

Making space for patient & whānau voice in cancer control

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Our Purpose

We provide strong central leadership and oversight of cancer control and unite efforts to deliver better cancer outcomes for Aotearoa New Zealand

Our Values



Mana Taurite
Equity Led



Mana Tāngata
Whānau Centred



Whai Māramatanga
Knowledge Driven



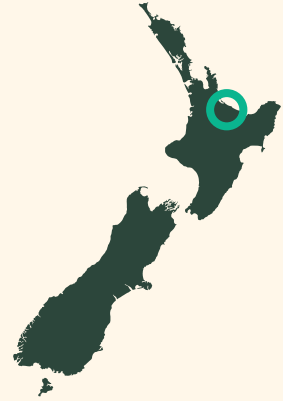
Kia Angitū
Outcomes Focused

Vivian Hahipene

Ngāi Tai, Ngāi Te Hapū, Ngāti Awa, Te Aitanga a Māhaki, Te Patuwai, Tūhourangi

Matua Viv is based in the Bay of Plenty. He has had a long career working with iwi and is currently supporting his local kohanga reo (an early childhood education service delivered in te reo Māori).

Viv is a survivor of prostate cancer and is on the Board for the Prostate Foundation. He joined He Ara Tangata in 2021 and was appointed Chair in 2023.



May Seager

Cook Islander - Rarotonga, Aitutaki

May Seager lives in Northland and is a survivor of metastatic breast cancer. She works at Te Hiku Hauora to support Pasifika women into the Breast Screening Aotearoa programme.

She is also the Whangārei branch President of PACIFICA Inc, a non-government organisation (NGO) supporting Pacific women living in Aotearoa New Zealand. May has been a member of He Ara Tangata since 2021.



Theona Ireton

Te Āti Haunui a Pāpārangī, Tūhoe, Ngā Wairiki, Ngāti Rangī

Theona is based in Christchurch and is a survivor of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. She has been a member of He Ara Tangata since 2021.

Theona works as a Kaitiaki Hauora (cancer navigator) for Health NZ Te Whatu Ora Canterbury. You can hear more from Theona in concurrent session 4.5 tomorrow afternoon.



Vonda Nepia

Ngāti Whātua, Ngāpuhi

Vonda is based in the Kaipara district of Northland. Vonda is a former school teacher and is participating in a number of cancer-related research projects, including the work she highlighted earlier.

Vonda is a survivor of acute myeloid leukaemia and has been a member of He Ara Tangata since 2023.



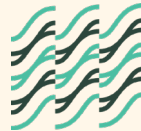
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