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## **New leadership for Kidney Health advocacy**

The board of Kidney Health New Zealand have announced the appointment of their new General Manager – **Michael Campbell** – a senior leader in the South Island over many years.

Chair of the board for Kidney Health New Zealand (KHNZ), Michael Papesch, said that the board were delighted with this appointment. “Michael brings a wealth of experience and energy to his new role. His background in leadership, relationship building and fundraising will support our new five-year Strategic Plan.”

This appointment sets a new focus for KHNZ, maintaining a strong representational and advocacy role on behalf of renal patients and their families, while signalling a shift towards stronger engagement with regional groups and moves into national service delivery. This is a full-time, multi-dimensional, hands-on role of planning, leadership, strategy, relationship management, representation and advocacy, communications and fund-raising.

Kidney Health NZ has 40 years’ experience advocating for better kidney health for all New Zealanders. They provide education and support for kidney patients and whanau and develop resources for doctors concerning the treatment and management of patients with kidney disease. They advocate at a national level for better management and treatment of kidney disease, including organ donation, and they liaise with and support regional patient groups across the country.

For more about Kidney Health New Zealand go to [www.kidneys.co.nz](http://www.kidneys.co.nz) or email [info@kidneys.co.nz](mailto:info@kidneys.co.nz).

### **Background information about Michael Campbell**

Michael has been appointed as the General Manager of Kidney Health New Zealand. He has just completed four years as South Island Director of The Mind Lab by Unitec, where he grew the business from nothing to being the first point of call for primary and secondary schools across the South Island. In particular, his leadership skills, ability to drive growth and the strong relationships he developed with numerous stakeholders across such a vast area drew the board to Michael.

His experience includes:

- Expanding the Mind Lab by Unitec incrementally across the South Island in partnership with local schools

- Governance/leadership of NETNZ, providing education opportunities throughout the country, particularly in remote areas
- Advocating at a government level for equity and access for all, particularly rural areas
- Local branch committee of OMEP, a worldwide body of early childhood education advocates
- Strong relationships with Ngai Tahu, cultural awareness of the Treaty of Waitangi and a passion for improving equity in education and health outcomes
- Being involved in a number of charities raising funds both commercially and from grants
- A passion for Social Justice
- A Masters degree in Marketing.

On a personal level Michael has 20 years' experience in Scouting, as a Cub, Scout and Leader, and finally as an Assistant Commissioner. He was a radio presenter at hospital radio for 3 years, a member the King George VI Trust for 3 years and a Scout Representative on SCOYO (Standing Conference of Youth Organisations) for 6 years, 3 of those on the Committee. He also qualified as a Youth Club Leader and was Chairperson of St Albans Education Centre for 7 years.

He lives in Christchurch, with his wife Mary and has three sons.