



TE AHO
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Update - December 2022

Tēna koutou katoa

As Te Aho o Te Kahu begins to wind down to the end of the year, I want to take the opportunity to thank all the members of our advisory groups and working groups for your contribution over the past year. We would not have been able to do all that we have without your insights, discussions, and feedback.

Over 200 external contributors, from whānau with lived experience to health care professionals, data experts to researchers have been actively involved in our work programme across quality improvement, the CanShare programme, COVID-19 monitoring, cancer services planning - and in many other ways.

Together we are making a difference for whānau affected by cancer, both now and in the future. **Nau te rourou, naku te rourou, ka ora te manuhiri**, with your food basket and my food basket the people thrive.

Next year will be an exciting one for Te Aho o Te Kahu. With Di Sarfati taking up the role of Director-General of Health, recruitment for a new Chief Executive for Te Aho o Te Kahu will begin in the January. I will stay in

the role of Acting Chief Executive until recruitment is complete and we will continue to deliver our busy work programme.

We have built strong relationships with the new health entities and are already providing guidance and advice on cancer care in the new system. We will monitor the impact of COVID-19 on cancer services, release insights from our hui series and share the lived experiences from our Pacific research in the first quarter of 2023.

This year has been challenging. I hope you have the opportunity to rest, recharge your batteries, and take time with whānau this summer. Cancer will not take a break over the holidays and many of you will be courageously continuing your cancer journeys or providing care, treatment, or support to those that are – thank you.

Meri Kirihimete me te tau hou! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ngā mihi

Nicola Hill, Acting Chief Executive Te Aho o Te Kahu



A brief look at the last few weeks:

Last Thursday two outstanding Te Aho o Te Kahu staff members were honoured at the Public Service Day Awards - Lydia Rickard (centre, pictured above) and Dr Humphrey Pullon from our Te Manawa Taki Hub. You can read more about their amazing mahi on the [Public Service website](#).

Congratulations also to [Hei Āhuru Mōwai](#), Māori Cancer Leadership Network, who were awarded the Tohu Hautoa | Courageous Leadership award at the National Hauora Coalition's Mana Whānau Tohutanga Awards earlier this month. The award recognised their leadership in the efforts to reduce the bowel screening age for Māori from 60 to 50 years. We are proud to work alongside Hei Āhuru Mōwai across our work programme.

Last week we released our COVID-19 and cancer services report to end September 2022. You can read it on our [COVID-19 Monitoring webpage](#).

The CanShare programme continues at pace. You can read the [latest Data, Monitoring and Reporting Team newsletter here](#) or sign up to [receive future updates here](#).

Melnet have updated the Melanoma Quality Statements – the new version is available on the [Resources section of the MelNet website](#).

Updated data on new cancer registrations were released last Friday. These annually published interactive tables and graphs provide high-level data on cancer registrations in 2020 and can be found on the [New Cancer Registrations page of the Te Whatu Ora website](#).

Manatū Hauora have released a new online discussion space called [Tātou](#). The first discussion [Achieving pae ora](#) is now live and ready for people to share their thoughts and ideas. Information about Tātou is available on Manatū Hauora [website](#).

Recent Publications:

Lancet Oncology, [Te Aho o Te Kahu: weaving equity into national-level cancer control.](#)

Health Informatics New Zealand (HiNZ), [New data platform to share cancer information - Health Informatics New Zealand \(hinz.org.nz\)](#)

Journal of Medical Imaging and Radiation Oncology, [Driving quality improvement through better data: the story of New Zealand's Radiation Oncology Collection'](#).

New Zealand Medical Association Journal, [Understanding disparities in post-operative mortality for Indigenous patients.](#)