

**Biography** 

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**Academic Qualifications:** Bachelor of Agricultural Science, Massey University, 1981

**Professional Associations/Role:** Chartered Director of the Institute of Directors in New Zealand (Inc);

Chairman of the Bay of Plenty Branch of Institute of Directors: 2010-2014 National Council Board Member - Institute of Directors in NZ Inc: 2010-2014

## **Career History:**

• **September 2008 - Current :** Agricultural and Business Consultant/Company Director, Wilson Consultancy

- **February 2008 August 2008 :** Managing Director, Spring Chicken Ltd- Poultry production and processing
- May 2000 January 2008 : Managing Director , Wilson&Keeling Ltd- Agricultural Consultants
- May 1995 May 2000 : Managing Director , Wilson & Associates Agricultural Consultants
- May 1987 May 1995 : Agricultural Consultant, John Read Agricultural Consultancy Ltd
- **January 1981 May 1987**: Farm Advisor, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

## **Career Achievements:**

- Establishment and operation of 32,000 head beef finishing contract 1988 to 1993
  - Development of supply contract between Riverlands Foods Ltd and Farmer suppliers 1988
  - o Implement the contract supply programme from 1988 to contract around 125 Beef farmers throughout the north Island.
  - Established supply management systems to ensure the regular supply of 600 cattle per week to the Riverlands Foods Ltd processing plants.
- Contribution to the New Zealand agricultural extension business 1981 to Current.
  - $\circ$  Training of 10 Agricultural graduates to become commercial agricultural consultants in the primary industry in New Zealand 1988 to 2008.
  - Lecturing at Massey University(by invitation) on production/ business management 1997 to 2008
  - Establishment of the "Business Focused" extension farms for Lamb and Beef monitor farm programme – 2002 to 2008
- Establishment of Corporate sheep, beef and deer farmer in New Zealand Ingleby Ltd.( Owner- Rousing Family based in UK)
  - o Identify and establish farm businesses to the value of \$50million 1999-2006.
  - Continue as advisor to this business until 2008. Owner- Rousing Family based in UK
- Role as Executive Director in the establishment of a \$A80mill broiler chicken business in Australia , finishing 28million birds per year - 2001 to 2008
  - Business advisor to the establishment of 4 privately owned Broiler Chicken farms developed and supplying Tegel Foods Ltd from 1996 to 2001
  - Aggregation of privately owned businesses into Proten Ltd in 2001.
  - o Responsible for the fund raising of around \$15mill of equity Capital 2002 to 2003.
  - Executive role with Proten during its acquisition of 4 Broiler Chicken farms in Australia and the construction of an additional 3 farms.
  - Governing the migration of the company from New Zealand to Australia, and establishing its business administration from Sydney.

- Member of the Investment Committee for BNZ AgriCapital, New Zealand 2007 to 2008
  - o Review and evaluation of equity capital investments for National Australia Bank's subsidiary BNZ, in agricultural projects based in New Zealand.
  - Reporting directly to the Board of NAB
- Establishment of 52,000 stock unit sheep and beef Limited Partnership for Oraukura 3 Incorporation and Puketapu 3A Incorporation 2009 to 2012.
  - Key advisor to the Incorporations in the successful establishment of the Tuatahi Limited Partnership
  - Preparation of business plans; partnership agreements; risk management documents; director appointment documents; company constitution documents.
- Establishment of Bay of Plenty Branch for Institute of Directors in New Zealand Inc.-2009 to Feb 2014
  - o Chair of the steering committee for the establishment of the Bay of Plenty Branch of the IoD.
  - o Chair of the branch for the initial 3 three years of the branch establishment phase within the business community of the Bay of Plenty.
- Executive Director and Board Chair of SmarTrak Ltd Deloittes NZ Fast 50 in 2010(Rank36); Deloittes Asian Pacific Fast 500 in 2010(Rank 134); Waikato Business Award winner(Mid size company) in 2010 2008 to 2011
  - o Strategic and business planning responsibility from September 2008. Business achieved growth to become the 2nd largest supplier of GPS fleet management services behind Uniden in New Zealand.
  - o Financial controller of business from September 2008 to March 2011
  - o Chairman of Board from March 2009 to May 2011
- Review of the feasibility of the Malaysian Primary Industry initiatives 2011 to Current
  - o Malaysian Dairy Industry initiative in conjunction with the Oil Palm Industry to determine the commercial opportunity for expanding Dairy production. 2011-2012.
  - o Malaysian National Feedlot Corporation initiative to supply 60,000 head for local supply.
- Review of the Strategy for Primary Industry Investments for Al-Afandi Group, Saudi Arabia 2013 to Current
  - o Complete the strategic business review for Gang Ranch; a 400,000ha cattle ranch based in Canada producing feeder Angus cattle to the US feedlot industry.
  - Complete the feasibility report for the establishment of a fully integrated poultry business located in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
  - Consult to Al-Afandi on the project management for the implementation the poultry business including the introduction and oversight of the strategic partners from New Zealand, Australia and France.

## **Personal Statement:**

- I have considerable experience in management from operational to executive levels.
- I am professionally and socially comfortable with people from all walks of life.
- I have a good sense of humour with a friendly and outgoing manner, while being reliable, honest, and accountable and determined to deliver outcomes for the individuals or businesses I am representing.

## **Referees**

- **Shane O'Brien** Principal of Colspec Construction Ltd Phone 0274 850316 (Personal/Business Partner)
- **Sharon Mariu** Chairperson of Oraukura 3 Incorporation Phone 021 619072 (Sheep/Beef Farming, Corporate Investment)
- **John Cooper** Principal of Farming Business and Commercial Property Business Phone 0274 492088 (Personal/ Business Partner)