**6 December 2022**

**Health Hawke’s Bay Limited Chair and Deputy Chair appointment**

The annual election process for Health Hawke’s Bay Limited Chair and Deputy Chair has been completed with the following appointments confirmed:

Health Hawke’s Bay Limited Chair, Chrissie Hape with Dr Darran Lowes as Deputy Chair.

As CEO of Ngāti Kahungunu Iwi Incorporated, Chrissie will bring a wealth of operational and governance leadership to the board table to compliment the clinical expertise of Dr Darran Lowes.

The skill set of the Chair and Deputy, along with fellow Directors ensures that we continue to provide a stable and informed governance expertise to the PHO.

As newly appointed Chair, Chrissie Hape thanked outgoing Chair Na Raihania for his commitment and passion to drive equity across the rohe and his support to fellow Directors.

**Resignation**

It was with regret that the Chair of Te Matau ā Māui Health Trust accepted the resignation of Dr Nicky Toynton as Deputy Chair and Director of Health Hawke’s Bay.

Nicky’s leadership as Board Deputy Chair, Deputy Chair of the Clinical Advisory Governance (CAG) committee, member of the Finance, Audit and Risk (FAR) committee, member of the Remuneration and PAD committee has been professional, considered and measured always with a focus on the health and wellbeing of Hawke’s Bay whānau.

Nicky has retired from her practice and is looking forward to devoting more time to her other passions, her family and gardening. At her last Board meeting all the Directors thanked her for commitment to the PHO and for her many years of tireless service to her patients and the families of Hawke’s Bay.

Health Hawke’s Bay Limited Directors are committed to ensuring the PHO is well prepared for the ensuing health reforms and appreciate your ongoing support.

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