

Dr Jon Warren, DHSc nomination for PNZ Executive vacancy

Improving health has been the driver of my professional life. I have experience across the broad spectrum of health, including the public, private, academic, and regulatory sectors.

I have over 20 years of private practice experience, have taught in the USA, and do consultancy work with Ukraine Association of Physical Therapy and previously with World Physiotherapy and Physiopedia.

I have significant Board and management experience, including four years as President of PNZ. I have worked with Kirsten Davie, who is running for President, and I admire her ongoing commitment to the profession.

Advocacy is vital for a robust, successful profession at local, regional, and national levels. When I was President of the association, we successfully rebranded to Physiotherapy New Zealand. The profession embraced this rebranding, considerably lifting our profile.

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much more".

PNZ's policy and advocacy directions must align with the evolving healthcare landscape to ensure optimal patient care and professional growth. Undoubtedly, this is a difficult time for all involved in healthcare. Collaboration with government entities, including ACC, is essential to advocate for the funding and resources necessary for a thriving physiotherapy profession.

Finally, championing diversity and inclusion within the profession and advocating for policies that address healthcare disparities will contribute to a more equitable healthcare system.

Kirsten and I are supported by Lee Gardiner, Duncan Reid, Margot Skinner, Dusty Quinn, Gill Stotter, Angela Cadogan, and other respected leaders within our profession. We look forward to your votes.