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## EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY IMPACT



RANJNA PATEL

Ranjna is actively involved in many wider community groups and sits on numerous advisory boards including the National Ethnic Forum for NZ Police, CM Police, Middlemore Foundation, Mental Health Foundation, Diversity Works, Global Women and Co Of Women.

Ranjna has been awarded a NZ Order of Merit (ONZM), Queen's Service Medal (QSM). She has also been inducted into the Co of Women NZ Hall of Fame for Women Entrepreneurs, won EEO Diversity Awards Walk the Talk and IBA Best Business Women of the Year and a finalist for Westpac Women of Influence in Business and Entrepreneur for three years, NEXT Woman of the Year – Business and Innovation, EY Entrepreneur Of the Year – Master Category and the Deloitte's Top 200 Awards – Visionary Leader.

## EXCELLENCE IN SUSTAINABILITY



ALEC TANG

Alec is a Partner at KPMG New Zealand, co-leading the firm's Climate Change, Decarbonisation, ESG and Sustainability practice, and is also a lecturer in Sustainable Business at AUT University. As a Chartered Environmentalist and Fellow of the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment, Alec has focused his career on addressing the breadth of sustainability challenges and opportunities that are increasingly shaping our communities, society and economy. This has included a range of leaderships positions in academia, business and the public sector, most recently as Director of Sustainability at Kāinga Ora and leading the Chief Sustainability Office at Auckland Council through the development of Te Tāruke-ā-Tāwhiri: Auckland's Climate Plan.

## EXCELLENCE IN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



SHARN RAYNER

Sharn Rayner brings a wealth of knowledge in the coach, mentor, strategist, and advisor realm to businesses nationally and internationally. Partnering with business leaders, Sharn identifies and breaks through the constraints which impact on achieving success – allowing leaders to become top performers in their industries. With diverse roles globally, Sharn is a seasoned strategist with insight and first-hand experience in strategic management, business growth, commercial management, human resources, and organisational development.

Sharn has been CEO of an Australasian accounting and business advisory firm and was the proud owner and Managing Director of POD Consulting.

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## EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATION



CATHERINE LYE

Catherine Lye is the first CEO of the newly formed Advanced Manufacturing Aotearoa (“AMA”). Prior to her new role, Catherine was the Head of Manufacturing and Export Communities for the 7,100 member Employers and Manufacturers Association, and as part of that role, guided the Advanced Manufacturing and Industry 4.0 initiatives.

Catherine has experienced first-hand, the latest developments, innovations and trends that are shaping the future of production in New Zealand, from cutting edge technologies to sustainability initiatives.

## EXCELLENCE IN HEALTHCARE



DR WILL REEDY

Dr Will Reedy, Health Lead and Leadership Team Accenture Aotearoa and Global Health Team Accenture . Will is passionate about improving health outcomes with Digital Health. Will has over twenty five years of Digital Health transformation experience across NZ, Australia, Asia, North America, the UK and Europe.

Digital Health Specialties includes, Reimagining Health and Wellbeing Experiences, Digital Health Innovation, Digital Health Transformation and Disruption. Will is also runs a health software distribution in the Asia Pacific Region and is a board advisor to Digital Health Start Ups

He also practices clinical medicine every week as a surgical doctor at Middlemore.

## BEST NEW BUSINESS



ANNA STOVE

Anna Stove is a business leader with significant Global Executive experience. She has a strong interest in supporting companies to drive growth & has a successful track record in leading and driving transformational change within the healthcare sector. She has held a variety of senior executive roles within Europe, Asia Pacific & NZ, most recently as NZ General Manager for GlaxoSmithKline. Anna is an experienced Director of public, private and social enterprises & is currently Chair of Rua Bioscience & TAB NZ. She is also an Independent Director of Pacific Edge Ltd. Anna's strategic & commercial acumen is enriched by her ability to balance the interests of shareholders, employees and the broader community. She also believes that businesses need to deliver a 'double bottom line' by driving social change in our communities, while still delivering healthy profit margins.

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## EXCELLENCE IN INDUSTRY & MANUFACTURING



JIM DOYLE

Starting life as an apprentice electrician and working his way up combining work with university studies, Jim became COO and then CEO of Navman, taking the organization from a \$3 million company to a \$500 million worldwide brand. After the sale of Navman in 2006, Jim semi-retired and worked as a company director / consultant for various technology companies. Jim's love of sport saw him take on the role as CEO of New Zealand Rugby League in 2009. In December 2012 Jim left the NZRL and moved to Sydney in February 2013 to take up the role of NRL COO. In November 2014 Jim moved back to New Zealand to take up the role of MD and Shareholder at the New Zealand Warriors. Jim then moved into the role of Executive Chairman and sold the Warriors in May 2018. Since May 2018 Jim has again moved into semi-retirement but stays involved with a few organisations in both business and sport as either a director, consultant or mentor.

## EXCELLENCE IN HOSPITALITY



STEVE ARMITAGE

Steve is of Ngāpuhi descent with strong familial connections to Whangārei and the Far North. He has most recently been Managing Director at Daylight, a strategic consultancy specialising in major events, tourism and business events for the betterment of local communities, visitors and businesses. He was previously GM Destination at Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development (now Tataki Auckland Unlimited), the region's cultural and economic growth agency, where he had oversight of tourism marketing, destination management, major events, business events and international education. Steve oversaw the development of Auckland's major events portfolio, including the Cricket World Cup, 36th America's Cup, FIFA Women's World Cup and Rugby World Cup. He also led the Auckland Convention Bureau to grow Auckland as a premium destination for business events in domestic and international markets.

## EXCELLENCE IN RETAIL



NIKKI LANGFORD

Nikki is the newly appointed Marketing Manager for Botany Town Centre and Manukau Supa Centa. She has vast experience across the breadth of marketing disciplines and has a strong background in professional services for accounting and law firms in New Zealand, London and Melbourne.

Nikki grew up locally and has a deep connection the area having been educated and involved in the community, including playing sport at Howick Pakuranga Netball Club and Pakuranga United Rugby Club for many years.

Nikki is competitive by nature and enjoys watching and encouraging others to be the best versions of themselves.