

19 April 2023

Passing of John DeBernardo

It is with a heavy heart and great sadness that we announce the passing of John DeBernardo who passed away on 18 April after a 15-month battle with cancer.

While John's father was instrumental in establishing our great co-operative 59 years ago, John himself joined the NZPM Board just over 12 years ago and became Chair almost 10 years ago.

During that time, he, along with the Board, Executives and our staff across the country have been instrumental in transforming NZPM into the modern, professional, and great co-operative business it is today and will continue to be, for generations to come. John's exceptional vision, passion, loyalty, leadership, and commitment to the success of the NZPM co-operative will be sorely missed.

In 2023, John's long-standing contribution to NZPM was acknowledged as recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Cooperative Business NZ Board (NZCOOP), recognising individuals who give of themselves freely to the cooperative and mutual community.

Appointment of Kathy Meads as Chair

Kathy Meads, who has been a director of NZPM for over four years and Chair of our Audit and Risk Committee, has been appointed by the Board as the new Chair of NZPM.

Appointment of Joe Calkin to the Board of Directors

To meet NZPM's Constitution of having at least five elected directors, Future Governance Appointee Joe Calkin has been co-opted onto the Board as a director until the Annual Meeting on 18 August 2023. Joe intends to offer himself for election in August.

Rob Kidd
Chief Executive Officer