

Member Profile

Sherie Pointon – Wellington Group President



Workplace:

Tertiary Education Commission (TEC). The TEC is responsible for leading the government's relationship with the tertiary education sector, and for policy development and implementation.

Position:

Executive Officer to the Director Strategic Services. The Director Strategic Services brings together strategic planning, risk management, human resources and communications. The Director Strategic Services works closely with the Chief Executive, the Executive and the Commission. So basically run Pauline's (Director Strategic Services) life! I also provide Secretariat services to the Senior Management Team at their weekly meetings.

Of course this is my substantive role, currently I am a fulltime Mum!

Past Jobs / Roles:

- Secondary School Teacher – English and Social Studies (Year 9 & 11)
- Advisory Officer, Examination Services, NZQA – providing admin support to the University Bursaries qualification.
- Competitions Administrator, Basketball New Zealand – event managing 25+ tournaments during the Basketball season (April to October) across the country.
- Administration Officer, Education Review Office – providing admin support to the Review Officers and Area Manager for the Wellington/Top of the South Area.
- Personal Assistant, Education Review Officer – PA to the National Manager Reporting Services, which entailed providing support to facilitate the Review process, also had the opportunity in this role to organise training events for the 160+ Review Officers, and instigated training for the Regional Support Staff.

What I like about my job/being an administrator:

Helping others and working in the Public Sector; being able to contribute to the country!

Goals:

Short term – develop the role at the TEC further, having been in the role for such a short time before starting parental leave! There are a number of areas that I have identified for development, which has raised some more training opportunities for me.

Long term – Professionally, my long term goal is to be National President of AAPNZ. I would like to grow the organisation to its full potential. So look out, the AGM of 2015 I will be standing for National Pres! To get there I need to put in the ground work and understand what the organisation is about, and what we need to do to grow.

Interests/Hobbies:

AAPNZ!, Spending time with family and friends, cooking, theatre, movies, reading, not that there is much time for the last three these days!

What or Who Inspires Me:

My Mum! Mum is a bit of a superstar in my eyes, she is generous, clever, determined. She was the one that first introduced me to AAPNZ! She never undersells herself and doesn't tolerate fools!

My favourite movie is *Phantom of the Opera* not just because Gerry Butler (plays the Phantom) is so hot either (love the stage show too).

I like Wellington because there is always something happening, it is such a vibrant city to live in.

I'm reading *The Virgin's Lover* by Philippa Gregory, I am a bit of a Tudor England buff

Happiness is sharing time with family and friends

My theme song is *Somethin' Stupid* by Robbie Williams & Nicole Kidman – this was actually the song we did our first dance too!

I can't live without CHOCOLATE, oops I meant to say Michael!

