

Introducing the Class of 2020

Elevate Leadership Programme

Andy Mannering

Andy has been with Hamilton City Council since 2009, working exclusively in the Community Development area.

He has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History. He entered community development work as a youth worker before progressing to local and national management roles based out of the Manawatu.

Andy's current role is to provide leadership and guidance to the Community and Social Development Team and manage various relationships across the city.

His role also involves presenting the team's work in regular reports to the Council and its committees. Andy is married to Jo, they have two sons (Lachie, 11 and Jackson 10), and his passions include basketball, good food, adventuring and relaxing with family and friends.

Outside of Council, Andy invests time and energy into his whaanau, serves as a Kaitiaki within a local faith community and runs a junior basketball club with 170 young ballers.



Sponsored by:

Ben Royfee



I grew up in Taupo then moved up to Cambridge for High School. Whilst at high school I had gained an interest in carpentry so I decided to complete a carpentry trade course through Wintec after leaving school.

During this time I managed to get an opportunity to work with Foster Construction during the School Holidays which eventually led into me completing a full-time apprenticeship with them. 20 years later I am still there having worked from the shop floor to a senior management position.

Outside of work I live with my fiancée in Hamilton and we are currently expecting our first child in October, which will create a whole new raft of life challenges for the both us.

When we get the opportunity, we normally head to Rotorua to get out on our mountain bikes where we both enjoy competing in the myriad of different events on offer.

Brett Maber

Brett Maber – *Power Farming New Zealand*

After attending St Pauls Collegiate (Hamilton) I started working in the marketing industry as a graphic designer firstly in Hamilton then in London while on a 2-year OE. Upon returning to NZ in 2000 our family business (Power Farming) had expanded and an opportunity to be involved in our marketing team was available.

I have enjoyed many challenges with Power Farming in both marketing and sales rolls over the past 19 years in both the retail and wholesale parts of the business. I am currently the Marketing Director of the Power Farming Group, a family owned company that has grown to become Australasia's largest privately-owned importer and distributor of farm machinery. Now operating in New Zealand, Australia and more recently America. I am a shareholder and director on the Power Farming Group board,

I also currently sit on the St Pauls Collegiate Foundation Board as well as being involved in Southwell School's old boys and girls association as the Vis-President. I live in Hamilton with my wife Jo and have three children, a dog and a rabbit.... I'm a keen sportsman/fan who loves to enjoy the outdoors with my family and friends.



POWER
FARMING

Bryn Little



Investment and Strategy Manager for WEL Networks Business development professional in Sustainable Development, Corporate Social Responsibility and Environmental Issues.

Currently runs OurPower an automated low cost power retailer trying to reduce energy hardship in the Waikato.



Chelsey Hawthorn

Manager Senior Associates, BNZ Waikato

Chelsey has been working in the Commercial Banking sector for the last 13 years across a number of roles including Credit Analyst, Corporate Partner, International Trade and now leads a high performing team of credit analysts in the Business, Commercial, Corporate and Property sectors.

Chelsey and her husband Gerred own a small dairy farm in Te Kowhai and also share milk on a farm just outside Ngaruawahia, milking 700 cows across the two farms.

Chelsey has two sons Liam (8) and Brock (2).

In her spare time Chelsey enjoys horse riding, having represented NZ as a young rider; Running, with her most recent achievement being to finish the 50km Ring of Fire trail run around Ruapehu; and spending time with her family.



Colin Vette



Colin is currently Divisional Manager for Projects at Schick Civil Construction, a locally owned and operated civil infrastructure company with over 200 staff.

Colin has NZCE(Civil) and a Post Graduate Diploma in Management Studies from Waikato University.

Colin has 30 years' experience in the construction industry which includes extensive experience in all forms of construction management, from running a precast manufacturing team to project manager for Arrow International.

