

## **Health Hawke's Bay CEO resigns**

Health Hawke's Bay Chief Executive Officer Irihapeti Mahuika has resigned to pursue an opportunity in Christchurch, where her husband and family are based, Board chair Kevin Snee said today.

Dr Snee said Ms Mahuika would work through her three-month notice period, allowing time for interim leadership arrangements to be put in place. Recruitment for a new chief executive would begin once a new Board was in place.

Earlier this month, Health Hawke's Bay announced its shareholders, Te Matua ā Māui Trust, would transfer its shares to Health Hawke's Bay general practices. The organisation was currently working with general practice on the design of the new ownership structure.

Ms Mahuika said she had loved working in Hawke's Bay and at the PHO; however, the decision to return to Christchurch was the right one for her and her whānau.

"It has been an amazing journey, and Hawke's Bay has been incredibly good to me.

"I have enjoyed the mahi, but commuting between Christchurch and Hawke's Bay was becoming too difficult. The time is right for me to create space for someone else to lead Health Hawke's Bay into its next phase."

Dr Snee acknowledged Ms Mahuika's leadership during a period of significant change and said she would continue to work on the new ownership model before she left at the end of June.

"I wish Iri well. She has guided the organisation through a lot of change and would continue contributing to the ownership model change before she leaves."

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