



# Helen Mason

Healthy, thriving communities, Kia Momoho Te Hāpori Ōranga.

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From left: CE Helen Mason, Runanga Chair Punohu McCausland, General Manager Māori Health Gains and Development Tricia Keelan and Board Chair Sally Webb.



I was delighted to attend the pohiri for Tricia Keelan, our new General Manager Māori Health Gains and Development, on Tuesday (24 October).

Tricia comes to us from Compass Health PHO, where she has been General Manager Māori and Population Health. She has previously held roles within DHBs, the Ministry of Health and Te Puni Kokiri. Tricia has a Bachelor's Degree in Public Policy, an Executive MBA and Te Pinakitanga ki te reo kairangi. Her masters research focused on the costs and benefits of Quality Accreditation to Māori Health Providers.

Tricia's iwi affiliations are Ngāti Porou, Te Aupouri, Ngāti Rongomaiwahine and Ngāti Kahungunu.

Tricia has experience working in the Māori community at an executive level and has a proven ability to achieve Māori health gain. Tricia is passionate about addressing barriers to health for tangata whenua while creating pathways for hauora amongst whānau, hapū and iwi.

Tricia shares our BOPDHB vision for "Healthy, thriving communities, Kia Momoho Te Hāpori ōranga" and is looking forward to working with our teams, our Kaupapa providers, and our Runanga, and building on our strengths.

Improving Māori Health is one of our four strategic priorities. One of the key themes of Māori Health Good to Great is Collective Responsiveness. That is, each of us thinking about and then doing what we can to improve the health of our Māori population. Each and everyone of us has a role to play and can make a difference.



## The General Manager Māori Health Gains and Development position

This newly created position will provide leadership and direction to the BOPDHB in all matters affecting the Māori population of Te Moana a Toi, Māori services, and Māori staff, in relation to policy development, resource allocation, organisational goals, service delivery and decision-making.

This role will elevate and strengthen the executive leadership of Māori Health across the whole organisational structure of the BOPDHB.

The General Manager Māori Health Gains and Development will build a united and strong connection between the work and activity of Māori Health Planning and Funding and Regional Māori Health Services (Mai i Ngā Kuri a Whārei ki Tihirau) by providing single Executive Leadership, in order to leverage a whole of system response to improving Māori Health and Wellbeing.

The Good to Great Programme will be led by the General Manager Māori Health Gains and Development with a strong focus on improvement of the Māori Health indicators through a consistent quality improvement approach, and through enhancing change management capacity and capability. There will be partnering with both mainstream services and Māori, to accelerate reducing Māori disparities by focussing on collective responsibility for Māori health and well-being.

## In Pete's good hands

I'll be away undertaking some professional development and having a bit of a holiday during November. Pete Chandler, our awesome COO, has kindly agreed to be Acting CE whilst I'm away. I'll look forward to catching up on the news on my return. Nga manaakitanga – Take care.

Helen



## Māori proverb

Korihi ake nga manu, takiri mai te ata. Ka ao, ka ao, ka awatea. Tihei mauri ora!  
The birds call. A fresh day unfurls. A new dawn. The promise of a new day!