

Food/Nutrition, Session 1, 6.00 – 7.00pm

Brittany Boyce, Nutritionist

Brittany Boyce holds a BSc in Human Nutrition and a Master of Applied Science in Advanced Nutrition Practice from the University of Otago. She now works at Johnson & Johnson MedTech as an Associate Product Manager supporting the Craniomaxillofacial and Thoracic portfolio. Her responsibilities include providing clinical support to surgeons during procedures to ensure effective product use, forecasting, assisting with product launches and developing marketing materials.

Elizabeth Faull, Director of Product Development

After leaving Baradene Elizabeth completed a BSc in Microbiology from Otago University and then joined Frucor Suntory in the R&D team. After various scientific roles between food technology and quality management across the business Elizabeth completed a MBA at the University of Auckland including a thesis on mentoring young women in the workplace. Elizabeth manages a team of food scientists and designers who deliver exciting new products under popular NZ brands including Just Juice, Fresh Up, V energy drink; as well as international brands such as BOSS coffee, Pepsi, Celsius and Gatorade.

Kayla Lane, Product Design

Kayla was in the class of 2020 at Baradene. She studied a Conjoint Bachelor of Product Design majoring in industrial design and Bachelor of Commerce majoring in marketing at the University of Canterbury. Kayla is currently in a graduate role with Kraft Heinz (Watties) as an International Management Trainee. With this programme Kayla has been able to be exposed to all facets of the business locally and globally, specifically in the GBS and Marketing teams. She is working on 2 projects in her first rotation analysing internal processes and the Chinese market.

Hannah Fuller, Nutrition/Audiologist

Hannah is a PhD candidate in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (Department of Nutrition and Dietetics) at the University of Auckland. Her PhD research focuses on the implementation of nutrition guidelines for children with cancer in New Zealand. Before her PhD, Hannah completed a Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Food Safety at AUT, followed by a Master of Audiology at the UoA. Her master's research investigated whānau experiences following grommet insertion at Te Whatu Ora Counties Manukau. Hannah is also currently a Research Assistant in the School of Pharmacy at the University. In addition to her research experience, she has worked in both the audiology and food manufacturing industries.

Communication/Media, Session 1, 6.00 – 7.00pm

Polly Fryer, Producer

Polly Fryer is a British-born, New Zealand-based producer acclaimed for her work across documentary and scripted storytelling. She graduated with a BA (hons) from University College London (UCL).

In 2025 she produced, true-crime docuseries *Polk: The Trial of Philip Polkinghorne*, a 3 part series for Warner Bros, Nine and Sky UK released to critical acclaim. The series is represented worldwide by Submarine Entertainment. The feature documentary *Mighty Indeed* from the same year won best NZ documentary and best Director at the Oscar Qualifying Doc Edge Festival. In 2024, she produced the feature film *We Were Dangerous* which won the SXSW Special Jury Award, Best Youth Film at SCHLINGEL, Best Narrative Feature at Kerry, and the Pasifika Award in Hawaii. It also screened at eight major festivals, including NZIFF, Sydney, and Chicago. It's currently in theatres across the US. She's in post production on Andrew Niccol's feature film *I, Object*, a high end indie film for a family audience starring Anna Farris and Karl Urban. It's presold to 15 territories.

Other notable work includes animated series *Badjelly*, based on Spike Milligan's classic children's book, featuring a star-studded voice cast including Miriam Margolyes and Rhys Darby. It's premiered on TVNZ in 2025 and has been brought by ITV for the UK. She was Supervising Producer on Season 2 of the dystopian dark comedy series *Creamerie* (2023), which aired on TVNZ and Hulu. She produced the Netflix Original *Dark Tourist* (2018) and *The Day That Changed My Life* (2015), which won Best New Zealand Feature at the Documentary Edge Festival. Earlier in her career, she produced the Emmy-nominated docudrama *The Golden Hour* (2012).

Fryer also served as Joint Head of Te Puna Kairangi, the Premium Productions for International Audiences Fund at the NZFC, supporting high-quality New Zealand stories for global audiences. Previously, Fryer worked at Netflix as a Production and Post Executive, contributing to global non-fiction content.

