

2019 DHB Board Chairs

Auckland DHB

Pat Snedden, Chair

Mr Snedden has extensive governance experience, having served as Chair of Auckland and Counties Manukau DHBs, The Big Idea Charitable Trust, National Science Challenge - E Tipu E Rea and Ko Awatea Health Paternership, amongst others. He is a former Director of the Ports of Auckland and Te Urungi o Ngati Kuri Ltd and was Chief Crown Negotiator in the Office of Treaty Settlements from 2008-13. He is currently Executive Chair of the Manaiaakalani Education Trust, which works in the service of challenged school communities in Tāmaki. Mr Snedden was awarded the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to education and to Māori. He has a Bachelor of Arts/Commerce from Auckland University.

Current Chair – appointed June 2018

Bay of Plenty DHB

Sir Michael Cullen, Chair

Sir Michael Cullen's former roles include Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Minister of Tertiary Education and Attorney-General. He was the Deputy Leader of the Labour Party from 1996 until November 2008. He has a Master of Arts in History from the University of Canterbury. Sir Michael subsequently received a Commonwealth Scholarship and gained a PhD in social and economic history from the University of Edinburgh. On 16 December 2009, he received an honorary LLD from the University of Otago in recognition of "his contributions as an Otago academic and as a respected and highly influential politician".

Canterbury DHB

Sir John Hansen, Chair

Sir John is a Judge of the High Court of New Zealand and an experienced governor. Sir John was made Distinguished Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to the judiciary. In 2009, Sir John was appointed to the Court of Appeal of the Solomon Islands and the Court of Appeal of Samoa. His previous roles include: Chair of the Red Cross Canterbury Earthquake Appeal Commission and of the Legal Services Agency Board, Chair of the Board of Inquiry for the MacKays Crossing to Peka Peka Expressway Proposal in 2012, and Convenor of the Canterbury Earthquake Review Panel. His current governance roles include chairing the Independent Hearing Panel responsible for the new Christchurch District Plan, Chair of the Press Council, and Chair of the Rulings Panel for the Gas Industry. He is also a member of the New Zealand Rugby Appeals Council. Sir John holds a Bachelor of Laws from Otago University.

Capital & Coast DHB and Hutt Valley DHB

David Smol, Chair

Mr Smol has over thirty-five years of experience in the energy sector in the United Kingdom and New Zealand. He has worked for Conoco United Kingdom Limited, Electricity Corporation and ILEX Energy Consulting. He was part of the Contact Energy establishment team from 1995-1996 and a member of the team that developed the rules for the New Zealand electricity market. In 2008 he was appointed as Chief Executive of Ministry of Economic Development and from 2012-2017 was the inaugural Chief Executive of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, following the merger of four government departments. Mr Smol has a Master of Philosophy, majoring in economics from Cambridge University and was made a Companion of the Queen's Service Order in 2018 for services to the State.

Counties Manukau DHB

Vui Mark Gosche, Chair

Mr Gosche is of Samoan heritage. He is the current Chair of Counties Manukau DHB and Chief Executive of Vaka Tautua, a not for profit 'for Pacific by Pacific' community health and social service provider working in the areas of disability, mental health, older people, family violence, elder abuse, and financial capability. Previously, Mr Gosche was Chief Advisor Strategic Relationships at the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs in Auckland, and a Member of the NZ Parliament (1996- 2008). He held the Cabinet ministerial portfolios of Housing, Pacific Island Affairs, Transport, Corrections, and Racing. For 15 years he was a trade union leader representing service industry workers, setting up four health centres which provided low-cost primary health care services. Mr Gosche's governance roles include NZ Rugby League, TYLA Trust, COMET Auckland, Vaka Tautua, Brain Injury Association, Talklink Trust, Fonua Ola, and Lifewise. He currently serves on the Mt. Wellington Licensing Trust.

Current Chair – appointed May 2018

Hawkes Bay DHB

Shayne Walker, Chair (Ngāti Kahungunu)

Mr Walker's work experience includes seven years with the Department of Corrections as a Probation Officer, Service Manager and Change Manager. He has also worked as Māori Health Manager for Hawke's Bay DHB, General Manager for the Maungaharuru-Tangitu Trust, Managing Director of Foot Steps Ltd, Director of Wharerata Forest Company and is currently Head of Māori Business at the Bank of New Zealand. He currently a Board Trustee of Anewa Farm Trust and Te Awahohonu Forest Trust. Mr Walker was also Co-Chair of MATARIKI – Hawke's Bay Regional Development Governance Group from 2016-2018. Mr Walker has a Diploma of Applied Business Management and a Master of Business Administration, Māori Economic Development.

