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February 2023 Update



Working unashamedly to support sustainability and viability on behalf of general practice and urgent care business owners - and ultimately the New Zealand population they serve.

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Cyclone Gabrielle

The thoughts of the GenPro Board and team are with those communities, providers and individuals affected by the cyclone and floods across New Zealand. The scenes we are all seeing via the media look truly horrendous.

A number of the GenPro team based in Hawke's Bay as well as Board members in Tairāwhiti, Northland and Auckland have been impacted to varying degrees due to flooding, extended power cuts, lack of road access as well as supporting more seriously impacted members of their communities.

We thank you for your patience if our response times and availability have not met our usual standard during this time.

Funding Support

GenPro's previous bulletin to members on 19 February 2023 provided details from Te Whatu Ora outlining initial support available to affected general practices.

In addition, Te Whatu Ora issued further detail regarding funded initiatives on 22 February 2023. Read the update [\[here\]](#).

ACC have also announced additional support. Read the details [\[here\]](#).

Cyclone Workforce Support and Volunteers

Read Te Whatu Ora's update and coordination arrangements [\[here\]](#).

Cold Chain Implications

Read the Immunisation Advisory Centre's advice regarding your vaccine cold chain [\[here\]](#).



On The Brink: Saving New Zealand's family doctor service

GenPro's **Save Your Family Doctor Service** campaign, which launched in November 2022, continues unabated.

Our **On The Brink** nine-point plan seeks to ensure that patients, whānau and communities are able to rely on their family doctor service in the future.

New Minister of Health



GenPro would like to congratulate and welcome the new Minister of Health, Hon. Dr Ayesha Verrall.

Dr Verrall trained in tropical medicine, bioethics and international health before completing her PhD in tuberculosis epidemiology. Prior to becoming an MP and the Associate Minister of Health, Dr Verrall worked for Capital and Coast DHB and was later elected to the DHB board.

GenPro is excited at the prospect of working with a new Minister who has a good understanding of the health system as well as an understanding of the vital role of general practice and primary care.

Engagement with the new Minister

GenPro is pleased to advise members that the Minister personally contacted GenPro Chair, Dr Tim Malloy, on her first day in the post. During a personable and positive conversation, the Minister acknowledged the vital role played by primary care and general practice and emphasised her desire for a collaborative and close on-going relationship with GenPro.

In line with the usual process for new Ministerial appointments, GenPro has provided a Briefing for the Incoming Minister (BIM) and is looking forward to an early meeting to build upon the Minister's existing relationship with Dr Malloy and to outline GenPro's vision for sustainable family doctor services as set out in [On The Brink](#).

GenPro's Briefing for the Incoming Minister has been provided to GenPro members.

Primary Health Care MECA bargaining

The latest meeting of the PHC MECA bargaining parties was held on 13 February 2023. These discussions were positive and GenPro MECA subscribers have received a separate briefing on progress. The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 7 March 2023.



New Covid Model of Care

Below are the key documents regarding the new Covid Model of Care. Notably:

- [Primary Care guidance](#) – noting the change to in-home care rates and inclusion of rural and remote in-home care rate
- [Pharmacy Guidance](#)
- [Advanced Prescription Guidance](#)
- [FAQs](#)

Covid Vaccine Booster

The Minister of Health has announced that the Pfizer COVID-19 bivalent vaccine will be available to New Zealanders as a booster dose from 1 March 2023. More details [\[here\]](#).

Covid Response Recognition Awards

Registrations for the COVID-19 [Response Recognition Awards](#) are open with nominations due by Friday 3 March 2023.

Established by the Government, these awards recognise individuals and organisations who contributed to New Zealand's COVID-19 response.

Register: <https://COVID-19responseaward.powerappsportals.com>



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He Whakaora.
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Follow-up to ACC Urgent Care webinars

Webinars on 'Understanding Changes to the Urgent Care Contract' were run by ACC on 8 February 2023. ACC will have the webinar available on their website shortly for viewing [\[here\]](#).

The key points discussed were:

1. ACC acknowledge that Urgent Care Clinics and the wider primary care system are facing significant challenges on multiple fronts
2. ACC plan to introduce some interim changes to the Urgent Care contract from 1 July 2023, while they work on a wider service redesign in partnership with the sector
3. An invitation for expressions of interest to be part of the expert reference group working on the redesign will be sent out in the near future

View the webinar slides [\[here\]](#). View the associated FAQs [\[here\]](#).

GenPro Regional Meetings

We held our Nelson regional members meeting in February, where we were able to update practice owners directly on GenPro's activities and discuss issues pertinent to our members.

Thank you to those who have responded with suggested venues for other regional meetings. GenPro members will be contacted on a region-by-region basis with details of your local meeting over the coming months.

If you have a venue, or know of a local venue suitable to host a regional meeting (in most cases needing to seat 30 - 50 people with a space for nibbles and networking) we would love to hear from you at membershipservices@genpro.org.nz.

2023 BusinessNZ Workplace Wellness Survey

GenPro is supporting the BusinessNZ 2023 Workplace Wellness Survey and we would be grateful if you are able to assist.

"The 2023 survey will examine the effects of COVID-19 which continue to have an impact on New Zealand workplaces, including evolving options around working and the changing landscape concerning employee roles and responsibilities".

"The survey takes about 20 minutes to complete. Your responses will not be attributed to any business or individual and will be kept strictly confidential".

BusinessNZ would be grateful if you could complete the survey before 19 April. Your respondent identifier number/code for the survey will be GenPro "your practice name"

Everyone who correctly inputs their allocated id number will go into the draw to win a wellness package to the value of \$500.

[Complete Survey](#)

GenPro Contacts

A reminder of the various email contacts for GenPro services and matters:

- Membership enquiries and to update contact / ownership information - membershipservices@genpro.org.nz
- MECA enquiries and for MECA interpretation support - meca@genpro.org.nz
- Accounts enquiries - accounts@genpro.org.nz
- All other enquiries, feedback and notification of issues - enquiries@genpro.org.nz



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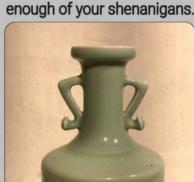
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The final word...

This vase has had more than enough of your shenanigans.



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