Suzanne Suisuiki, Radio NZ Producer and Presenter

Suzanne is the presenter for RNZ Pacific's flagship programme, 'Pacific Waves' a current affairs programme that delves deeper into the major stories of the week and shines a light on issues affecting Pacific people wherever they are in the world. The programme sets the news agenda for the Pacific region and was a finalist at the New Zealand Radio and Podcast awards in 2024. She spent the majority of her career in communications but decided to turn to journalism to tell more Pasifika stories.

Suzanne attended Baradene from 2006 - 2010 and went on to study at AUT University where she graduated with a Bachelor of Communication Studies.

Amanda Billing, Creative

Amanda Billing is an artist, actress, and portrait photographer. She lives and works in Auckland, New Zealand.

After graduating from the University of Canterbury with a BA Hons (First Class) in Geography in 1997, Amanda obtained a Diploma in Teaching (Secondary) and worked full time in classrooms for three years. She became an actor in 2002 and landed a lead role on Shortland Street in 2004. She remained with the iconic serial drama for ten years.

Amanda has had numerous supporting roles in local and international screen productions since leaving Shorty in 2014, notably *The Royal Treatment* on Netflix, TVNZ's smash comedy about a Kiwi Jewish family, *Kid Sister*, and local favourite *Under the Vines* (both available for viewing on TVNZ+). She has also worked on stage for Auckland Theatre Company, Silo Theatre, and Pop Up Globe.

Amanda's portrait photography business, www.amandabillingphotography.co.nz, is currently her main job. Self employment is complex and challenging but it's enjoyable, creative and gives a degree of agency and financial security. Crucially, it enables the flexibility she needs in order to be available for auditions and work on location. It also gives her time and space for developing her visual arts practice and to teach drawing in her Grey Lynn studio.

Charlotte Cowan, Editor/Journalist

Charlotte has a Bachelor of Communication Studies (Journalism) from AUT and has been working in the media industry for more than 20 years, predominantly in magazine and digital journalism. With a wealth of experience in lifestyle and entertainment journalism, including The TV Guide, CLEO, House of the Year, and MSN.co.nz, she is currently the editor of The Shout NZ website (www.theshout.co.nz), and BUMP&baby and Tots to Teens magazines. Charlotte is a Baradene Alumna.

Georgia Smythe, Communications and Engagement Consultant

Georgia is a Corporate Relations Partner at Spark, where she plays a key role in shaping how the company communicates with the public, media, and government. Her work focuses on building trust, protecting reputation, and ensuring Spark's voice is clear, consistent, and aligned with its values. A Baradene Alumna with a double degree in Public Relations and Marketing from AUT, Georgia has developed a strong foundation in strategic communication and reputation management. She has led award-winning campaigns and managed high-stakes media relations across the health, infrastructure, and telecommunications sectors.

Business, Session 1, 6.00 – 7.00pm

Pamela Bonney-Transport operator and Board Member

Since 1999, Pamela has worked at senior levels for HP in New Zealand, Europe, the Middle East and Africa, and at the HQ in Palo Alto (Silicon Valley) in the United States. She has also worked for global PR agency Hill & Knowlton in London, Baldwin Boyle Group, Fonterra, and Suncorp in New Zealand. Today, Pamela and her brother Travers run Bonney's, a specialised bulk transport business that delivers food ingredients such as flour, sugar, milk and wine to some of New Zealand's favourite household brands.

Pamela is a member of the National Road Carriers Board and their Transport and Logistics Advisory Group. She is a trustee for the Motu Foundation. She graduated from Auckland University with a BCom in Marketing and Commercial Law.

Dr. Vivianne Hunt PhD – Director, Nuku Toi NZ, Research Leader Industry-Science

Dr Vivienne Hunt is an Alumna of Baradene College. She completed a Bachelor of Science qualification at AUT and an executive MBA and a PhD in Management and International Business at the University of Auckland. In Singapore from 2012-2019 she worked in Nutrition Science and completed a Post Graduate Diploma in Public Health Nutrition. Vivienne has held leadership roles across New Zealand, Europe, and Asia, bridging industry and academic research in food and nutrition. She worked at Abbott Nutrition R&D Asia Pacific and at A*STAR (Agency for Science

Technology and Academic Research) in Singapore and has played key roles in collaborative projects with Research Centres, AgResearch, NZ Food Safety Science & Research Centre, and AUT's Centre for Social Data Analytics. Vivienne has served as a leader in business serving as Vice-President and President (2016–18) of the New Zealand Chamber of Commerce in Singapore. She launched Māia the Kiwi women's network in Southeast Asia where she led efforts to strengthen NZ-SEA partnerships. Vivienne is a member of Global Women and wants to help empower future generations—especially young women—to explore STEM pathways and build global impact through science, research, and leadership.

