

ABOUT DARREN MCGARVIE



Co-Founder and Director, Firestation – Business Growth Centre.

Previously **Bank of New Zealand Managing Partner** for the Central Plateau region. This business had a \$1.4 billion asset base, \$36 million annual turnover, and 30 banking professionals. Darren's team consistently achieved high levels of staff engagement, new business acquisition, and client NPS.

Senior lead on large scale, enterprise wide projects including BNZ e-channel and Salesforce.

BNZ Acting Head of Maori Business, responsible for the development of the national Maori business strategy and the Maori business unit, and the appointment of the inaugural Head of Maori Business.

A successful governance track record. **Rotorua X Charitable Trust** founder and inaugural Board Chair. Board member of **Tarawera Ultramarathon, Puma Darts Group, Bay Venues** and **Te Pae Tawhiti**

Darren has previously been an **Icehouse** Business Coach.

Started five enterprises in entertainment, commercial construction, co-working (shared) offices as well as information and communication technology.

Darren's business acumen has been recognised with the following awards:

- Emerging Business Leader of the Year – **Rotorua Business Excellence Awards**
- Aspiring Director of the Year – **Institute of Directors Bay of Plenty**



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A successful governance track record:

2004 – 2020: FIRESTATION

Managing Director

2009 – 2020: ROTORUA X TRUST

Co-Founder / Board Chair

2014 – 2019: NZ TRAIL RUNS LIMITED

Board Member & Committee Chair

2014 – 2015: BAY VENUES LIMITED

Board Member *

2012 – 2013: PUMA DARTS LIMITED

Inaugural Advisory Board Member

2011 – 2013: TE PAE TAWHITI

Founding Board Member

2010 – 2012: BNZ PARTNERS – CENTRAL PLATEAU

Founding Board Chair

2011 – 2013: KAHAROA SCHOOL

Board of Trustees – Chair / Treasurer

