

## **DIANNA TAYLOR**

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### **GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

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I am passionate about the role of governance in growing and supporting New Zealand businesses. I have held many voluntary governance roles across community, technology, sporting codes and school groups (Netball, Swimming and Parents Association roles) over the last 20+ years. I am a dynamic executive with a proven track record of delivering organisational transformation, significant contribution to bottom-line performance and return on investment through development and implementation of corporate-wide business re-engineering and information technology solutions to meet the changing business requirements and organisational objectives.

My management expertise has been gained primarily (but not exclusively) in the banking and financial services industry in both private and public sectors across technology and business roles.

### **GOVERNANCE EXPERIENCE**

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#### **Te Omanga Hospice – Trustee e & Audit & Risk Sub Committee member 2021 – Present**

Te Omanga Hospice is a Charitable Trust that provides free specialist palliative care to those living with a terminal or life limiting illness. This care is available to patients who have been diagnosed with cancer as well as those living with a non-cancer diagnosis and our care is delivered across the age spectrum from the young to the elderly.

#### **Nuku Ora (formerly known as Sport Wellington) – Trustee & Audit, Finance & Risk Sub Committee member 2018 – present**

Sport Wellington is the independent body for physical activity in the greater Wellington region. We are a Regional Sports Trust (RST) dedicated to improving the wellbeing of the communities we serve. Established in 1990 with charitable status under the Charities Act, we believe physical activity has the power to transform lives.

We operate within a wide geographical area, spanning the region between Otaki in the west across to Ekatahuna in the east and Wellington City in the south. The region encompasses eight territorial authority areas (matching the Greater Wellington Regional Council area). Sport Wellington is governed by a Board of Trustees and managed by a CEO and three General Managers. Sport Wellington's main funding partners are Sport NZ, the three District Health Boards, ACC, New Zealand Community Trust, Eastern and Central Community Trust, Four Winds Foundation, and Wellington Community Trust. We also partner with other likeminded organisations such as territorial authorities, trusts and corporate sponsors.

### **NZ CIO Summit - Advisory Board Member 2016 – December 2020**

I play active role to help plan the 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 NZ CIO conferences. The largest gathering of its kind in Australasia! This involves providing input into the conference design process, speaking at the conference and suggesting keynote speakers.

### **NZ TechLeaders - Deputy Chair January 2018 – December 2018**

My role is to Head up the Wellington Group and Deputy Chair for the NZTech Leaders group nationwide.

NZ TechLeaders Purpose:

Leaders in Technology Working Together to Influence Positive Change for New Zealand

TechLeaders is a network of influential leaders involved in technology, from across New Zealand's largest businesses, whose aim is to drive positive economic and social change.

TechLeaders is an association that is a member of the New Zealand Tech Alliance, a group of 20 technology associations that have over 800 members who employ more than 10% of the New Zealand workforce. The Tech Alliance aspires to help create a prosperous New Zealand underpinned by technology.

### **Hutt Swim Club - Committee Member/Coach 2013 - 2019**

The Hutt Swim Club is a volunteer organisation set up to teach and promote swimming. It usually has 200 members ranging in age from 5 years upward. The club is based at the Huia Pool, Lower Hutt.

## **BOARD STRENGTHS**

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- Information technology knowledge and strategy development
  - Future Leadership development
  - Regulatory compliance
  - Risk
  - Business re-engineering
  - Organisational transformation
  - Strategy implementation
  - Systems integration and rationalisation
  - Operational management

I am a capable leader and executive manager, skilled in developing, mentoring, motivating high-performance staff & teams. My strategic focus, delivery execution, leadership, communication, relationship building, and negotiation skills are excellent.

## EXECUTIVE EXPERIENCE

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### **Chief Executive Officer – REANNZ July 2019 – June 2021**

REANNZ is a Crown entity and we run a specialist network, tools and services to enable NZ's scientists, researchers and educators to connect, collaborate and contribute.

REANNZ's high performance network enables researchers to collaborate and contribute to world-leading research to benefit New Zealand and the world.

New Zealand's universities and research institutes use REANNZ's specialist network to move and share big data around the country and across the world – which isn't possible using a standard network. It's like a private motorway for research and education traffic – it cuts transfer times for big data from months to weeks, and from days to minutes. So, despite being a small country at the bottom of the world, it means our scientists and researchers can play a leading role in research and international partnerships to help solve the big issues of the day.

### **General Manager Technology/CIO New Zealand Racing Board February 2017- June 2019**

My responsibilities are to lead the development and delivery of New Zealand Racing Board's (NZRB) technology strategy and plan that aligns with the overall business strategic direction enabling digital innovation and enhanced customer experience, while managing technology risk.

This role reported to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and my team consists of 6 direct reports and 62 indirect reports. As a Board level CIO, I regularly attended the bimonthly board meetings to present new initiatives, market updates and progress updates. I also hold the lead role and accountabilities on the Technology sub board committee that meets quarterly.

### **Chief Information Officer (CIO) - Kiwibank July 2016 – December 2016**

My responsibilities were to lead the development and delivery of Kiwibank's technology strategy, with a key focus on their SAP Core system transformation project and ensure alignment with the overall business strategic direction enabling digital innovation and enhanced customer experience, while managing technology risk.

This role reported to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and my team consisted of 7 direct reports and 380 indirect reports. As a Board level CIO, I regularly attended the board meetings to present new initiatives, market updates and progress updates. I also held the lead role and accountabilities on the Technology sub board committee that met monthly.

### **General Manager Information Technology - Kiwibank December 2014 – June 2016**

The responsibilities in this role were to rebuild the capability, culture and engagement of the staff and leadership, develop strategic technology roadmaps to underpin the business strategy and ensure Kiwibank's core system replacement to SAP is successful to meet the long-term benefits for Kiwibank. I also have responsibility to ensure that Kiwi Group Holdings companies are aligned through strong technology governance and collaboration.

The role was a direct report to the Chief Operating Officer (COO) and my team consists of 9 direct reports and 220 indirect reports.

**General Manager/Head of Enterprise Operations - Kiwibank July 2012 -November 2014**

This was a newly formed role when I took it on, the primary focus was to consolidate and streamline all of the back office banking operational functions from across all of Kiwibank. The role was a direct report to the Chief Operating Officer (COO) and my team consists of 6 direct reports and 140 indirect reports.

**Head of Production Management - Kiwibank January 2011 – June 2012**

I lead the Team that provides of end-to-end IT Support for Kiwibank, which encompasses all application, middleware and infrastructure support and 24x7 shift operations. The role is a direct report to the GM for Technology and my team consists of 6 direct reports and 40 indirect reports.

**ANZ Banking Group Ltd, IAG New Zealand Limited, Tectonic Group & Kiwibank April 1993 – January 2011**

During this time, I held numerous roles within both technology and the business in New Zealand and Australia.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Organisation	Description	Year
Leadership NZ	The programme is a leadership-broadening experience and focuses on current and emerging issues of importance to New Zealand leaders now and in the future. I have recently completed my study that consisted of 2-3 days away every month for 11 months at various locations across New Zealand.	2016

Referees: Available on request.

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