Rebecca Furness- COO-chnnl APP

Rebecca is a third-year Bachelor of Business student at Massey University, majoring in Management with a minor in Psychology. While at University on the Vice Chancellor's Scholarship for All Around Excellence, she has also been awarded the Prime Minister's Scholarship for Asia, the Global Citizen Scholarship, and the Zhi-Xing China Global Youth Leadership Fellowship, which have seen her represent New Zealand and take her studies abroad to Thailand and China.

Professionally, Rebecca has worked her way up in her career, and currently serves as Chief of Operations at chnnl, a start-up focused on psychological safety and mental health in the workplace. Her work has taken her internationally to present in Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and Muscat. Rebecca is passionate about leadership, mental wellbeing, and bridging the gap between education and industry, and is excited to share her journey from student to young professional.

Katrina Jenner- CEO Jenners Worldwide Ltd

Katrina Jenner is passionate about the dynamic world of international freight forwarding, customs brokerage, and third-party logistics (3PL). As CEO of Jenners Worldwide Freight Ltd — a proudly family-owned legacy business — she oversees the global movement of goods, manages customs clearance processes, and supports clients with their supply chain and logistics needs.

Katrina's career has been hands-on from the start. She's done everything from driving forklifts and trucks to leading operations, sales, and high-level strategic planning. Her experience gives her a deep understanding of every part of the business.

She holds a Bachelor of Business from AUT and is a graduate of The Icehouse Owner Manager Programme, a prestigious course for business leaders. Katrina also volunteers her time as Vice President of the Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Federation of New Zealand (CBAFF), advocating for a more efficient supply chain while helping protect New Zealand's border.

In recognition of her service to the industry, Katrina received a Certificate of Appreciation from CBAFF in 2023.

Health Sciences, Session 1, 6.00 – 7.00pm

Beth Ferguson- Pediatric Nurse

Beth finished Baradene in 2018. She went on to complete a Bachelor of Nursing and is now a Registered Pediatric Nurse with Te Whatu Ora.

Michelle Melville-Smith, Psychologist

Michelle is a registered psychologist who currently works for Triple P New Zealand. In this role she specialises in consulting on child behavioural, social and emotional issues and working effectively with parents on strategies to cope with these issues. She also works directly with children providing therapy on issues including anger management, social skills, coping with anxiety, and dealing with divorce and separation. Michelle is also an accredited Triple P trainer, and she has trained a number of professionals working with families in the Triple P program throughout New Zealand and internationally. She graduated with a Master of Arts (psych) from Auckland University.

Charlotte Worth, Mental Health Nurse

Charlotte studied a Bachelor of Nursing at the University of Auckland and started her career as a registered nurse working in an adult Māori mental health service. She went on to complete a Postgraduate Diploma in Mental Health and Addictions Nursing and is now studying towards her Masters in Nursing to become a Nurse Practitioner. Over the years, Charlotte has worked in both community and crisis mental health settings and is passionate about providing holistic, culturally grounded care that supports people and their whānau through challenging times. Outside of nursing, she also coaches water polo for Baradene College and the New Zealand national programme, combining her love for sport with mentoring young athletes.

Valenitina Kulitapa, Midwife

Valenitina graduated from AUT with a Bachelor of Health Science (Midwifery). She worked as an LMC in Counties for 6.5 years alongside other Pasifika Midwives in a group called Niu Life Midwives. There, she provided midwifery care for predominantly Maori and Pasifika women. Valenitina is now working as a Specialist Midwife at Te Toka Tumai's Midwife-led Unit, Whanau Nga Uri, where she has been since November. She was a Co-Chair of Pasifika Midwives Tamaki Makaurau and is now a member of the Pacific Society of Reproductive Health. Valenitina is a Baradene Alumna, class of 2004.

Law, Session 1, 6.00 – 7.00pm

Laura Young, Government Relations Manager

Laura graduated from the University of Auckland with a Master of Arts/Bachelor of Laws. She joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, representing New Zealand as a diplomat in South Korea and the United Kingdom. She also served as a negotiator, representing New Zealand in trade negotiations and at the World Trade Organisation. Laura now works for Fonterra, as part of the Co-op's

Government Affairs team. She graduated from Baradene in 2004, and in 2025 joined Baradene College Ltd.

