

# HEARTLAND GROUP

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## **Heartland Announces New Directors**

1 September 2021

Heartland Group Holdings Limited (NZX/ASX: HGH) (**Heartland**) is pleased to announce that it intends to appoint Geoff Summerhayes and Kate Mitchell as directors, effective 1 October, 2021.

Geoff has a unique set of experiences as a senior executive and prudential regulator in Australia and internationally. He has held senior financial services executive roles in NAB, was CEO of Suncorp's Life and Wealth businesses in Australia and New Zealand, and most recently he was a board member of the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority (APRA). Internationally he served as an executive committee member on the insurance global standard setting body, International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS), where he chaired the Audit and Risk Committee. Geoff is recognised as a global leader on climate change financial risk through his regulatory work at APRA, IAIS and the UN Environment Programme where he chaired the Sustainable Insurance Forum.

HGH has flagged its strategy to grow its Australian business and is pleased to boost its director capability with Geoff's commercial and regulatory experience.

Kate has extensive banking and finance experience gained both in New Zealand and through 20 years working in investment banking in the United Kingdom. She has been a director of HGH subsidiary, Heartland Bank Limited, since March 2019. She will continue in that role and will now also bring her considerable banking and finance experience directly to the HGH Board.

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