

WHAT IF I TOOK THE OTHER PATH?

WHERE WOULD I BE TODAY



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WHAT DETERMINES YOUR CAREER PATHWAY IN LIFE?

- **IS IT YOUR CHILDHOOD?**
- **IS IT THE BOOK YOU READ WHEN YOU WERE 12?**
- **IS IT TEACHER YOU HAD IN PRIMARY SCHOOL?**
- **IS IT WHAT YOUR MOTHER OR FATHER DID AS A CAREER?**
- **WAS IT SOMETHING YOU SAW ON TV?**
- **ALL OF THE ABOVE – COMPLEX – PLANNED OR OPPORTUNE**

STAGE 1 – LAUNCH

- **I ENROLLED INTO PHARMACY AND MISSED OUT I WAS TOO YOUNG**
- **I SAW A JOB ADVERTISED FOR A LAB TECHNICIAN IN A DAIRY COMPANY AND I GOT IT**
- **I OPTED TO TAKE UP STUDIES NZIFT - FOOD SCIENCE**
- **EARN AS YOU LEARN MODEL**
- **I ALWAYS HAD A VISION TO HAVE MY OWN COMPANY**

STAGE 2 - LIFE JOURNEY

Married young – too young!

**Moved to Gisborne and got a job
as Lab Manager at Watties**

**Two years later and qualified
Food Scientist : new job at
Cedenco Foods**

**Lab Manager – Technical
Manager – Sales & Marketing
Manager**

STAGE 3 – ADULTHOOD

- **NEW MAN**
- **THREE CHILDREN**
- **MY OWN BUSINESS – PUBLIC IMPRESSIONS**
- **BUILDING CREDIBILITY, HARD YARDS**
- **1998 TO NOW - FEEL LIKE I HAVE DONE IT ALL!**
- **GOVERNANCE ROLES – COMMUNITY PAY BACK**
- **SPORT NZ – WOMEN IN GOVERNANCE**



JOURNEY WITH FORESTRY

**Event management
& design Forestry
Awards**

**CEO Eastland Wood
Council**

**CEO Forest Industry
Contractors
Association**

**On-going awards
programmes –
publicity for the
industry**

**Adaptive
Leadership
Programme –
Monash University**

**Sport nz - NZ
Business Mentor/s**



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SOME LIFE CHANGING MOMENTS FOR ME

- **STARTING FROM THE BOTTOM & BEING PART OF THE TEAM & DOING THE MAHI**
- **MANAGER INSTRUCTED ME I WAS UNDER CHARGING MYSELF**
- **BEING BOLD TO TAKE ON OVERSEAS TRAVEL IN MY JOB – DRINKING CROWN LAGERS WITH MY CLIENTS**
- **MY PARENTS PASSING – FIRST MY DAD AT THE AGE OF 65 THEN MY MOTHER 20 YEARS LATER**
- **MY HUSBAND HAVING SIGNIFICANT HEALTH ISSUES**
- **BEING A MUM AND A MENTOR**
- **REALIZING THAT YOU DON'T NEED TO PROVE YOURSELF TO MALES / OTHERS – BE YOURSELF!**

WHAT DETERMINES YOUR PATH IN LIFE?

- TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY AND ALLOW YOURSELF SOME OPTIONS, SOME SURPRISES, SOME DISAPPOINTMENTS
- BEING REAL AND HONEST
- BUILDING CONFIDENCE
- IMPOSTER SYNDROME OR NOT – BE BRAVE AND BE BOLD
- CONTINUE LEARNING
- REALISING THAT BETWEEN INDUSTRIES IT'S THE SAME S@#T DIFFERENT PACKAGE BUT YOU CAN CROSS SKILLS OVER