Jessica Rodger, Sustainability Manager

Jess has been working in sustainability roles for large corporates for the last 20 years, and currently works for IAG (insurance company) leading their climate change reporting work. After Baradene, she studied a BA/LLB at Otago, and then completed a Masters in International Law at Victoria University. After university, she spent several years working in government in refugee law, before discovering sustainability roles during her OE in London. She's passionate about climate change and the environment, and the role corporates have to play in these issues. Jessica attended Baradene from 1988-1994.

Tilly Smith, Lawyer

Tilly graduated from the University of Otago with a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts (majoring in Sociology) in 2023. She completed her Professional Legal Studies Course in June 2024 for admittance to the Roll of Barristers and Solicitors of the High Court.

Tilly recently joined the Adviceline team at the EMA, as an Employer Advisor in June 2024. She assists in providing employment relations advice to Members.

Portia Bing, Regulation Change and Compliance Manager/Sports Governance

I hold a Bachelor of Laws from AUT University, which I completed while competing as a full-time professional athlete. Balancing international competitions such as the Commonwealth Games and World Championships with exams was never easy, but it taught me invaluable discipline and time management.

I began my legal career in the public sector at the Serious Fraud Office, investigating complex financial crime and corruption. In recent years, I've transitioned into the corporate world and currently work in regulatory change at ASB.

Beyond my day job, my true passion lies in sports governance. I've had the privilege of chairing the Drug Free Sport Athletes' Commission, delivering a keynote speech in Switzerland on athlete safeguarding, and serving on the board of the Athletes' Leadership Network. I was also a selector for the 2021 Paralympics and am a founding member of a charitable trust that supports emerging athletes striving to compete internationally. In addition, I'm involved in the Wahine Toa program with the New Zealand Olympic Committee, which supports the development of women leaders in sport.

Engineering /Environment, Session 1, 6.00 – 7.00pm

Alena Suita-Warren, Engineering Geologist

Alena is an engineering geologist who studied a BSc in Earth Science and Anthropological Science from the University of Auckland. She has been working for 1.5 years at interesting sites across a range of projects in the quarrying and civil construction industry, with a focus on hazard remediation,

earthworks, and resource management. In addition to full-time work, she began studying her Master's degree part-time this year.

Jessica Zame, Water Engineer

Jessica has almost 20 years' experience delivering water infrastructure projects. She has a Bachelor of Engineering degree with Honours from University of Auckland and is a Chartered Professional Engineer and Member of Engineering New Zealand.

Jessica has worked with a range of public and private companies both in the design office and on construction sites building wastewater and water treatment plants, pump stations and pipelines. Currently she is leading a \$1 Billion programme of work in Watercare to provide continuing treated water supply to west and north Auckland as our city grows.

Maddy Blore, Environmental Monitoring Officer

Maddy studied for a BSc in Environmental Management and Geology at Otago and developed a strong interest in environmental protection through policy and compliance. She completed an internship with Auckland Council in the penultimate year of her degree and realised the best place to make real change was from within.

Now, she monitors large-scale residential and industrial construction and earthwork projects across Tāmaki Makaurau. Her work focuses on ensuring compliance with resource consents, particularly on contaminated land remediation for HAIL sites.

Sarah Nairn, Planner

Sarah has over 20 years' experience in planning in a range of private and public sector roles. In the public sector, Sarah has worked for Auckland Council on a range of policy based projects including plan changes and district plan reviews, and has also worked in the United Kingdom on planning applications and appeals. In the private sector, Sarah has worked for a range of clients on private plan changes and large scale land use and subdivision applications, and particularly enjoys reviewing policy documents and preparing submissions on behalf of clients. She has a BSc and a Masters of Planning from Auckland University.

Science, Session 2, 7.00 – 8.00pm, Auditorium

Dr Rosemary Price, Clinical and Managing Director (Animal Emergency) Veterinary Specialists Aotearoa, Practicing Veterinarian

Rosemary went to Massey University to study veterinary science after returning from her OE, and has been a practicing emergency veterinarian for 15 years. She is now in the senior leadership team at VSA; she also sits on the Complaints Assessment Committee on the NZ Vet Council and is also involved in supporting the BVSc programme from assistance with selection through to new graduate. She is Baradene alumnae and also a current Baradene mum.

