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Re-elected GenPro chair: “We’re only just getting going!”

The Board of the General Practice Owners Association of Aotearoa New Zealand (GenPro), the only national representative body directly mandated by, and acting for contracted providers running general practice and urgent care centres across New Zealand, has re-elected Dr Tim Malloy as chair for the coming year.

Dr Tim Malloy, who has been GenPro chair since the Association’s launch in 2020, was unanimously re-elected as chair at the 8th November meeting of the GenPro board of directors – which itself included two new elected Board directors – Dr Mary English and Dr Stephanie Taylor.

At the same meeting, Dr Angus Chambers, was unanimously re-elected as GenPro’s deputy chair.

Announcing Dr Malloy and Dr Chamber’s re-appointment, GenPro’s chief executive, Philip Grant, says, “The board was unanimous in supporting the re-election of both Dr Malloy and Dr Chambers. The Board recognised GenPro’s strong and consistent leadership which was contributing to GenPro’s on-going success, membership growth and significant national profile”.

In accepting the nomination and his re-appointment as chair, Dr Malloy said, “GenPro has made good early progress and there is much more to be done in response to the significant crisis currently facing sustainable general practice and, in that regard, we are only just getting going. I am humbled that the GenPro Board have indicated their support for me to continue as chair and directly assist with this very important role that we have”.

GenPro’s re-elected deputy chair, Dr Angus Chambers, believed GenPro’s success was, in-part, due to the significant uncertainty facing the sector and said, “On top of years of historic underfunding, essential general practice services are now facing further pressure due to a significant health reform process which seems to prioritise additional tiers of management over the sustainability of front-line services for patients – GenPro appears to be the only voice for the providers of those essential services and that is increasingly being acknowledged by the growth in GenPro’s members”.

GenPro was only launched in April 2020 and yet its membership growth already includes providers encompassing approximately half of the country’s enrolled patients. That includes providers which are nurse-owned, iwi-owned, community trust-owned, corporate owned and, traditional GP owner-operated general practices.

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Details of GenPro’s full board can be accessed here: <https://genpro.org.nz/team.html>

Dr Tim Malloy



Dr Tim Malloy studied at the University of Auckland, originally training in paediatrics before moving into rural general practice.

From his base in Wellsford, he and his colleagues have successfully developed a multi-disciplinary integrated family health service, which provides high-quality primary care to the local community – which contains many low income and high-needs patients.

Dr Malloy has been involved in practice leadership since the early 1990s through his involvement with the New Zealand Rural General Practice Network and was actively engaged with the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners for many years, including being elected President in

2012 and again in 2016.

Dr Malloy has also been involved with several significant projects including: negotiating for the Primary Response in Medical Emergencies (PRIME) service; negotiating the ACC rural contract; negotiating the PHO Services Agreement and establishing the New Zealand Locums national locum services for rural GPs.

In 2021, Dr Malloy was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit and, in 2018, was awarded Distinguished Fellowship of the Royal New Zealand College of GPs, an award that recognises the immense contribution he has made to general practice and the College.

Dr Angus Chambers



Dr Chambers was born in England and came to New Zealand at a very young age. He was raised in Christchurch by a GP father and a health activist mother.

Dr Chambers studied medicine at Otago University and has been a GP in Christchurch since 1990. He also has a degree in Law from Canterbury. He is a part owner of Riccarton Clinic – a practice with approximately 17,000 patients which also provides Urgent Care services.

Dr Chambers became involved in PHO affairs in the early 2000s and is currently on the Board of Christchurch PHO. Dr Chambers was appointed a PSAAP representative for PHOs in 2015 and over subsequent years became deeply disillusioned with national contract representation for

General Practice owners - a subject on which he has been well quoted by NZ Doctor magazine and elsewhere.

He was a keen supporter of the establishment of GenPro to try to change that historic representation and to support sustainable and viable general practice.

His interests are his family, both nuclear and extended, as well as conservation - the land, rivers and bush.