

### **Polytechnic appoints Acting Chief Executive**

Tai Poutini Polytechnic (TPP) has appointed an academic with experience in the Australia and New Zealand tertiary sectors to lead the institute while recruitment gets underway for a permanent chief executive.

TPP Council Chair Graeme McNally says the appointment of Alex Cabrera as Acting Chief Executive for the remainder of 2016 gives the Polytechnic confidence and certainty as it looks to recruit a permanent leader.

“Alex is a skilled manager, with experience in the New Zealand and Australian tertiary education sector. His strengths are in the areas of building team capability, engagement and organisation performance.

“We are very pleased to welcome Alex to the Polytechnic and the Council looks forward to working with him over the coming months.”

Alex Cabrera was the Chief Executive of Aoraki Polytechnic until its recent merger with Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology to create the Ara Institute. He was the Deputy Chief Executive at Aoraki Polytechnic from 2011 to 2012, the Executive Director Planning and Development at the University of Canberra in Australia from 2007 to 2011 and the Operations Manager at Weltec from 2004 to 2007.

Graeme McNally says that Alex Cabrera will work closely with the Polytechnic Council, staff and the wider community over the coming months. He will divide his time between the Polytechnic’s Greymouth, Auckland and Christchurch campuses.

The Council is now looking to recruit a permanent chief executive, with advertisements for the position likely to be posted within a month’s time.

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