Ellen Kingston, Pharmacologist

Ellen has recently received her PhD in Pharmacology and is now working as a post-doctoral researcher at the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences. She has a strong scientific interest in improving the safety and use of effective medications that are currently limited due to their risk of life-threatening adverse effects. This work connects benchtop science, understanding mechanisms of drug action, with clinical studies. She has experience teaching into a number of clinical and science undergraduate programmes throughout her post-graduate study.

Gabriella Clapham, Radiographer

Gabriella has a Bachelor of Medical Imaging and a Post Graduate Degree in Diagnostic Medical Sonography and Ultrasound from the University of Auckland. She has since worked as a radiographer for Counties Manukau Health and Southern District Health board. She is currently a trainee Sonographer at Te Whatu Ora/Te Toku Tumai Auckland.

Dr. Kim Nash, Hematopathologist

Kim is a South African born and trained doctor, who immigrated to New Zealand at the end of 2020. She obtained her Bachelors in Medicine and Surgery and her Masters in Haematology from the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. She is a fellow of the College of Pathologists in South Africa and an affiliate of the Royal College of Pathologists Australasia. Kim has worked as a laboratory based consultant haematologist since qualifying in 2013 and has a broad range of experience from public and private laboratories in South Africa to community based laboratories in New Zealand. Kim enjoys the behind-the-scenes investigative role of a pathologist but also performs bone marrow biopsies on patients on a regular basis. Her role is based in Auckland but she provides pathologist support to laboratories in Northland and Taranaki. Kim has one daughter at Baradene.

Dr Alosi Bloomfield- Medical Doctor

As well as representing New Zealand in Football, Dr Alosi Bloomfield has finished her medical degree (MBCChB) through Auckland University and is working as a Junior Dr at Auckland Hospital.

Sales/Marketing/Management, Session 2, 7.00 – 8.00pm, Auditorium

Eliza Ferguson, Principal Strategist

Eliza is a Baradene alumna and award-winning marketing strategist with a conjoint BA/BCom from the University of Auckland, majoring in Marketing, Management and Psychology. Over the past decade, she's led customer engagement and digital marketing strategies for major brands including ANZ Bank, Southern Cross Travel Insurance, Flight Centre and NZME. She is currently the principal strategist at Digitas New Zealand, part of the global Publicis Groupe, where she helps businesses create impactful, insight-led customer experiences.

Eleanor Reynolds Briggs, Project Manager

Eleanor is a Senior Project Coordinator at Ipsos New Zealand, a global leader in market and social research operating in over 90 countries. Eleanor has a Masters in Anthropology from the University of St Andrews, Scotland and a BASc in Anthropology, Psychology, and Spanish from the University of Otago.

Her journey into project management has taken her across a range of industries—including healthcare, market research, and service operations—both in New Zealand and abroad, in Spain and the UK.

In her current role at Ipsos, Eleanor coordinates complex national survey projects from start to finish—working with cross-functional teams to ensure high quality data is delivered to various clients, including the Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Health, and Ministry of Transport.

Rachel Cottom, Marketing Executive

Rachel is a driven Marketing Executive with a Bachelor of Arts from AUT, majoring in Marketing and Event Management. She brings a strong foundation in brand activation and campaign coordination, having interned with the Blues Rugby team where she played a hands-on role in delivering game day experiences, marketing initiatives, and the planning of large-scale events, including their end-of-year awards ceremony. Following this, Rachel gained experience in the fresh produce industry at Market Gardeners as part of their graduate programme, before stepping into her current role at Alberts. Now based in Auckland's CBD, she supports the marketing function across five buildings in the Alberts portfolio - helping to bring refurbished office suites to market and working closely with brokers to attract businesses seeking their next workspace.

Amalie Thompson, Social Media and Marketing

Amalie is a second-year Marketing and Entrepreneurship student at the University of Auckland, juggling full-time uni with a full-time job as an Account Executive at creative full-service agency Thompson Spencer. Instead of following the traditional path, she took a “year of work experience” - trying her hand at everything from radio marketing and car sales to hairdressing. Along the way, she discovered her passion for storytelling, strategy, and big brand ideas. From a slightly lost Year 12 Baradene girl to someone who now helps bring campaigns to life for national and international brands, Amalie's journey is proof that you don't have to have it all figured out right away - just start, stay curious, and say yes to opportunities...even if it scares you.

