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## *Tevita Funaki*

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The lives of my siblings and myself embrace New Zealand and the Pacific with a strong thread of medical involvement right through the family. Born in Auckland, I was raised in Tonga during my early life before completing education in Dunedin including obtaining a B.Com at Otago University. This has subsequently been complemented by post-graduate studies including at Harvard. Today I live in West Auckland married to Maninoa. We are blessed with four children and a close network of wider Tongan and Samoan family members.

My primary role is as Chief Executive Officer of The Fono Trust (since July 2010). The Fono provides extensive and growing Medical, Dental, Social, Public Health and Educational services across the Auckland Region. I have strong commitment to addressing health inequity and as an expression of this The Fono services provide a holistic and integrated approach to achieving wellbeing throughout the unified organisation.

Through our general practices in Henderson, Blockhouse Bay, City and Manurewa and our community dental clinics I gain a very clear understanding on the practical and economic aspects of running clinics in what are very difficult times for practice owners, GPs and management. I am also very aware of the relationship structures that primary health must rely upon to be sustainable and deliver the best services to those who rely upon them.

I have always been encouraged to participate in the wider medical, commercial and community environment and share my experience and perspectives. As a result, I am currently the Chair of ProCare Health (PHO) Ltd and also the Interim Chair of ProPA (ProCare Pacific Advisory Board). These governance roles have provided me with a sound understanding of the ProCare business both at PHO and Group level. Most notably in reaffirming the vital role general practice plays in primary care, achieving population health and general wellbeing. Balancing the interests in medical matters I bring a commercial outlook through other involvements which I think add value to the contribution I can make to ProCare. These include:

- Chairman of the Pacific Business Trust
- Chairman of the Ministry of Social Development, Pacific Governance Group
- Member of Minister Salesa Pacific Expert Advisory Panel
- Member of the Police Commissioner National Pacific Board

As I retire from as Chair of ProCare Health (PHO) Ltd and also the Interim Chair of ProPA (ProCare Pacific Advisory Board), it is my wish to continue to contribute to ProCare and its community of GPs and practices with the understanding I have into day to day challenges ProCare practices and GPs face as well as my broader commercial and community insights.