



# Dietitians Board

## Te Mana Mātanga Mātai Kai

MAHURU 2019

RONGO PĀNUI

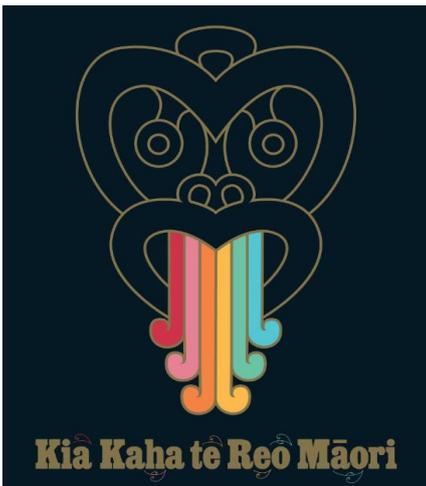
**DRIVING THE CREATION OF A WORKFORCE THAT IS RESPONSIVE TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING NEEDS OF NEW ZEALANDERS**

### *Tēnā koutou!*

Stakeholder engagement is a high priority for the Board; the public, Māori, education providers and practitioners being our key stakeholders. Mahi is underway to enhance public messaging about the role of the regulator and the Secretariat has recently undertaken Accreditation site visits for all three dietetic training programmes and attended the Dietitians New Zealand Conference which have all resulted in some valuable korero.

Last week might have been Māori language week, but ..... **Mahuru Māori** is an initiative begun in 2017 to promote the use of te Reo Māori throughout the **entire** month of September. Check out [Te Wiki o te Reo Māori](#) for ideas and resources to revitalize te Reo in your daily lives and workplace.

**'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori' - 'Let's make the Māori language strong'.**



### BOARD UPDATES

#### CULTURAL CAPABILITY

Prior to the August Board meeting we spent a day at Te Kakano o te Aroha Marae. This was a valuable hui facilitated by Mahanga Maru from [Maru Consulting](#). This is the start of a journey to develop a 2-3 year work plan which will build on the Boards newly identified aspiration to **become a Te Ao Māori informed Board that is culturally capable and regulates a workforce that improves whanau wellbeing.**

The [HPCA Act stipulates in s188\(i\)](#) the Board is required to set standards of clinical competence, cultural competence (**including competencies that will enable effective and respectful interaction with Māori**), and ethical conduct to be observed by health practitioners of the profession. The Treaty is an integral part of the HPCA Act. In the health sector, key Treaty principles for involving Māori include partnership, participation and protection. The Dietitians Board is committed to ensuring these principles are acknowledged and actioned.

Cultural responsiveness is having the ability to interact and respond effectively and respectfully with individuals who have a different background or perspective on life than that of the practitioner. The Boards [Professional Standards & Competencies for Dietitians](#) outlines the Boards Standards for cultural competence.

We will be sure to keep you updated on further work in this area as the Board seeks to develop cultural capability as a regulator and across the dietetic workforce.

#### APPOINTMENTS

The appointment of the practitioner member advertised earlier this year (currently an appointment held by Laila Cooper) is still under consideration by the Minister. Laila remains on the Board until such time she is reappointed or the Minister ends her tenure.

The Board has recently had a change in officers with Jennifer Pelvin now taking the role of Chair and Laila Cooper assuming Deputy Chair responsibilities.

The Board has a full complement of 7 Board members as required by the HPCA Act:

**Board members are currently:** [Jennifer Pelvin \(Chair\)](#), [Laila Cooper \(Deputy Chair\)](#), [Hiki Pihema](#), [Louise Mainvil](#), [Catherine Humphrey](#), [Tom Shand](#) and [Jordan Waiti](#).

## FEE CONSULTATION

The Board invite practitioners and stakeholders to comment on the proposed changes to Annual Practising Certificate fees and other fees. You can find the consultation document [HERE](#).

Each year the Board considers whether the fees it has set remain appropriate and sufficient to enable it to meet its operational and regulatory obligations. With changes to the Board's obligations under the HPCA Act and rising costs to operationalise the Board and recover costs for the services provided, there is a need to increase fees. The last time fees were consulted on was in 2015.

**Your feedback to this consultation will help the Board make its final decision on the proposed changes.**

If you wish to make submissions, please provide them in writing to the Registrar by **5pm 18 October 2019**. You can send your submission by post or email.

## ANNUAL PRESCRIBER UPDATE - MOODLE

The 2019/2020 Annual Prescriber Update on MOODLE will go live on **Tuesday 1 October 2019**. This update is a requirement of all prescribing dietitians and can be found at <http://nzdb.onlearn.co.nz/>. Pop a reminder in your calendar and get this CPD activity ticked off before the end of the year.

## DIETITIANS NEW ZEALAND – A PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR DIETITIANS



Check out where the [Branches and the Special Interest Groups](#) are located and keep connected.

**Kath Fouhy, General Manager** is available via email at [ceo@dietitians.org.nz](mailto:ceo@dietitians.org.nz) or call her on +64 21 1044 416.

## KIA ORA - CALLING ALL MĀORI DIETITIANS

**Te Kahui Manukura o Kai Ora** (Te Kahui) have asked the Board to include the following message:

**Do you want to connect with other Māori Dietitians and feel supported in your mahi?**

Te Kahui is a rōpū created to gather Māori Dietitian New Zealand members to support each other as Māori, develop our own practice framework, and to grow the Māori Dietitians working in Aotearoa. To be a part of Te Kahui you only need to whakakapapa Māori and be registered as a New Zealand Dietitian. We hold videoconferences and can provide mentoring to Māori Dietitian students and other Māori Dietitians.

Get in contact today to become part of the rōpū by contacting Brittani Beavis [Brittani.beavis@tpo.org.nz](mailto:Brittani.beavis@tpo.org.nz); 0274058327

## SECRETARIAT STAFFING

The Secretariat is currently operating on a 'skeleton' staff but is about to start the recruitment process for a new Registration Officer. We hope this reduced secretariat does not inconvenience anyone but it may be that we take a little longer to respond to you. Please bear with us whilst we work through this process.

## NEXT BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> & THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

If you have a matter you would like to raise with the Board please contact the Board's office at least 20 days prior to the meeting, to ensure it can be added to the agenda.

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*Should you have any questions about information held by the Board or about registration, holding an APC, MyCCP or supervision requirements please contact the Board's office. Staff are happy to assist you meet your regulatory obligations and have their finger on the pulse of current policy and legislation.*

**Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī - Ngā manaakitanga**

**Jennifer Pelvin Chair of the Board - Sue Domanski Registrar**



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