Colin's recent projects include the Hamilton City Councils Victoria on the River contract, which he lead from tender to completion. This city to river connection was a key piece in the cities vision to connect the CBD with the river. This project was recognised by winning **National Category 1 Winner CCNZ Construction Excellence Awards 2018**.

Project delivery that meets the client's expectation by being on time to budget and exceeding expectations are what Colin prides himself on achieving. This can only be done with an engaged workforce that has a common goal and works as a team to deliver.

Darren Ward

My name is Darren Ward and I am the Director of Swimming Waikato based out of Perry House in the centre of Hamilton.

I have been engaged with Swimming Waikato for the last 17 months in a position that helps support the performance and participation ambitions of all swimming clubs throughout the Waikato region.

My main role is overseeing the Swimming Waikato Regional Swimming Hub, a charitable organisation that offers support to up and coming athletes & coaches as they target national and international success, as well as supporting a strong base of participation swimming.

My background is in Performance Swimming, having coached at Senior International level at World/European Championships & Olympic Games with the Serbian National Team and more recently with the New Zealand national set-up.

I recently moved to Cambridge with my wife and 1 year old son; we are really enjoying being in such scenic and relaxed surroundings, having been based in Dubai, Edinburgh and Budapest before moving to New Zealand.



Sponsored by:



David Slone



I have worked at CSC Buying Group for over nine years. As General Manager Operations, my responsibility is basically ensuring that all parts of the business function like a well-oiled machine.

CSC Buying Group is a unique business that saves SME's and NFP on their everyday business expenses and then donates profits back to the community.

Prior to CSC I had various management positions within the public service and the health and disability sectors.

Outside of core work, I am active in promoting the concept that business can be a resource for doing good in our communities.

In my spare time I'm a blogger, a writer, a disability advocate and a very aged football player.

Sponsored by:



Freddy van Loggerenberg

I was born in South Africa & lived there until I was 21, I moved over to New Zealand in 2007 to play rugby for Kamo in Whangarei and to pursue playing for the Northland Rugby Union

When I arrived in NZ, I had to find a job to support myself, I relied upon my experienced trade which I obtained by working at my Dad's aluminium joinery factory during my school holidays to get myself a job at a local Aluminium Joinery factory in Whangarei.

A year later I met my wife & relocated to Hamilton where I started as an Aluminium Joinery Fabricator for Huntly Joinery Window Systems. I moved through the various levels always treating the business as if it was my own, until I was offered partnership to start up a new aluminium joinery company in Auckland area namely Vision Windows. 3 & half years later we obtained another aluminium joinery company, where I am now the managing director of Summit Windows & Doors 2017 Ltd.

I have 2 boys, aged 8 & 6, who I love spending my free time with & getting out & about on family adventures



Sponsored by:



Jenny Nand



Work

I work for the Department of Internal Affairs, currently on secondment as a Senior Advisor: Community Led Development Practice Lead. My substantive role is Community Advisor; based in Hamilton.

I have extensive experience working in the field of grant management and community-led development. I have also worked extensively with Pacific, Ethnic and former refugee communities. My practice is anchored within social justice values and I continues to advocate for diversity (in all its forms) and inclusion.

Volunteering Work

I am one of the members of the Waikato Interfaith Council and the Chair-person of Seed Waikato.

Hobbies

In my spare time; I love practicing “hot” yoga and play netball.

Sponsored by:



Justin White

A father, a leader, a planner and a problem solver. With a career of enabling teams to achieve their goals and realise the benefits, I have excelled through the ranks of the NZDF and the Gallagher Group.

I respect the value of a clear vision, supported by a strong strategy and mission command that provides teams the support yet flexibility to remain agile and succeed.

Currently leading the Research & Development Project Management Office for the Gallagher Group, my focus is to enable Gallagher to thrive through the delivery of new products or services.

When not at work I am with my young family learning, growing, developing and experiencing the outdoors of our lifestyle block or further afield.

