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Federation Elects Substantive Governance Board

The Federation of Primary Health Aotearoa New Zealand (the Federation), whose purpose includes promoting primary health as the central function and main focus of New Zealand's health system, has confirmed the outcome of the election to appoint its substantive Governance Board.

Announcing the first Board members, Dame Annette King, Chair of the Establishment Board said "I believe the Federation's members have elected a Board of extremely capable and experienced leaders from across primary health care who collectively bring an impressive and important skill set to underpin the future direction of the Federation on behalf of all its members and the communities they serve."

The substantive Governance Board, which has been elected from nominees put forward by the 39 inaugural members of the Federation, will take over the reins of the organisation from the Establishment Board which has been overseeing the creation of the Federation since its first meeting in April 2018.



Newly elected Board member and Chair of Arthritis New Zealand, Associate Professor Peter Larmer (pictured) said "This feels like a significant moment for the advancement of primary health care in New Zealand and an enabler for breaking down the barriers which many of us have perceived to be getting in the way of true health and care integration for many years. I am excited about the potential of the Federation."

The Board will meet on the 15 November 2018 and will receive a formal handover from the Establishment Board which will then be disbanded. Amongst the first tasks of the new Board will be to progress the appointment of a Chief Executive Officer and consider the appointment of Consumer Representative(s) to the Board following the Establishment Board's call for Expressions of Interest earlier in the year.

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Note to editors:

- **The newly elected Board members are confirmed as (more details/biographies will be available on the Federation website shortly):**
 1. *Dr Harley AISH: GP and Chair of ProCare*
 2. *Dr Angus CHAMBERS: GP, Chair of Christchurch PHO and Chair of the Primary Health Alliance*
 3. *Donovan CLARKE: Chief Executive of Manaia Health PHO*
 4. *Dr Helen FRANCIS RN: Independent Consultant at College of Nurses Aotearoa New Zealand*
 5. *Andrew GAUDIN: Chief Executive of the Pharmacy Guild of New Zealand*
 6. *Karen GUILLILAND: Chief Executive of the New Zealand College of Midwives*
 7. *Martin HEFFORD: Chief Executive of Tū Ora Compass Health*
 8. *Assoc Professor Peter LARMER: Chair of Arthritis New Zealand and Associate Professor & Head of the School of Clinical Sciences at AUT*
 9. *Dr Jeff LOWE: GP and Chair of General Practice New Zealand*
- **In addition, subject to ratification, the following two nominees have been co-opted to the Board following a tie in two separate rounds of the election for the non-PHO members of the Board. The elected members recognised the significant perspectives and expertise of both nominees and the importance of their inclusion on the Board:**
 1. *Norma LANE: Director of Clinical Operations for St John.*
 2. *Arish NARESH: Board Member - Allied Health Aotearoa New Zealand; Chair - NZ Dental and Oral Health Therapists Association.*

- **Chair-Elect of the Federation is:**

Hon. Steve Chadwick: *The Honourable Steve (Stephanie) Chadwick has been Mayor of Rotorua since October 2013. Steve's career previous to the Mayoralty started in the health sector before moving into the local and national political arena.*

Steve is a qualified Midwife, whose career in midwifery began at Hutt Hospital and extends beyond New Zealand to include senior nursing roles in London and Papua New Guinea. Most of her nursing career was spent at Rotorua Hospital, where she held a variety of positions including Manager of Women, Child and Family Services and Client Services Director at Lakeland Health Crown Health Enterprise. Her community achievements during this time include establishing the first family planning clinic in Rotorua, helping to establish the first Women's Refuge in Rotorua, and the Rotorua School for Young Parents.

Steve's career in national politics began in 1999 when she ran a successful campaign for the New Zealand Labour Party and became the Member of Parliament for Rotorua. Her career in Central Government spanned twelve years, including three years as a List MP. During this time, she held the portfolios of Associate Minister of Health, Minister of Conservation and Minister of Women's Affairs. Her proudest achievements include sponsoring the Smoke free Environments Act and securing funding (\$72 million) for the clean-up of Rotorua lakes.

Since becoming Mayor of Rotorua, Steve has been a strong influence on Rotorua Lakes Council's new way of doing business through the Rotorua 2030 Vision. Under her leadership, significant programmes are underway to encourage sustainable living, revitalise the inner city, create economic growth, provide outstanding places to play and support Rotorua's creative communities.

Just recently, Rotorua Lakes Council has been awarded LGNZ local governance excellence awards for the Inner City Revitalisation, Mountain biking, Te Aka Mauri - the library and children's health services hub rebuilding. Rotorua has also been a LGNZ Supreme Award winner for governance and strategy for the last two years running.

- **The current membership of the Federation is:**

1. *Allied Health Aotearoa New Zealand*
2. *Arthritis New Zealand*
3. *Auckland PHO*
4. *Central PHO*
5. *Christchurch PHO*
6. *College of Nurses Aotearoa New Zealand*
7. *Comprehensive Care*
8. *Cosine Primary Care Network Trust*
9. *Eastern Bay Primary Health Alliance*
10. *East Health Trust (PHO)*
11. *Family Planning New Zealand*
12. *General Practice New Zealand*
13. *Health Hawke's Bay (PHO)*
14. *Heart Foundation*
15. *Home and Community Health Association*
16. *Kidney Health New Zealand*
17. *Kimi Hauora Wairau (Marlborough PHO)*
18. *Manaia Health PHO*
19. *Nelson Bays Primary Health*
20. *New Zealand Association of Optometrists*
21. *New Zealand Asthma and Respiratory Foundation*
22. *New Zealand Breast Feeding Alliance*
23. *New Zealand College of Midwives*
24. *Pegasus Health*
25. *Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand*
26. *Pharmacy Guild of New Zealand*
27. *Primary Health Alliance*
28. *ProCare*
29. *Rotorua Area Primary Health Services*
30. *Rural Canterbury PHO*
31. *St John*
32. *Te Awakairangi Health Network*
33. *Te Tai Tokerau PHO*
34. *Total Healthcare PHO*
35. *Tū Ora Compasss Health*
36. *WellSouth Primary Health Network*
37. *West Coast PHO*
38. *Western Bay of Plenty PHO*
39. *Whanganui Regional Health Network*

- **Further information will be available and updated shortly on the Federation's interim website at www.fph.org.nz**