

The Music Shed & The Business Shed

Creating Possibilities & Finding Solutions

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Specialty Areas

- Coaching The Leader within
- Leadership Teams
- Appreciative Inquiry
- Strategic Planning
- Business Health Checks
- Mentoring
- Business Processes
- Reporting
- Budget or Forecast

Background

Originally trained as an accountant/auditor some 30 years ago, Michael Blake has worked in New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and England, in a wide variety of industries as an employee or as a Consultant for companies of varying sizes from family-owned to multi-nationals. Michael also ran his own Consultancy Business in England for over 10 years.

Over time, a passion developed for working with organisations and business owners to develop processes and systems which would allow companies to grow and to work smarter by using technology as the enabler. As the technology develops, so does the need to ensure that companies are taking the fullest advantage of these developments. This has kept Michael always seeking the best, often in partnership with other organisation and companies who provide first class service and solutions.

Michael also works with companies in strategic planning / visioning and is able quickly to see the future potential in organisations and their people.

Another of Michael's passions is working with and developing teams. A firm believer in the "power" of the individual and the contribution the individual can make, Michael has worked successfully with a number of organisations in developing disparate individuals into powerful and effective teams, who are dedicated to growing their businesses.

For a number of years, Michael has mentored students studying for a variety of academic degrees, including MBAs and continues this through a new initiative called The Music Shed, which he and his wife started early in 2007.

Most recently Michael worked at Auckland City Council in a variety of management roles, before becoming the first General Manager of a multi-division operational company which supports the activities of AUSA at the University of Auckland.

In 2005 Michael was made a Justice of the Peace as well as being awarded Membership of the New Zealand Institute of Management in recognition of his work in management.

Along side his business life, Michael also had a career as a Tenor Soloist, performing in New Zealand, South Africa, Australia and Europe. He now coaches young singers who want a career in music.

Michael and his wife Glenese, an internationally recognised Soprano and Voice Tutor, are basing themselves in Cambridge to be nearer to their children and their grandchildren.