

Veterans' Health Advisory Panel members

Members of the Veterans' Health Advisory Panel are appointed by the Minister for Veterans.

Ms Cathy O'Malley, Chair

- General Manager Strategy, Primary and Community of the Nelson Marlborough District Health Board
- Deputy-Director General Sector Capability and Implementation in the Ministry of Health, 2012 to mid-2016
- management roles in the health sector including CEO of Compass Health and other Primary Health Organisations, from 1993
- 10 years working for YMCA and as a management consultant
- past governance roles on Capital and Coast District Health Board; Wellington Free Ambulance, Primary IT, and MATPRO as a board director
- leadership programmes completed including Leading High Performing Health Organisations at Harvard Business School, 2012; Global Health Leadership Forum at the University of California Berkley's School of Public Health, 2015
- Bachelor of Physical Education at Otago, 1979, followed by studying health systems in UK, USA and Europe.

Dr Ian Civil, Deputy Chair

- internationally recognised trauma surgeon; certified specialist in vascular surgery; clinical lead of the Major Trauma National Clinical Network
- previous senior medical positions including Director of Surgery on the Auckland District Health Board; Senior Lecturer in Trauma and Military Surgery at University of Auckland
- a veteran of Desert Storm, commanding officer of First NZ Army Medical Team
- extensive research into war surgery.

Dr Marie Bismark, Member

- qualifications as public health physician and health lawyer
- research experience as Associate Professor for the Centre for Health Policy, University of Melbourne
- fellow of the Australian Institute of Company Directors, with governance skills developed over 10 years as a company director
- previous service on Ministerial Advisory Panel on Veterans' Health, ACC, and Dispute Resolution Services.

Major Robert Duncan, Chief of Defence Force ex-officio nominee

- military Medical Officer (general practitioner) for over 25 years in both the British and New Zealand Armies
- experience in developing health policy, allocating resources, and planning and delivering health training and education
- operational deployments in Northern Ireland, the Balkans, the Middle East and Cyprus
- sound understanding of the medical issues affecting military personnel and the impact of these issues on leaving the Forces.

Dr Hinemoa Elder, Member

- practising psychiatrist and Professor of Indigenous Health Research at Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi
- research interests include questioning in what ways western approaches to research and practice work for Māori and in what ways Māori approaches are leadership models that are helpful to all New Zealanders
- longstanding relationships with all levels of stakeholders related to Māori health and well-being from tangata whaiora (consumers) and whānau, Māori communities, marae, treatment providers and researchers.

Mr Jhan Gavala, Member

- practising psychologist
- lecturer at Massey University School of Psychology from 2003–2017
- extensive experience in health research

- has been a member of the Health Research Council Māori Health Assessing Committee and was also a member of the Massey University Human Ethics Committee
- has published many research papers including a study on Māori identity in the Royal New Zealand Navy Te whakatewhatewhatanga o te tuakiri a te toa Taua Moana: Exploring Maori identity within the Royal New Zealand Navy.

Professor Te Kani Kingi, Member

- internationally recognised academic and researcher, of Ngāti Awa and Ngāti Pukeko iwi, with specialist expertise in Māori health, psychometrics, and mental health research
- Manager of Strategic Projects at Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi
- 20 years working in senior leadership roles at Massey University, including 6 as Director of the Academy for Māori Research and Scholarship
- current Māori lead on NZs largest and most comprehensive research programme, "Growing up in New Zealand", a 21-year longitudinal study of New Zealand children
- extensive board experience, including as current Chair of Ngā Kanohi Kitea Committee (HRC), and the Te Pou Matakana Whanau Ora Grant Committee, and member of Statistics New Zealand's Māori Advisory Board, the HRC International Indigenous Research Committee, Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga International Research Advisory Panel, the White Paper on NZ Children expert panel, and the Glen Inquiry on Domestic Violence and Child Abuse.

Mr Chris Mullane, Veterans' Advisory Board ex-officio appointee

- inaugural Chairperson of the Veterans' Advisory Board, March 2015 – August 2018
- extensive voluntary service and leadership roles in the RNZRSA at local and national level including National Vice President and chair of national welfare and commemorations committees
- significant leadership and policy experience through involvement with various veteran organisations including as leader of the Agent Orange Project and lead negotiator for the Vietnam Veterans' Memorandum of Understanding with the Crown resulting in the rewrite of veterans' support legislation
- a successful business career including as a director of a number of publicly listed & private companies and incorporated societies and trustee of various community trusts
- Director, Ranfurly Veterans Care Limited, 2002-2012

- 22 years' service as an officer in the NZ Army including operational service in Vietnam

Dr Paul Nealis, Veterans' Affairs ex-officio appointee

- Previously Chief Medical Officer, NZDF
- extensive experience in aviation and dive medicine; pre-hospital trauma care including military management of severe trauma and of large-scale medical treatment in difficult environments, e.g. conflict/peacekeeping and disaster relief; chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) defence; and military mental health
- NZDF's representative on the New Zealand Resuscitation Council, with service on the Health and Disability Ethics Committee
- operational deployments to Afghanistan, and on disaster relief including the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami in Sumatra.

Mr Daniel Patrick, Member

- Executive Director of Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga at New Zealand's Māori Centre of Research Excellence hosted by Auckland University
- extensive leadership and research experience, including in data analytics and management
- previous Research Programme Manager for the Social Statistics Research Group, co-founder of the Centre of Methods and Policy Applications in Social Sciences at Auckland University, founder and manager of the New Zealand Social Statistics Network
- developed and established New Zealand's Social Science Data Service
- Master's in Health Sciences with Honours.