Erika Barden, Innovation and Transformation Managing Director

Erika is an advisor to Executive and Senior Leadership teams across New Zealand. She connects organisational strategy with delivery, and helps build high-performing teams who provide genuine value in a fast and fun way.

With 25 years' experience in delivery and change management, Erika has led successful transformations in NZ, the UK and Ireland. As the Managing Director of Fr@nk Innovation & Transformation, Erika blends research and continuous learning with practical experience across multiple sectors. The first person in New Zealand to attain the Master of Advanced Leadership Practice, Erika has had articles published locally and overseas and is a regular conference speaker and event facilitator. Erika is passionate about people and positive work environments. She has a BCom and a Masters (Distinction) in Advanced Leadership Practice.

She is also the author of 'Kiwi Camino', a book detailing her family's 12 week trip through Europe, Asia and walking the Camino trail.

Design/Art, Session 2, 7.00 – 8.00pm

Ilona Haghshenas, Architect

Ilona is a Senior Architect with over 25 years experience. She is the Auckland Studio Principal at Warren and Mahoney and leads the Auckland Studio. She has a Masters in Architecture and Urban Design.

Warren and Mahoney is NZ's largest practice with over 60 years of history and a key role in a number of important New Zealand projects including Commercial Bay, The University of Auckland Recreation Centre (HIWA) and the Intercontinental Hotel (Deloitte Centre). Along with her studio role Ilona is Project Principal on the New Zealand International Convention Centre (NZICC) which she has been working on for over 8 years.

Ilona is mother to two daughters and strives to model for her children the message that women can achieve professional excellence without giving up personal ambitions.

Drawing on a multicultural upbringing, Ilona's core goal is to mentor others out of being "average", empowering them to defy norms and remain visible through their career.

Victoria Azara-Martinez, Creative

Victoria Martinez Azaro—known as *La Creative Mama*—is a leading voice in sustainable fashion, with over 30 years of experience across the fashion, creative, and education industries. A natural dyer, eco printer, and expert in minimal waste sewing, Victoria empowers individuals to create beautiful, personalized wardrobes that reflect their values through mindful making.

She is the founder of *La Creative Mama*, an online education platform offering accessible, high-quality courses in natural dyeing, eco printing, sustainable sewing, and upcycling. Her vibrant community, popular blog, and membership program—the DIY Sustainable Fashionista Society—have become a sanctuary for women seeking to reconnect with creativity, reduce waste, and build confidence through sustainable fashion.

Victoria holds a BFA and MFA from Elam, University of Auckland in Fine Arts and began her career in the fashion industry in 1994 in her home country Argentina.

Over the past two decades, she has focused on education, teaching fashion sustainability at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, before transitioning full-time into her own business.

Her work champions cultural inclusivity and sustainability, with notable achievements including the *Saffron* children's book series (Penguin NZ), which won the White Ravens Award in 2009. She was also awarded the *Zero Waste Award* in 2021 for her community initiative *The Travelling Sewing Box*, empowering refugee women in Aotearoa New Zealand to share their migration stories through textile crafts.

Through everything she creates, Victoria offers a message of joy, empowerment, and connection—using fashion as a tool for meaningful self-expression and a more sustainable future.

Gina Beck, Graphic Designer

Gina is a Senior Graphic Designer at New Zealand Trade and Enterprise, where she leads design direction across brand identity and visual communications. With over 20 years of experience spanning film and TV, photographic styling, advertising, marketing and design, she has worked with global brands like Moët Hennessy and Unilever, co-founded a digital startup, and led creative teams in both corporate and freelance settings. Her approach to design is translating complex ideas into clear, visually compelling narratives that connect and inspire. She holds a Bachelor of Visual Arts from MIT (Auckland) and a Diploma in Graphic Design from Media Design School.

Asha Page-Interior Designer

Asha is an experienced Interior Designer specifically working in workplace strategy and design. She is skilled in client relationships, managing both large and small projects, with a strong focus on design and exceptional outcomes for clients. She is a Principal at Warren and Mahoney with a Bachelor's degree in Interior Design from Victoria University of Wellington.

