

**Announcement - New Board Chair**

**13 November 2007**

I am writing to formally announce that our Chairman, Pat Snedden is leaving CMDHB to a new role as Chair for Auckland DHB next month.

Many of us will know Pat well and therefore will appreciate that with his departure he will leave a great legacy at the DHB. He has made an enormous contribution to CMDHB and has always been hugely committed to this region. This commitment has extended further nationally in the key areas of quality, inequalities and he has been passionate in his advocacy of low paid workers.

I am sure Pat will be a great success at Auckland DHB and you will want to join me in wishing him and ADHB well for the future. Details of a farewell to Pat and outgoing Board members will be circulated soon.

I am very pleased to announce that Professor Gregor Costor will succeed Pat as CMDHB's new Chair. Professor Costor will be known to many of you from his time in South Auckland Health. He brings a wealth of clinical experience as Professor of Primary Care at Auckland University and is the current Chair of West Coast DHB.

We very much look forward to welcoming Gregor back to Counties Manukau in December.

**Geraint A Martin**  
Chief Executive