

CURRICULUM VITAE

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I currently am the Acting Director of International Business and undergraduate specialisation offered at the University of Otago. I am a lecturer/researcher in the Otago Business School. I am also a business partner in our business, an engineering workshop working in both metal and plastic. I am a mother to four children ranging in age from 8 months to 9 years old. My daughter is currently a level 4 rhythmic gymnast and ice skater. I am the president of the Dunedin Ice Skating Club, ballet mum to one of my sons and softball cheerleader/coach support to the other. I also sit on the Ice Sports Dunedin Board, joining in 2017. I am an author, editor and reviewer.

Educational attainments & Recent Training

Postgraduate Diploma in Tertiary Teaching, Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language. Bachelor of Science (Microbiology) University of Otago Bachelor of Commerce (Hons -1st class), (Management) Master of Commerce (Management – awarded with distinction).

1. Academic Development Leadership Program September 24 2015 “Leading People: Creating a culture of high performance”.
2. Academic Leadership Development Program 21 July “Fostering a teaching culture and graduate attributes”
3. SOLGM (Society of local government managers) 2015 Collaborative leadership and Hardwiring teamwork Glaser and Associates, February Dunedin 2015
4. Academic Leadership Program Workshop 2014 Procrastination and Effective Questioning - Shifting to Curiosity Gear
5. Otago Southland Branch Institute of Directors 3 seminars 2014
6. Funding Institute New Zealand (FINZ) workshop – Donation programs 2013
7. Graduate Profile Workshop Arana Hall, HEDC 2013
8. Pacific Workshop HR Professional Development Programme August 2013
9. Assurance of Learning Strategy Workshop (9/5/13) (HEDC/OBS collaboration)

Relevant Qualifications

I have been a serving member on the Gymsports New Zealand, now Gymnastics New Zealand Board. I have work roles that complement the work undertaken by the governance group. Our business keeps me grounded in commercial realities tied to

intellectual property, project management, human resource management and health and safety.

Relevant Experience

Experiences in gymnastics with technical roles, District Association committees and structures, board governance both Club and National body. Experience in other sports at grassroots too. I have been serving on the Board for the last 6 years (2011-) and for a period prior (2007/2008) so I have a deep connection to our past and the recent transitions of the sport.

Personal Qualifications/Key Skills

Before having children I was a WAG coach and judge and coaching director of a club offering gymnastics activity across 4 codes in three geographic locations via satellites. I have deep appreciation for working with volunteers. I have experience hosting a range of fundraising activities, competition and championship events as well as shows and displays. I started in this sport as a gymnast aged 9 and I love the sport with the same passion today that I felt then. I remain connected to people within our gymnastics community. I believe I have knowledge of the realities for clubs and making business decisions that impact upon success. I am perhaps described as a generalist by training and I am told I work well in team. I draw upon an education perspective which aligns somewhat with people development and delivery of training.

Reasons for applying

I have thought long and hard about this for this rotation. Maybe it is best for a change in stewardship. But in thinking this through. I offer a perhaps essential link to knowledge of our past and perhaps this is vital as we tackle the challenges of decreased ease of funding and new motivations. As I type I wouldn't want you to think I am that old. I would prefer you to read and see a longstanding commitment to gymnastics and my unwavering energy to be a part of good process and representation. *"Hutia te rito o te harakeke, Kei whea te komako e ko? If the heart of harakeke was removed, where will the bellbird sing?"* I see this proverb holds true also for our national body. I am willing to work on behalf of our clubs, current and future participants.