I crave new knowledge especially when confronted with a new challenge, so what little spare time I have it is often spent reading, researching or trialling options to resolve, address or improve things. These all lead me to my personal purpose: To grow more; be it my family, my self, those around me or the environment I live in.



Karen Hoskin



Karen Hoskin is currently the Regional Community Care Manager for The Order of St John, Central Region.

Karen joined The Order of St John in 2015 as the Community Care Administration Team Leader, this led her to the where she is today.

Her responsibilities are to ensure strong leadership for Friends of the Emergency Department (10 locations, 10 Team Leaders, 403 volunteers) and Caring Callers (10 districts, 8 Team Leaders, 224 volunteers) and new initiatives.

Karen's major achievements in this role include completion of the launch for the St John FED Programme at the Hutt Valley DHB. The full set up and launch of the St John Hospital Friends Programme at Wairoa Hospital, the Community Carers Programme at Ohope Beach Care, plus securing 2 more locations in Morrinsville & Te Awamutu.

Karen was the founder of Skin Beauty and Day Spa (Te Awamutu), which she was the owner/operator for 4 years. Karen believes she will grow stronger with each accomplishment and even stronger with each setback, she is inspired by the smallest of challenges. Karen's skills and abilities, she has gained are a combination of academic & 'real life' experiences.

Sponsored by:



Kate Shirtcliff

I am currently the General Manager of Commercial Operations for the Chiefs Super Rugby Club where I manage seven direct reports within my team and 13 staff members.

In August 2018 the previous Marketing, Ticketing & Commercial Departments went through a restructure and the new Commercial Department (all inclusive) was created with several staff being restructured out of their roles.

It is my role to lead my team and recreate a culture that fosters trust, cohesion and high performance.

I pride myself on being a motivational leader who creates and nurtures a culture where my staff are encouraged to work together to achieve their tasks however this skill always needs to be improved upon and I'm eager to increase my understanding in this area to not only benefit my team but our organisation.

My aspiration is to be the first female Super Rugby Club's CEO and I need to be a strong and exemplary leader to achieve this.



Sponsored by:



Kristine Clarke



I reflect almost daily on how lucky I am to have the life I have and how lucky I was to have born in circumstances that have given me the opportunity to have such a wonderful life. In the course of my work I see daily how the cards you are dealt at birth can create a destiny of disadvantage and hardship.

Born and raised, with my two siblings in a stable family in a comfortable home on a dairy farm in the Waikato. My parents are still farming, albeit on a much reduced scale and my siblings are close by.

Intent on getting out into the real world and embarking on a career in journalism I ignored advice to do a final year at school and go down the tertiary education track through journalism school. Instead I pitched up to an interview with the editor of the Waikato Times which turned into seven years of great times. Before embarking on the big OE, heading direct to Durban, South Africa.

From there I based myself in London working to fund my travels through Europe. Back in New Zealand I dabbled in freelance journalism and worked in the thoroughbred industry until I was able to start my recruit training with the NZ Police.

7 years on the frontline in Hamilton I made into the CIB where I had set my sight from day one. 26 years on, I have not one regret. I love my job, I love never knowing from one day to the next what it will bring which keeps me fresh, keeps me positive and stops me from becoming complacent.

On a personal note, I live with my long term partner Kevin, our cat and dog in Hamilton. My happy place is our little bach in Onemana where we get to as often as possible.

My spare time is taken up with swimming, biking and running to enable me to take part in triathlons and half ironman events, gardening, friends and family.

Sponsored by:

Kaimiro
Trust

Matt Archibald

Originally born in Waikato I moved to Wellington attending Wellington College, while there I realized my passion for sport. I rowed competitively through school. I attended Otago University for five years completing a double degree in Commerce and PE, and continuing my rowing, competing in the New Zealand University and central performance center crews.

During my PE study It was suggested I tried sprint cycling which I did. Three years later I competed in my first world championships. For the next 5 years cycled professionally competing at National, Oceania, World and Commonwealth champs. During this time, I continued my study finishing a master's degree in Management.

