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of Aotearoa New Zealand

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By general practice, for general practice.

GenPro For You  
October 2023 Update



Working unashamedly to support sustainability and viability on behalf of general practice and urgent care business owners – and ultimately the New Zealand population they serve.

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### **Message from the Chief Executive**

It has been a month dominated by the elections and to a lesser extent the 2023 Rugby World Cup. I won't be commenting on the latter....

As reported in the previous edition of our newsletter, the run up to the elections was a busy period for lobbying and advocacy activity.

GenPro was highly active in the media, often in contact with politicians from across the parties and we also released our Manifesto. We are now finalising the GenPro Briefing for the incoming Minister (BIM). The BIM will reaffirm our Manifesto and our commitment and desire to work with the Minister.

Now that the election process is (almost) complete, the post-election period is likely to be one of low engagement from the centre as the impact of the election, process of forming government and the resultant changes become clearer.

There was another election too - the GenPro Board election ahead of our AGM ([you can read about it here](#)).

I am hopeful that both elections will bring about the opportunity for GenPro to have increasing impact in the coming year.

We have also been working with the GPLF (General Practice Leaders Forum) and Te Whatu Ora to get PSAAP activated again. With PSAAP currently inactive, there is no forum for negotiation of contract variations, which is simply unacceptable. GenPro continues to promote the right for all Contracted Providers (entities holding a back-to-back agreement for first level services with a PHO) to be able to appoint their own agents to represent them.

We are making headway and will provide updates as this progresses.

I would like to end by welcoming our new members and thanking our current members for their support and engagement. Your feedback is always welcome and valued.

Ngā mihi maioha



Mark Liddle  
**Chief Executive**

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## **General Practice Funding**

### **Capitation**

As reported in the media Te Whatu Ora have engaged Sapere and Synergia to undertake yet another review of capitation, expected to be completed by 30 June next year. GenPro Chair, Dr Angus Chambers says “GP’s don’t need yet another report to tell them what’s wrong in the sector” – you can read the full New Zealand Doctor’s article [here](#)

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### **Pay Equity Funding**

The NZNO are finalising their approach to the pay equity claim for Practice Nurses. A Member Only Bulletin will be provided once the details are confirmed. GenPro is considering our approach and role in this space and will advise all members once the NZNO have provided us with further information.

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## **MECA Settlement Update**

Reminder that implementation is required 6 weeks from signing of MECA. The MECA was signed on September 28, 2023.

Email [membership@genpro.org.nz](mailto:membership@genpro.org.nz) if you would like more information about becoming a GenPro MECA subscriber.

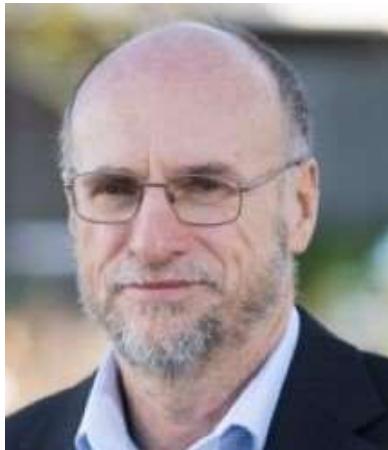
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## **GenPro Board Update**

Following the AGM held on October 17<sup>th</sup>, we are pleased to announce the appointment of the following GenPro members to the Board:



**Dr Victoria Jones** – Dr. Jones is a GP and Director of Katikati Medical Centre, bringing the perspective of owner-operator GP business owners and rural GP business owners. Dr. Jones is passionate about the future of General Practice and believes GenPro has a large role to play, and the skills to represent General Practice - something she is keen to be a part of.



**Dr Mark Peterson** – Dr. Peterson is a fulltime GP, shareholder and director of Taradale Medical Centre representing owner-operator General Practice business owners and non-VLCA business owners. Dr. Peterson is known to many as former Chair of the NZMA and Board Member of the RNZCGP, as well as roles in other organisations. He is currently one of the two contracted provider negotiators on PSAAP, alongside Dr. Chambers.



**Bethan Rajwer** - Bethan is the Practice Manager, Takapuna Health representing owner-operator GP business owners. She is a strong advocate for GenPro with knowledge and direct experience within the primary health sector. Bethan will bring a diverse perspective to the Board with 20 years of experience in medical administration – in-depth knowledge of systems and processes and passion for continuous improvement and strategic development.

Dr Chambers was re-elected to the Board.

Our new Board members join Dr Stephanie Taylor, Michelle Te Kira and Dr Mary English as part of the GenPro Board working together tirelessly to advocate for General Practice.

Acknowledged for their huge contributions to GenPro were Dr Tim Malloy, Dr Geoff Cunningham, Dr Deborah Johnstone, Dr General Young and Dr Clinton Newbury.

The new board will meet face to face for the first time in early November for a full day Board meeting and strategy session.

For this year's AGM Dame Dr Karen Poutasi, DNZM, Chair of Te Whatu Ora was the Guest Speaker and answered a number of questions submitted by GenPro members regarding the future Health Reforms. A strong message was the intent of Te Whatu Ora to engage with primary care and GenPro as the health reforms move from establishment of Te Whatu Ora to change and design for the future.

While we have heard this before, Dr Poutasi assured us that, while the conversation is yet to happen, it will. GenPro is looking forward to working closely with Te Whatu Ora in supporting change to meet the needs of general practice and their communities and providing a General Practice voice in the discussions.

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### [GenPro Updates](#)

### [GenPro in the Media](#)

GenPro released its Manifesto pre 2023 Election – a copy can be [downloaded here](#). We have received a lot of coverage in the media lately around General Practice viability, staff shortages, pay equity and the need for Primary Care to be heard. You can review our GenPro Media Report for the months September and October 2023 [here](#).

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### [GenPro now on LinkedIn](#)

Exciting News! We're pleased to announce that we've officially joined LinkedIn. Now you can follow us for the latest updates, industry insights, and exclusive content. Stay connected, network with like-minded professionals, and be a part of our growing community.

Don't miss out – follow us today and be a part of our journey on LinkedIn!

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### [Why would you join GenPro?](#)

- To add to GenPro's collective national voice and growing mandate and therefore its ability to make a difference
- To have a voice in national negotiations and discussions
- To have access to GenPro's exclusive range of member-only resources and briefings

Further information on the benefits of joining GenPro can be found [on our website](#) or by contacting [membership@genpro.org.nz](mailto:membership@genpro.org.nz).

Download the GenPro membership application

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### [Invitation: Building the future of health](#)

#### **Stakeholder virtual hui**

**Date:** Wednesday 1 November 2023

**Time:** 3.00pm - 3.45pm

**Link:** [Building the future of health](#)

We are delighted to invite you to our next stakeholder virtual hui with Chief Executives Margie Apa, Te Whatu Ora and Riana Manuel, Te Aka Whai Ora, who will update you on the Health Workforce Plan.

One of the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act requires that Te Whatu Ora and Te Aka Whai Ora produce a national Health Status report to inform areas for health system improvements. This is due for release early December 2023. We're excited, however, to welcome our special guests Gary Jackson, Director, Population Health Gain, Te Whatu Ora and Kadin Latham, General Manager Data, Digital & Knowledge, Te Aka Whai Ora, who will give updates on the Health Status Report. Gary and Kadin will headline some key findings in our health status – this will be the first produced as a national report and will inform further deeper dives on health status within specific groups and regions.

We welcome your questions and feedback. You'll have the opportunity to post questions via the event link and there will be a focused question and answer session in the second half of the hui.

We hope you can join us, but if you can't, we will share a recording of this and all previous hui and questions on the stakeholder pages of the [Te Whatu Ora](#) and [Te Aka Whai Ora](#) websites.

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### **The Final Word...**



*As always, member feedback and membership enquiries are always welcomed - email [enquiries@genpro.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@genpro.org.nz)*

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