

WAIKATO DISTRICT HEALTH BOARD

Waikato DHB member



Gordon CHESTERMAN

Gordon is serving his second term as an elected member of the Waikato District Health Board.

In his first term, he served as chair of the audit committee and on the Health Waikato Advisory committee.

Gordon's experience in health comes from over 20 years as a communications adviser to various health boards and authorities, and serving for a number of years on a trust providing employment opportunities for those with mental disability.

For the past six years he has been chairman of the Waikato Institute of Technology, New Zealand's second largest polytechnic which provides nurse training and other health related qualifications for the region.

He has also been elected for a second term to the Hamilton City Council, representing the East ward.

Born and educated in Hamilton, Gordon began his career in journalism with the Waikato Times and has lived and worked overseas (Australia, the United States and Fiji) for 10 years in the media and in manufacturing and export.

He is a former national president of the Public Relations Institute of New Zealand and holds one of only eight life memberships awarded in the Institute's 55 year history.

The winner of many marketing, journalism and public relations awards both in New Zealand and overseas, he has owned and operated a public relations and media consultancy in Hamilton for over 20 years.

He is a former director of Radio Tainui, the Waikato Rugby Union, Waikato Chamber of Commerce and Hamilton International Airport.

In 2005 he received a New Zealand Honour for services to the community by being made a Member of the New Zealand order of Merit.

Conflict of Interest Statement

I hereby disclose the following conflict of interest with the Waikato District Health Board at the date of my notice of consent to being nominated as a candidate: Currently chairman of the Waikato Institute of Technology.