

PNZ Executive Nominee: Kurt Thomas



I have been a physiotherapist for 16 years in New Zealand and Australia and on the PNZ Executive since 2015. I have been involved in both Otago Branch and Occupational Health Physiotherapy Special Interest Group committees prior to this. I am the PNZ Executive representative on the ACC Physiotherapy Contract Redesign.

I am employed as Regional Manager of Southern Rehab in Otago and am also a Director. I assist in the business planning and strategy development for Southern Rehab, which has recently joined the Habit Group. I practice physiotherapy in the Occupational Health field. I also undertake undergraduate teaching in Occupational Health at the University of Otago School of Physiotherapy.

I live in Dunedin and am married to Rachel, and have four children: Aly (11), Sienna (10), Josh (8) and Xavier (8).

I have been fortunate to have been attending physiotherapy Leadership Days and part of the co-design group for PNZ unification, and see the passion that our members, Branches and Special Interest Groups have for the physiotherapy profession.

I would like to remain on the PNZ Executive for another term to continue to see through the PNZ unification process and continue to assist with the ACC Physiotherapy Contract Redesign. I am passionate about physiotherapy having a unified voice in the New Zealand health system – not just within ACC, but within the Ministry of Health, the Government and with other funders and health profession groups.

If re-elected I will be aiming to ensure:

- Strong advocacy and improved visibility for our profession.
- Physiotherapy has a strategy that is fit for purpose in the current health climate.
- We work well with other health professional bodies and they are aware of the benefits of physiotherapy.
- Improved member benefits.

Please vote and be involved in our profession.