Previously worked at DHB

Lakes DHB

Dr Jim Mather, Chair (Ngāti Awa / Ngāi Tahu)

Dr Mather has served as Chief Executive Officer of three organisations over the last 16 years. He is a qualified accountant by profession and has led two of the most high-profile Māori organisations over the last 14 years: Māori Television and Te Wānanga o Aotearoa. Dr Mather's current governance roles include Chair of RNZ, Director of Auckland Transport, Member of MBIE Risk and Advisory Committee, and Director of Ngati Awa Group Holdings Limited. He has held a variety of private sector management roles, including General Manager of a marine engineering business and Financial Controller for a local subsidiary of a Swiss multi-national. Aligned with his commercial background, he also served as an officer in the New Zealand Army, and he was awarded the Sword of Honour in recognition of his distinguished achievements in Officer training. Dr Mather holds a PhD in Māori economic development.

MidCentral DHB

Brendan Duffy, Chair

Mr Duffy has been an elected member of the Horowhenua District Council for 21 years and served as mayor for 12 years. He has chaired the Provincial Sector of Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) for six years and acted as Zone 3 chair for nine years. Mr Duffy has held the position of vice president of LGNZ for three years. He is also a director on the Board of MITO (Motor Industry Training Organisation). He is the current Deputy Chair of MidCentral DHB's

board and has recently received a second ministerial appointment as a temporary Commissioner on the Local Government Commission for a 12-month term. Mr Duffy is a Justice of the Peace and in 2017 was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to local government.

Current Deputy Chair – appointed December 2016

Nelson Marlborough DHB

Jenny Black, Chair (E)

Ms Black is current Chair of Nelson Marlborough and West Coast DHB boards. She is also chair of the DHB Board Chairs Group. Ms Black has held memberships with a number of organisations, including the National Council of Women of New Zealand, the Diabetes Nelson Committee and the New Zealand Dietetic Association. She was made a Member of The New Zealand Order of Merit in 2014. Ms Black holds a Bachelor of Home Science from Otago University and she is a registered dietitian, having undertaken postgraduate studies with Auckland Hospital. Ms Black also has a Certificate in Sports Nutrition from the Institute of Sport in Canberra and a Certificate of Company Directors from the Institute of Directors.

*Current Chair – and elected member since December 2007 and Chair since 2010
Also current Chair of West Coast DHB (since 2016)*

Northland DHB

Harry Burkhardt, Chair (Ngāti Kuri)

Mr Burkhardt is Managing Director of Replas Ltd which is a Plastics Manufacturing and Recycling business with manufacturing plants in Australia and New Zealand. He is currently Chair of the Ngati Kuri Trust Board and has served on a range of governance entities responsible for health, education, tourism, social and commercial investment, regional and national economic development. Mr Burkhardt was Deputy Chair at Auckland DHB in 2007. In this role, he successfully chaired an audit, removing \$100m from the budget over two years.

Previously Deputy Chair Auckland DHB

South Canterbury DHB

Ron Luxton, Chair (E)

Mr Luxton is the current elected Board Chair of South Canterbury DHB's board. He has spent 40 years working as a frontline primary health care worker. He is a pharmacist by profession and manages his own business, Luxton's Pharmacy Limited. Mr Luxton has extensive board governance experience, with

previous roles including chairperson of the successful MRI fundraising committee and chairman of the Aoraki MRI Charitable Trust. Mr Luxton has been re-elected to South Canterbury DHB's board in 2019.

*Current Chair – and elected member since December 2001 (18 years)
12 years as Deputy Chair and 3 years as Chair*

Southern DHB

David (Dave) Cull, Chair

Mr Cull was appointed President of Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) in July 2017, prior to this he was Vice President of LGNZ from December 2016 to July 2017. In 2010, Mr Cull was

elected as the Mayor of Dunedin City Council, where he has been heavily involved in the Dunedin community having sat on various steering groups and committees covering economic development, technology and the environment. Mr Cull has been elected as a member of Southern DHB. Mr Cull holds a Bachelor of Political Science from the University of Otago. Mr Cull has been elected to Southern DHB's board in 2019.

Tairāwhiti DHB

Kim Ngarimu, Chair (Ngāti Porou)

Ms Ngarimu is a current member of the Medical Council's Audit, Education and Health Committees. She is also the Director of Tāua Limited, which is a consulting company specialising in the provision of public policy and management advice, with relationships with iwi and Māori communities. Ms Ngarimu held the position of Deputy Secretary of Policy with TPK from 2007 - 2013. She has also held positions as Acting Chief Executive for the Ministry of Women's Affairs and Acting Director for the Waitangi Tribunal. Prior roles include various senior management, policy management and regional roles for Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Porou and TPK and regional roles, such as a sector Manager role at the Office of the Controller and Auditor General.

