## **Christine Spring**

NATIONALITY

New Zealander

**EDUCATION** 

1987 University of Auckland: BE (Civil)

1995 University of Texas, Austin, USA: MSc in Engineering

2008 Melbourne Business School, Australia: MBA

## 2013 - May 2014 Hawkes Bay Opera House Limited, Hastings

CEO

HBOH operates a 5 star theatre and conference venue in Hastings. The venue is 99 years old, an iconic facility in the community, which is governed by an independent

Board.

2012 12 months international pro-bono and volunteer work

Focussed on families and schools in need of support.

2010 – 2011 Landrum & Brown, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

**Executive Project Manager** 

L&B is an airport planning consulting company that had a two-year contract to provide specialist airport planning and strategy advice to Abu Dhabi Airports Company (ADAC).

Australia Pacific Airports Corporation, Melbourne,

**Australia** 

2007 - 2008 General Manager Infrastructure

2002 - 2007 General Manager Strategy, Planning & Environment

Australian Pacific Airports is the owner/operator of Melbourne Airport, Australia's second largest airport. In 2008, it processed 24 million passengers with total revenue

of A\$449 million.

| 2001 – 2002 | Auckland International Airport Limited, Auckland  Executive Manager  |
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| 1992 – 2001 | Beca Carter Hollings & Ferner Pty, Auckland  |
|             | Associate (1996 – 2001), Airport Planner (1995 – 1996)   |
|             | 12 months study leave: University of Texas at Austin   |
|             | Transport Planner (1992 – 1994)  |
|             | Beca Carter Hollings and Ferner Pty (Beca) is a multi-national, engineering and technical services consultancy.  |
| 1991 – 1992 | Telecom New Zealand Limited, Wellington  |
|             | Engineer - New ventures, PABX systems.   |
| 1987 – 1990 | Fairhurst and Partners, London, United Kingdom   |
|             | <b>Engineer</b> – seconded to London Docklands Development Corporation.  |
| AWARDS      | <ul><li>1998 CLEAR/ACENZ Future Leader Award</li><li>1993 Humes Fellowship – a \$30,000 grant to undertake a post-graduate degree in airport planning.</li></ul> |

Christine is a civil engineer and has approximately 20 years' experience in aviation infrastructure development and strategic planning roles in New Zealand, Australia, United Arab Emirates, Asia and the Pacific Islands. During her career to date Christine's experience has been focused in strategy, stakeholder management and the planning of significant capital development projects in the aviation industry. Christine was also an executive of Auckland Airport before heading overseas to broaden her experience in 2002.

Her significant experience in the planning and delivery of airport infrastructure would be of great benefit to the Board especially as it focuses on the implementation of Auckland Airport's 30-year vision for the airport of the future.

Christine was most recently the Chief Executive of the Hawke's Bay Opera House Limited. Her role ceased in May 2014 when the Opera House was closed due to a report received on the facility's earthquake prone issues.