law practice, which is New Zealand’s largest. He continues to be recognised as a prominent employment law partner and in the 2016 edition of Chambers Asia Pacific, was referred to as “an icon of New Zealand employment law”.

From 1 April, Paul Beverley will become Buddle Findlay’s National Chairman. Paul has been the Wellington office Chairman for the past two years and a Board member since April 2012. Paul specialises in resource management and Māori law with particular expertise in planning and consenting processes, Maori law and Treaty settlements. Paul will continue with his practice.

You’ll find out more about Paul in our next newsletter.

“I am really looking forward to the new role. Buddle Findlay has a very strong culture both internally and in terms of our relationships with our clients. We have a supportive and progressive internal culture and we attract and retain excellent lawyers who want to work in that type of environment. We are also known for our innovative and pragmatic approach to working with our clients. Those principles are core to Buddle Findlay, and I am looking forward to working with the Board, partners and staff to build on that culture.”

- Paul Beverley
Sponsorships.

Halberg Disability Sport Foundation sponsorship

In November 2016, Buddle Findlay became a key sponsor of the Halberg Disability Sport Foundation (the Foundation). The Foundation works with talented young sportspeople and their families to ensure that they receive the support they need to pursue their sporting dreams, and to reap the benefits that sport and recreation provide. They also collaborate with schools, sports clubs and organisations to provide training and support with the aim of ensuring that physical activities are available to everyone.

“We are delighted to welcome Buddle Findlay to the Foundation’s family.” - Shelley McMeeken, Chief Executive, Halberg Disability Sport Foundation

Trustee and sponsors lunch

As a key sponsor of the Foundation, Buddle Findlay hosted a Halberg Awards finalists, trustee and sponsors lunch in January. We were lucky enough to be joined by Liam Malone, double gold and silver medalist at the Rio 2016 Paralympics and recently announced the Disabled Sportsperson of the Year at the 54th Halberg Awards.

1. Peter Chemis (left) with Shelley McMeeken, Chief Executive, Halberg Disability Sport Foundation
2. Scotty Stevenson, Halberg trustee (left) and Paralympian Liam Malone (right)
3. Nick Brigg (right) with Carolyn Steele, Halberg board member
4. Sherridan Cook (left) and Phil Maitland (right) with Halberg trustees Grant Fox and James Jung
5. David Perry (middle) with Richard Taylor, Halberg board member (left) and Phil Tataurangi, Halberg trustee (right)
54th Halberg Awards

Buddle Findlay attended the awards ceremony at Vector Arena in Auckland on 9 February 2017. The firm sponsored the Coach of the Year Award category, which was awarded to Gordon Walker. Gordon successfully coached Lisa Carrington to win a gold medal in the K1 200 and a bronze in the K1 500 at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games. Lisa was the winner of the Sportswoman of the Year and Supreme Halberg Award categories.

Webstock

For the third year running, Buddle Findlay sponsored Webstock - a week-long celebration of the web and all that lies beneath. From 13-20 February, 700 participants attended a programme of speakers, workshops and presentations featuring worldwide industry leaders. As part of our involvement in Webstock, Buddle Findlay also sponsored the BNZ Start-up Alley competition by providing various legal advice to six finalists (start-ups in the web/tech industry looking to grow their venture).

Buddle Findlay had the opportunity to host attendees at the Wellington office for a discussion with Anil Dash, a prominent voice in the technology industry. Anil is the CEO of Fog Creek Software, a privately-held New York City company that’s one of the most influential and respected independent software companies. He was also an advisor to the Obama White House’s Office of Digital Strategy, and today advises major startups and non-profits including Medium and DonorsChoose.
SOLGM conference

Buddle Findlay sponsored the dinner at the Annual Summit of the Society of Local Government Managers (SOLGM), held in Auckland in September 2016. Under the theme of Inspiring Leadership, a two-day programme gave local government professionals the opportunity to explore emerging trends and address issues of significance to the sector.

The social highlight of the conference was the dinner which took place at The Langham Hotel. The successful function was attended by 250 guests, many dressed to match the theme of the event (Pacific Rim of Fire).

Buddle Findlay Child Health Foundation

In January 2017, the trustees of the Buddle Findlay Child Health Foundation approved an application from Christchurch Hospital for the purchase of a paediatric nasendoscope. Approximately 7,000 children are seen in the Otolaryngology Service in Christchurch Hospital each year and the new equipment will improve the accuracy and timely assessment and treatment of children with potentially life-threatening problems of the upper airways.