Current member of Capital & Coast – appointed December 2016

Taranaki DHB

Cassandra Crowley, Chair

Ms Crowley has Directorships on several Boards, including Oriens Capital GP, President of the Chartered Accountants ANZ Board and Taranaki Whānui Benefits Limited. She is a Council Member of the Western Institute of Technology at Taranaki and a Director at The Skills Organisation. In 2017 Ms Crowley was the recipient of an award for Inspirational Excellence at the 2017 Women in Governance awards and awarded the New Zealand Prime Minister's Business Scholarship in 2016. Ms Crowley holds a Bachelor of Laws, a Bachelor of Commerce and Administration and a Graduate Diploma in Professional Accounting (FCA). She is currently completing her Master of Advanced Leadership Practice at Massey University.

Wairarapa DHB

Sir Paul Collins, Chair

Sir Paul is the current Chair of Wairarapa DHB's board. Sir Paul was appointed a Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit on the New Year Honours List 2015 for his service to sports administration. In 1986, he became Governor of the New Zealand Sports Foundation and was chairman from 1992 to 1999. Sir Paul has served on numerous boards in the sports sector, as well as serving on the boards of more than 50 companies around the world. He was a member of the Rugby 2011 World Cup Bid Committee which won the hosting rights for the World Cup and was a director of Rugby New Zealand 2011 Limited.

Current Chair – appointed December 2016

Waitemata DHB

Professor Judy McGregor, Chair

Prof McGregor is the current appointed Chair of Waitemata District Health Board and Chair of the Health Workforce Advisory Board. She is head of the School of Social Sciences and Public Policy at Auckland University of Technology and is a former newspaper editor. Prof McGregor has held previous governance roles in the tertiary sector and as a broadcasting regulator. She is also a former Chair of the Palmerston North Enterprise Board and a patron of the Auckland

Women's Centre. She was also New Zealand's first Equal Employment Opportunities Commissioner with the New Zealand Human Rights Commission. In 2004, she was made a Companion to the Order of New Zealand for services to journalism and was named supreme winner at the 2016 Women in Governance Awards. Prof McGregor has a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Waikato and a Doctorate in Political Communication. She is also a qualified lawyer.

Current Chair – appointed June 2018

West Coast DHB

Hon Rick Barker, Chair

Hon Barker is the principal of Rick Barker Consulting. He has experience in leadership, governance, relationship management, media and risk management, advocacy and negotiations, strategy and policy development. He is a member of the Labour Party and in 2002 he was appointed to Cabinet as Minister of Customs, Minister for Courts, Associate Minister of Justice, and Associate Minister of Social Services and Employment. During the 2002-2005 term, he was given additional responsibility as Minister for the Community and Voluntary Sector and Minister for Small Business. In 2008, Hon Barker was appointed by the House of Representatives to the role of Assistant Speaker. He holds a Master of Public Policy from Victoria University of Wellington and is a qualified Hearings Commissioner for the Resource Management Act 1991.

Whanganui DHB

Ken Whelan, Chair

Mr Whelan is an experienced health executive, with 40 years' experience in the health sector, both in Australia and New Zealand. Eighteen of those years has been spent in executive leadership positions, including roles as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of both Northland and Capital & Coast District Health Boards, as well as across a range of health providers and purchasers in Australia and New Zealand. He was also Deputy Director-General of Health Purchasing and Performance for New South Wales Health for three years. Mr Whelan's most recent role was serving as CEO of the largest hospital and health service in Australasia, Queensland's Metro North Hospital and Health Service, overseeing a budget of \$2.9 billion and more than 18,000 staff. Mr Whelan has a clinical nursing background.

*Currently Crown Monitor for Counties Manukau and Waikato DHB
Previous roles include CE of Northland and Capital & Coast DHB and DDG at MOH*

Waikato DHB

Dr Karen Poutasi, Commissioner

Dr Poutasi is the current Commissioner at Waikato DHB following the removal of the Board in 2019. She is also the Chief Executive of the New Zealand Qualifications Authority, a role that she was appointed to in 2006. Previous roles include ten years as the Director-General of Health where she was responsible for DHB establishment and the delivery of the first Primary Healthcare Strategy. Dr Poutasi is a medical graduate and her area of specialisation is public health, she also holds both Otago and Harvard University management qualifications and in 2006 was the recipient of a Companions of New Zealand Order of Merit for services to health. Her governance roles include the Chair of the New Zealand Committee for Harkness Fellowships, and a Directorship on the Board for the Network for Learning.