



The New Zealand Health IT Cluster Limited

Annual Report

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The New Zealand Health IT Cluster Incorporated Society established this wholly-owned subsidiary Company to contract and manage significant collaborative Cluster projects.

Company No:

1652251

Incorporated:

29 June 2005

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This wholly-owned subsidiary company of The New Zealand Health IT Cluster Incorporated Society was established in 2006 by the Executive Committee on the recommendation of legal and financial advisors, in order to prudently manage the Development Phase of the Microsoft Collaborative Health Showcase project and subsequent projects that the Cluster may enter into on behalf of members.

The highly successful Microsoft Collaborative Health Showcase demonstrated how innovative projects could “add value” to the innovation dynamic in New Zealand’s health IT sector.

The Cluster Executive believes there is a place for innovation of this type, that brings together the expertise and passion of Cluster members to collaborate and deliver new and exciting health IT solutions, that benefit both New Zealand health providers and the commercial aspirations of a vast an array of Cluster members.

Our thanks is extended to New Zealand Trade & Enterprise, the Ministry of Health, and the Foundation for Research, Science & Technology who continue to recognise the value and contribution collaborative projects make to the health sector in New Zealand, and for their continued interest in Cluster projects.



Gavin Wright
Chairman

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In 2006 the Microsoft Collaborative Health Showcase was the only project to be managed through the Cluster Company.

In 2007 the number of Cluster projects managed through the Cluster Company has increased to four, including the Chronic Care Health IT Roadmap, the Midlands e-Labs Orders and Results project, the Consumer Health Portal project, and Lean Thinking in ED using RFID project. The Chronic Care Health IT Roadmap project is now completed, and it is envisaged that a development project based on the research findings will follow. The remaining projects are in various stages of scoping and we expect to move into the development phase for these projects during 2008.

Aside from projects, we have also been contracted by the National Systems Development Project Connected Health workstream, to undertake a series of Industry Forums to facilitate industry feedback and communicate issues and recommendations to the Connected Health workstream.

The 2008 programme of work is already full with current projects and the Connected Health Industry Forum. In order to make better progress we are looking for new funding sources to help move these projects along. Additional resources in the office would help us to achieve this.



Andrea M Pettett
Managing Director