

Foundation begins the year at full steam

Taranaki Health Foundation celebrates the appointment of Michael Joyce as Chairman



Michael, a Dairy Farmer, Consultant and Taranaki Regional Councillor from the South Taranaki constituency will bring strong leadership to the Foundation as its Chairman. Michael and his wife Vivienne have spent most of their lives in South Taranaki and they have two adult children.

"I am honoured to Chair this dedicated team of Trustees from the Taranaki community as we continue with the Foundation's successful fundraising campaign and work to enable the best possible healthcare for Taranaki communities. Our Trustees are passionate about supporting healthcare for all of Taranaki." Michael explains.

He describes the Foundation "Having the strong support of our current Partners enabling vital extras for Project Maunga such as patient televisions, and the upcoming Mobility Garden, offering onsite rehabilitation. We look forward to building strong relationships with new community donors and using our relationship with the Taranaki District Health Board to make the most of each healthcare dollar we raise as an addition to central government funding. The Foundation is built on the guiding principles of integrity, strong ethics, transparency and professionalism, and we are working hard for the Taranaki community region wide to make best use of the donations we receive."

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Our Team of Trustees



Marise James
Director, Staples Rodway

Marise is born and bred in Taranaki and has strong ties to the rural community. Her willingness to become a trustee is based on the simple desire to help the community help itself – to ensure that families throughout Taranaki can have access to the best possible healthcare available.



Bruce Moller
Chief Executive Officer,
Howard Wright Limited

Bruce and his family love living in Taranaki and admire the can-do spirit of the province. Bruce is looking forward to being a trustee of the Taranaki Health Foundation as it supports the Taranaki DHB in providing healthcare second to none.



Nicola Luxton
Dairy farmer and Lawyer,
South Taranaki.

Nicola has three young children and is a farmer and lawyer with an environmental planning background. She has a keen interest in quality health care across Taranaki, with a particular focus on improved mental health outcomes for rural communities. She is thrilled to be part of the Taranaki Health Foundation and looking forward to seeing the Foundation make a difference for health across Taranaki.



Murali Bhaskar
Director, Design Architect, BGBBTA

Murali has worked with multi-disciplinary teams and large client organisations on various civic, community, hospitality, education and healthcare projects. He has a passion for Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) and lives in New Plymouth with his partner and new born twins.



Cathy Katene
Technical Advisor for Maori Health Services

Cathy originates from Coromandel, affiliating to Ngati Maru. She has been employed at Fonterra Cooperative Group, Hawera for the past 24 years, is a Technical Advisor for Maori Health Services and together with her family work within the exciting tourism industry with Ariari Lodge, Lake Rotorangi. She is passionate about improving the quality of health care for people in Taranaki and the contribution that she can make to the Taranaki Health Foundation.

Impact of Fundraising Our Partners - Making a Difference

"There are many examples in the new hospital of the impact of the donations of our current Partners," explains Rachel Church, Executive Officer of the Taranaki Health Foundation. "The TSB Community Trust's donation directly enabled the new nurse call system, the patient televisions were made possible by our Business Supporters and our Partners have supported our 'Connected Health' campaign providing advancements such as the Electronic Whiteboards and Computers on Wheels (C.O.W.S.) Our donors have truly made an impact and are helping us achieve our goal of the best possible healthcare for Taranaki communities."

Steve Berendsen, Project Manager for Taranaki Base Hospital Redevelopment describes the direct nurse call system as, "truly impressive." He describes how, "nurses and staff are very impressed. It allows for direct communication with nurses via phone, and has removed the disruptive bells on the ward. It is a silent system, allowing a quieter place for patients to recuperate."

Leonie Mercer, Taranaki DHB Nurse Manager for Child Health agrees, "The new nurse call system allows us to communicate directly with nurses on the ward. It streamlines the communication process and staff no longer need to spend time looking for a specific staff member. It's great."

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Adrian Sole
Commercial Development Manager,
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Adrian has a passion for our community, leadership and equality and is on the board of the trust that provides Computer In Homes, is a Rotarian and is married to his wife Melanie for 16 years. Adrian is looking forward in using his skills and energy to help achieve the foundation's goals.