Criminal Justice, Session 2, 7.00 – 8.00pm

Judge Claire Ryan, District Court Judge

Baradene Alumna (79) Judge Ryan was admitted to the New Zealand Bar in 1985, then moved to Melbourne in 1990, where she was admitted to the Federal Court of Australia and the Supreme Court of ACT in 1990, and the Supreme Court of Victoria in 1993. Her expertise is in the areas of criminal law, family law, and child protection, and during her long and distinguished career, she says that she particularly enjoyed working with clients who were homeless or those with disabilities, mental illness, and alcohol and drug dependencies. In 2000, Judge Ryan was diagnosed with breast cancer and spent six years in treatment. In 2004, she helped found the Breast Cancer Aotearoa Coalition (BCAC). From 2005 until her appointment as District Court Judge in 2011, she led the Youth and Family Court team at Meredith Connell and says the “cutting-edge” way New Zealand Youth Courts deal with young people is something we as a country can be proud of. Claire Ryan was appointed a District Court Judge in 2011. She is also an amateur astronomer, theology teacher, breast cancer survivor, and activist. She has served as director of the World Schools Debating Championships, among many other accomplishments in her colourful and varied career. Judge Claire Ryan has not only had a distinguished career, she’s also a woman of faith and service to others.

Constable Gordon New Zealand Police

Constable Gordon will be well known to many. He has spent 35 years in the Police Force. 14 of those years were previously in Scotland. He has worked in Front Line Emergency Policing and in Anti - Terrorism in the UK. He had an overseas deployment in 2003 and spent six months in Pitcairn Island.

He was a Community Constable in Epsom for 8 years. From 2013 onwards he has been based in schools and has had a focus on Community Engagement.

Gemma Norgate, Prosecutor

Gemma completed a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) and Arts double majoring in International Relations and Development Studies from Te Herenga Waka - Victoria University of Wellington. After finishing her degree in 2023, she moved to The Hague, Netherlands for an Internship opportunity in the Immediate Office of the Prosecutor for the International Criminal Court. Since returning to New Zealand at the end of 2024, she is now a Prosecutor for the New Zealand Police. She is a Baradene Alumna.

Jasmine Jackson, Barrister

Jasmine Jackson is a criminal defence barrister employed by Julie-Anne Kincade KC at Augusta Chambers. Jasmine has acted on a range of criminal matters including major homicide trials, and has appeared alongside lead counsel in the Court of Appeal and Supreme Court.

Jasmine obtained her BA/LLB from the University of Auckland in 2020 where she was then employed as Junior Barrister for Marie Dyhrberg KC and Paul Barrowclough.

She has a degree in criminology and especially enjoys the investigative aspects of her role, analysing the evidence, working with the clients and building theories for cases.

Jasmine is Secretary of the South Auckland Bar Association, and a member of the Law Association's Parole Committee and Criminal Law Committee.

Emelia Molloy, Probation/Law Student

Emelia is a Law Clerk at High Street Law, bringing over two years of frontline experience with the Department of Corrections as a Court Probation Officer. She holds a Bachelor of Criminal Justice from the University of Canterbury and is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Laws at the University of Waikato. Emelia provides essential support to our legal team by managing client files and ensuring active matters are closely monitored and up to date. She maintains a strong client-facing role and works collaboratively with our barristers across a broad range of matters.

Science, Session 2, 7.00 – 8.00pm

Honor Brown, Health Science

After leaving Baradene, Honor started in Biomedical Sciences at the University of Auckland, before switching to a conjoint degree in Health Sciences (Population Health) and Arts (Economics and Statistics). During her time at university, she had the opportunity to present at the United Nations in Bangkok, completed an internship with The Pacific Community (SPC) in Fiji, contributed to long COVID research at the University of Auckland and completed a placement at Auckland District Health Board. Honor now works as a business consultant in the health team at EY. The EY health team leverages extensive health data and sector knowledge to bring tailored solutions that enhance the delivery of public health services in New Zealand.

Emily Taylor, Speech and Language Therapist

I studied a Bachelor of Speech and Language Pathology (Hons) at the University of Canterbury graduating in 2020. Speech Therapists work across a range of settings in both health and education with all ages and varying diagnoses. I have spent time volunteering in Fiji to help to train teachers to support students in schools. My current role is at a Special Education school working with learners from ages 5-21 years where we focus on alternative communication tools, speech, language, social skills, literacy, eating and feeding.

