



Ming-chun Wu, new Chair of the  
Pharmacy Council

Tēnā koutou

It is an honour to step into the role of Chair of the Pharmacy Council, alongside Mariana Hudson as the Deputy Chair.

I want to start by thanking you for your dedication to the pharmacy profession and the vital role you play in our healthcare system. I also want to acknowledge Arthur Bauld, whose leadership over his time as Chair has been instrumental in further shaping the Council's governance work. His deep commitment to upholding professional standards for public safety and ensuring pharmacists are well-supported has left a lasting impact, and I am privileged to build on that foundation.

I know some of you may have concerns that I am not a pharmacist. That's understandable. But my role as Chair is not to be the technical expert - that expertise is already strongly embedded in the Council, its committees, and within the profession itself. My role is to provide strong governance, ensuring public safety throughout the profession while maintaining the Pharmacy Council's independence and integrity.

It is as an exciting time, especially now with potential changes on the horizon for health regulators, and the Council plays a crucial role in supporting the pharmacy profession to keep public safety at the core of its work. I am committed to ensuring the Pharmacy Council is a leader in patient-first health regulation.

At the heart of all of this is public trust - trust in pharmacists as healthcare professionals, trust in the standards that guide the profession, and trust in the Council to uphold them in a way that is fair, transparent, and future-focused.

I look forward to working alongside you all to ensure public safety and to keep this profession strong, adaptable, and ready for the future.

Pharmacy is a cornerstone of healthcare, and together, we have an incredible opportunity to shape its future. Let's move forward with ambition, integrity, and a shared commitment to excellence.

Ngā mihi nui

Ming-chun Wu