

Shona Dowden

Mrs Shona Dowden has 25+ years working as an administrator and is currently Staff Officer in the Directorate of Training & Commitments with the NZ Army.

In this role Shona is now responsible for managing the NZ Army Overseas Training and Exchange Programmes and provides administrative support for any Army to Army Staff Talks.



Outside of work Shona is heavily involved with the Wellington Group of the Association of the Administrative Professionals of NZ Inc (AAPNZ). Having just relinquished the role of President, she has taken up the position of Treasurer on the Wellington Group Management Team. Added to this Shona also teaches Ballroom Dancing.

Shona is married to Paul and has one son, Isaac.

Denise McElwain

Denise's working career began in Dunedin as a court stenographer at the District Court. After 19 years as a court reporter in both Dunedin and Hamilton, Denise moved to Wellington to take on the role of Judge's Associate at the Court of Appeal. She has worked for three different Judges both at the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court and has recently returned to the Court of Appeal after two years in the Supreme Court.



Denise lives with her partner Trevor, her daughter Victoria, and Trevor's son, Phillip.

Denise takes an active interest in Victoria's activities and is keenly interested and involved with her school, ballet and music.

Denise is also heavily involved in the community. Activities include school board of trustees secretary; college parents support group database co-ordinator/college parents association secretary/college ball co-ordinator; and administrator and trainer with the Girl Guides Wellington learning and development team.

Denise is also on the Wellington Group Management Team of AAPNZ where she is co-ordinator of the new member development team, and is database co-ordinator.