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Personal Profile

I am an articulate, confident, determined person who is dedicated to the people and projects that I align myself with.

You will find that my skill base has been fully applied over many years in a diverse range of governance and managerial roles. I have a people-focused approach, with an innate ability to build relationships quickly and easily.

People describe me as loyal, altruistic, fearless, and open minded. I live my whole life in pursuit of fairness, and although many would say that I'm forthright; in an everyday sense this manifests itself in a collegial, nurturing way that supports and helps others.

Key Strengths

- Proven track record in management, managing people and projects
- Policy Development
- Training and education
- Highly skilled at research and report writing
- Mediation and Advocacy hearings
- Resource management
- Performance improvements
- Business strategy and plan development
- Supply chain, service delivery and procurement
- Risk management
- Governance
- Project management
- Extensive experience in leisure clubs and organisations

Career History

Present

Otago Polytechnic
Facilitator

- Facilitating for Bachelor of Applied Management, Bachelor of Social Services and Master of Professional Practice learners across New Zealand and the Cook Islands.

Also:

- Labour Waiariki – Chair
- Freelance writer, environmental educator and wild food expert
- Ministerial appointment to the Benefit Review Panel
- Whakatāne High School BOT
 - Chair of Disciplinary Committee
 - Teen Parent Unit Liaison

2017 – February 2018

Premier Institute of Education

Head Teacher, Business Programmes

Senior lecturer in business and leadership

Management of teaching staff and pastoral care of students

2006 to present

AIMS Ltd, Whakatane

Managing Director

Hands-on operational role, incorporating: innovation, science, education, environment, retail, and tourism. I am part of the governance team that ensures delivery of high quality projects within time, budgetary, and quality parameters.

This role has seen me formulate the company direction and strategy. It has involved: development of policy, performance issues, full development of lifecycle projects, negotiating legal contracts with suppliers, budgetary forecasting, developing detailed project plans, and responsibility for all project management controls. In addition I have worked alongside, trained, mentored, and managed an army of volunteers in the business.

2012

Whakatane Intermediate School

Teacher (LAT)

I was asked to work with Whakatane Intermediate on an LAT to revitalise and deliver a new Food Technology Programme. I was teaching the programme to give some time for the school to find the right permanent teacher for their school.

1996-2006

Sirius, Tauranga

Managing Director, IT

This was a hands-on operational role managing 25 staff and a multi-million dollar turnover. The company specialised in forensic data recovery and IT network equipment. I was the trainer, a data nurturer, and liaison working on an international basis with government departments. This role included a high level of security, confidentiality, compliance, and record keeping.

Professional Development

- Currently enrolled in Doctor of Professional Practice - Sociology
- Master of Professional Practice in Environmental Studies
- Bachelor of Applied Management (Strategic Management)
- Graduate Diploma Tertiary Teaching
- Graduate Diploma Business (Dispute Resolution)
- Accredited Independent RMA Commissioner
- Accredited Mediator

Professional Memberships

Eastern Bay of Plenty Chamber of Commerce

New Zealand Ecological Society

Graduate Women New Zealand

Super Diverse Women
Arbitrators and Mediators Institute of New Zealand
Sociological Institute of New Zealand

Community Volunteer Work

Sir Peter Blake Trust Dream Team member 2012 to present
EBOP Hospice – Sunshine and a Plate management team 2015-2017
Scouts NZ – Group Leader 2012-2015

Awards

2016 Women of Influence Awards (Top 100 most influential women in New Zealand –
Finalist Community/Not for Profit)
2015 NZI Sustainable Business Awards – *Finalist in Innovation/Restorative* 2014
Flybuys Mumtrepreneur Awards – *Finalist in Agribusiness*
2012 Horizon Business Excellence Awards – *Maori Entrepreneurship*
2012 Horizon Business Excellence Awards – *Customer Service*

Professional Testimonials

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