Total donations to the Buddle Findlay Child Health Foundation stand at just over $1,000,000.
Annual New Zealand Law Awards

Buddle Findlay is delighted to have won three awards at the 2016 New Zealand Law Awards:

- **Capital Markets Deal of the Year**
  Solid Energy voluntary administration
- **New Zealand Deal of the Year**
  Solid Energy voluntary administration
- **International Deal of the Year**
  GE Capital’s sale of its consumer finance business.

The firm was also highly commended for Employer of Choice (>100 Employees). The awards ceremony was held on Thursday 17 November 2016 at the Langham Hotel, Auckland.

It is a tribute to our talented people and their commitment to our clients that we receive this external acknowledgement.

Chambers and Partners

Chambers and Partners, international legal directory has released the Asia-Pacific 2017 guide. Buddle Findlay is pleased to have raised its rankings in three areas: banking and finance (Band 1), TMT (Band 1) and dispute resolution (Band 2). Five partners have been ranked in Band 1 as Leading Partners in their respective areas of expertise.

Legal 500

International referral guide Legal 500 has released its 2017 rankings of New Zealand firms and lawyers. Buddle Findlay retained all its Tier 1 positions (banking and finance, corporate and M&A, employment, and restructuring and insolvency) and moved up to Tier 1 in projects and resource management (including environment).

The Legal 500 guide to outstanding lawyers also names several partners in the elite ‘Leading lawyers’ list. Thirty Buddle Findlay lawyers are recommended in the editorial and three lawyers were included in the ‘Next generation lawyers’ list.
Successes.

Pegasus scholarship

Congratulations to Shaun Brookes, a senior solicitor in our Christchurch office who has been awarded a Pegasus scholarship as one of the most promising junior litigators in New Zealand. Shaun will travel to England this year to work in Barristers’ Chambers in London for a period of six weeks where he will be undertaking research, attending conferences, writing and reading cases and attending court. It is a well-deserved honour that Shaun can be very proud of.

NZ Book Awards

Brannavan Gnanalingam, senior associate in Wellington had his latest book, A briefcase, two pies and a penthouse, longlisted for the Acorn Foundation Fiction Prize in the NZ Book Awards. The longlist consisted of 10 books by some highly distinguished authors. Congratulations to Brannavan on this fantastic achievement.
Key events.

Around the offices

Client seminars showcased our lawyers’ expertise and provided good networking opportunities. In Auckland, Jennifer Caldwell, Vanessa Evitt and Mathew Gribben held a panel discussion sharing insights on the Auckland Unitary Plan and Simon Jensen presented on smart contracting and the blockchain in both Auckland and Wellington.

On the entertainment side, clients joined us to support the Hurricanes as they made their way to the Super 15 Rugby final, and to cheer on the All Blacks in Christchurch when they defeated the Springboks. We hosted corporate clients at the New Zealand Fashion Week lunch, our Tauranga clients were wined and dined at a lunch event and clients with young families went to the pre-release screening of the animated movie Sing.

The Wellington office’s flagship annual in-house lawyer’s quiz went paperless by introducing iPads and apps to replace score sheets.

1. (L-R) Olivia Norling, Luke Archer, Caitlin Olsen, Allegra Crawford, Henry Hillind at the Wellington annual in-house lawyers quiz
2. Sebastian Belsey enjoying dinner at the Wellington annual in-house lawyers quiz
3. Simon Jensen (middle) with fellow presenters at the Smart contracting and the blockchain event
4. Bridgette White (left) and Laura O’Gorman (right) with their client at the New Zealand Fashion Week Fashion lunch
5. Simon Jensen (second right) and Katie Williams (left) at the National Council of Women’s 120th birthday
6. Alanya Limmer (right) hosting clients at the All Blacks vs South Africa rugby game in Christchurch
7. Jennifer Caldwell (right) with guests at the AMCHAM women in business event
Social highlights.

In true Buddle Findlay style our offices have provided a wide variety of events run by our local social committees.

- Auckland corporate team lawn bowls
- Wellington office Christmas party
- Wellington office Halloween morning tea
- Christchurch office Christmas party
- Auckland finance team at Escape Masters
- Auckland corporate team lawn bowls
- Christchurch office lawn bowls