Nicola Merrilees, Occupational Therapist

Occupational therapy is a health profession which specialises in helping people to return to doing the things that are important to them. Nicola Merrilees works as a Senior Occupational Therapist in the field of neurological rehabilitation, providing specialist hand and upper limb therapy for people recovering from stroke, traumatic brain injury or progressive neurological illness.

Each day Nicola has the privilege of working with inspiring individuals to achieve their recovery goals such as eating without assistance or hugging their loved one.

Nicola graduated with a Bachelor of Occupational Therapy in 1993 and has completed post graduate training in upper limb and hand therapy and rehabilitation. She currently works at Rope Neuro Rehabilitation.

Sarah Cruickshank, Vet Physio

Sarah Cruickshank is a dual-qualified Veterinary and Human Physiotherapist, and the Director of Vetphysio Ltd and VSA Physiotherapy in Auckland. After graduating from AUT with a Bachelor of Health Science (Physiotherapy) she travelled to London to study a Masters of Science (Veterinary Physiotherapy) and was the first New Zealander to graduate (with distinction) from the Royal Veterinary College in the UK. After working in the UK for a few years with elite eventing horses she returned to New Zealand to establish the country's first dedicated veterinary physiotherapy service in 2009. Sarah has played a leading role in integrating physiotherapy into multidisciplinary veterinary settings, working with elite animal athletes, post-surgical, neurological, and geriatric cases.

Internationally recognised, she has provided physiotherapy at two Olympic Games (London 2012, Beijing 2008) and major equestrian events, and continues to mentor, educate, and lead within the profession.

Accounting/Finance/Analytics, Session 2, 7.00 – 8.00pm

Stephanie Cooper-Poka, Investment Director

A Chartered Accountant, Stephanie has a career spanning fourteen years in commercial and financial leadership roles. Most recently, Stephanie has been supporting Māori organisations - Ngāti Porou Holding Company and Whakaata Māori, previously known as Māori Television. Stephanie was the Finance Transformation Lead with Ngāti Porou Holding Company and held executive roles during her four years at Whakaata Māori including Director of People & Finance and most recently, Director of

Business Growth and Partnerships. Her earlier career spans more than a decade in finance management working for companies that include BrightStar, Smartfoods Limited, Villa Maria Estate, Lion and AMP Financial Services.

Stephanie holds a Bachelor of Business and a Graduate Diploma, with majors in Accounting and Finance from Auckland University of Technology (AUT). She is a Chartered Accountant and Registered Mentor with Chartered Accountants Australia & New Zealand.

Sarah Brooks, Financial Assurance Director

I am currently work as an Auditor at PwC, where I started my full-time position two years ago after completing my degree and a summer internship with the firm while I was still studying.

In my role, I provide assurance over financial statements, ensuring they are accurate and reliable for users. One of the aspects I love most about my job is collaborating with a diverse team and gaining exposure to clients across various industries, which keeps my work both challenging and rewarding.

I am also studying my diploma in Chartered Accountancy, a three-year course that follows university study. This path will qualify me as a chartered accountant and open up a wide range of career opportunities in the field.

To give you some background about my education journey, I graduated from Baradene College in 2020 and then attended Otago University, where I earned a Bachelor of Accounting, majoring in Accounting, from 2021 to 2023.

Charlotte De Montalk Allen, Investment Banking Analyst

After leaving Baradene in 2018, Charlotte completed a BA/BCom from Auckland University. Whilst at uni, she worked part time as a Junior Fund manager at Norfolk Mortgage Management before doing an internship at Ernst and Young in the Transaction Dilligence team. She was fulltime at EY as a Senior Analyst in Strategy and Transactions before becoming an Investment Analyst at Goldman Sachs.

Isabella Ho

Isabella is a final year Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and Bachelor of Commerce student, majoring in Finance and Economics, at the University of Auckland. She works part-time as a Tax Consultant at Deloitte, specialising in Indirect Taxes (Goods and Services Tax, Fringe Benefit Tax and Customs). Last summer, she interned in Deloitte's Mergers and Acquisitions Tax and Indirect Tax teams. Previously, Isabella has worked as a Graduate Teaching Assistant in the Law School and the Business School, and as a Research Assistant in commercial litigation. Outside of her studies, Isabella currently serves as the Bulletin Sub-Editor and the Director of Competitions on the University of Auckland Investment Club Executive Committee. Having enjoyed her courses in tax law, competition law and company law, Isabella is keen to grow her career in any of these specialist areas.

