

PNZ Executive Nominee: Hamish Ashton



I am a long-standing member of PNZ, joining just after graduating 30 years ago with a diverse knowledge of Branch and SIG governance. At a SIG level, I have been on the SEP NZ Executive for 10 years, of which I was the president for four of those. I have been on the Education Committee for PAANZ for many years and have been a Branch committee member for the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Branch.

I want our profession to be strong. I will advocate for and support our PNZ members. I am involved with the PNZ change process for unification with in-depth knowledge on how this will work to strengthen our profession. I wish to see this process conclude and be part of developing and leading a strong and united membership group.

Though my background is mostly in private practice, I worked in the hospital system when I first graduated, while overseas, as well as more recently. I have also worked as a sole practitioner. Currently, I am working as part of a multidisciplinary team for a charitable trust with a caseload of patients from multiple DHB and ACC contracts. Over this time, I also have supervised students on their clinical placements. I completed my Masters in Physiotherapy in 2001 and have since done further study in exercise science.

Through my time in a governance role for SIG's and Branches, I have proven myself to be a reliable worker that gets things done, and on time. My knowledge of how the SIGs and Branches work, my diverse work history, and having a good understanding of the unity process makes me an ideal representative for the profession going forward to advocate for all physiotherapists.