

Ravensdown director election 2024

Candidate profiles and 'letter ratings' - South Island area

SIMON DAVIES

Simon notes his passionate support of the co-operative model and has focused his leadership roles around community advocacy and representation.

He is an active farmer and the Managing Director of Toko Farms, a 9,500su sheep, beef and dairy support farm. He is a previous President of Otago Federated Farmers and prior member of the Beef and Lamb Farmer Council.

Simon is the Chair of both Clutha Development, the district's economic development and tourism organisation, and Otago South River Care. He is also a director of Clutha Vets (with 6 branches servicing the Clutha region, circa \$20m turnover).

He has previously been appointed as a primary sector member to the Otago RSLG (a group established by MBIE to identify future workforce needs in the region). Simon's earlier career included stints in the seafood processing and FMCG sectors.

Simon is a critical thinker and balances logic and intuition in decision-making. He has a direct communication style and is confident in sharing different perspectives.

He has a Bachelor of Technology and is a member of the Institute of Directors (IoD). He has completed a range of professional development and governance courses including To the Core (and the Extension programme) and the IoD Company Directors' Course.