

## Media Release

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### **GPNZ Appoints Dr Jeff Lowe as its New Chair**

GPNZ is delighted to announce that at its Executive meeting today it has appointed Dr Jeff Lowe as its new Chairperson.

Dr Lowe has been a GP for 26 years at Karori Medical Centre, and a GP trainer for the past 15 years. Dr Lowe has a keen interest in integration, and is Deputy Chair of the Integrated Care Collaborative at Capital and Coast DHB. He is also the Clinical Champion for the Long-Term Conditions and Health of Older People Service Level Alliance. Outside of medicine Jeff enjoys cycling, basketball, and is a drummer in a band.

“GPNZ is a dynamic organisation that continuously looks at how it can add value for its members, and general practice. GPNZ has a number of opportunities to progress and I am privileged to lead the organisation during this time” said Dr Lowe.

Dr Lowe replaces Shelley Frost, who chose to step down after three terms as Chair and six terms as Deputy Chair. Shelley remains on GPNZ’s Executive and will continue to make a significant contribution to national leadership of general practice. Shelley is GPNZ’s longest ever serving Executive member after being elected to the Executive of IPAC in 2003. Shelley played a key role in the amalgamation of IPAC and the General Practice Nursing Alliance into GPNZ in 2010.

“I have very much enjoyed my time as Chair of GPNZ, and I look forward to supporting Jeff in my continued role on the Executive” said Mrs Frost.

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