In 2017 I was taken on by APL to learn about Aluminium joinery and begin a professional career. I am now part of the management team and look after a team that services the support of our 76 customers assisting with every aspect of their businesses from training, machining support, financial support, budgeting, business advice and management advice.

Outside of work I spend time with my wife and 14-month-old daughter, enjoy mountain biking and still coach 2 elite cyclists as well as running local coaching clinics.



Sami Stretton



Sami spent her formative years in Hamilton, holding the inaugural title of Southwell's first Head girl. Then completing her schooling at Hillcrest High and her final year at St Pauls Collegiate, Hamilton. Through these years she had strong success with netball playing with the Hillcrest High Open A, and Waikato representative teams.

From 2007 to 2009 she attended The Otago University, graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Marketing and Communications. Then rounding this off in 2010, with a Fashion Certificate from the Otago Polytechnic.

Moving into the world of fashion, was likely to be her destiny and Sami took her first key role as a Senior Assistant buyer at the Warehouse group in 2011.

Heading overseas to do her OE she found she had a huge love of travel through a diversity of countries.

Returning to New Zealand in 2017 Sami took up the role of General Manager of Stretton Clothing and is now engaged in a five-year supported handover of the company from her mother, Annah Stretton.

Sami is also a director of Doggy Daily, a dog food wellness supplement that has recently been launched to market.

Has an active interest in the charity work that is initiated through the Stretton Foundation, and is well versed and connected into the work that RAW achieves.

Sponsored by:



Sharon Lourie

In my role as Executive Manager at Dress for Success Hamilton I have the opportunity to encourage and inspire women using the skills and experiences I have gathered up in a variety of community oriented roles.

I have worked for many years in the pastoral care of women and their families both in the Fiji Islands and here in New Zealand. Recently serving for 7 years in an MP's out of Parliament office, successfully advocating for constituents with a range of government agencies and ministerial offices.

Through both my professional and personal experience I am also keenly aware that life can sometimes take an unexpected turn for the worse.

For women this can leave us extremely vulnerable so it is an absolute honour for me to be involved in such a fantastic not for profit organisation that literally embraces women and empowers them to take their next step to a better future.

My husband is Pete - we've been married for 36 years - we have 4 adult daughters and 9 grandchildren. Pete and I have had a lot of fabulous travelling adventures together. I also love walking, reading, art and stories about the lives of real people.



Sponsored by:



Thomas Nabbs



Thomas is the Founder and Director of The WaterBoy, a charity which works to break down barriers to give underprivileged youth an opportunity to participate in sport and personal development activities. For businesses,

The WaterBoy bridges marketing and philanthropy, giving organisations an opportunity to live and show their values through supporting The WaterBoy and developing a relationship with the people they support.

Thomas loves to learn new theories and implement them into his personal development and Waterboy operations. Such learnings keep The WaterBoy improving and progressing toward the vision of making participation in sport and other personal development activities achievable for every Kiwi, for the purpose of creating stronger people and stronger communities.

Sponsored by:

POWER
FARMING

Tyron Pini

Tyron hails from the United Kingdom where he began his career in the NGO / disability sector after training as a Community Social Worker.

In the UK he worked in employment projects for people with personal and health challenges. Tyron has always had a focus on social justice and ensuring people had access to opportunities to be fully involved in their lives and the communities in which they live. He moved to the Waikato 18 years ago initially working with an organization in Te Awamutu.

Currently he is the General Manager for Workwise, a specialist service focused on supporting people personal and health challenges return to work. He works across the Waikato, Auckland and Bay of Plenty regions supporting teams of employment consultants, managing contract relationships and developing awareness of mental health at work.

Tyron is involved in several regional and national forums looking at employment as a health intervention and evidence-based practice.

Workwise is part of the Wise group, one of New Zealand's largest non-government, not for profit providers of mental health services.



Sponsored by:

