



Mike Blanchard

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Experience

Mike has over 24 years Senior Executive Management experience with expertise in business transformation, procurement, agile project management and change management across a broad range of sectors including Transport, Telecommunications, Power Utilities, Transport, Education and Government. Previous organisations include the Tertiary Education Commission, Sydney Trains, Transpower and Gen-I Australasia.

As Chief Procurement Officer – GM – Strategic Procurement at Sydney Trains Mike led the negotiation of major civil infrastructure projects. He also led the strategic accelerated delivery of SAP EAM, ROC (both construction and technology) and CCTV unlocking customer value during a period of high-volume complex projects. He was selected by the Transport Secretary to attend the Accelerator Program for 20 Directors in training.

Mike has a proven record of managing large strategic projects, including, as COO at the Tertiary Education Commission responsible for \$3.2bn investment funding and the new restructure with the merger of Careers NZ.

Key Areas of Expertise

Governance, Strategy & Implementation - In his role at Sydney Trains he led the procurement delivery of SAP Ariba for Transport for NSW (30,000+ FTE) targeting savings of \$250m and designed and implemented a new Master Services Agreement for Rail Services. He was also an executive director of the track service alliance with partner John Holland. Mike also was requested by the Transport secretary to IQA a sensitive Ferry procurement. In his most recent role as Deputy Chief Executive (COO) Operations at the Tertiary Education Authority Mike led the monitoring and crown ownership team auditing risk and training boards in effective governance

Change Management – At Sydney Trains, Mike was tasked with the reformation of procurement and to develop a whole new brand to accelerate customer satisfaction and

enhance the train delivery service for both internal and external stakeholders. This Rail Maintenance Reform programme was a substantial change programme that delivered \$100m savings.

Programme Management – Mike has managed a broad range of high-level programmes to enhance operations functions. As CPO of Transpower, Mike led multiple transformation projects. At Ericsson Mike delivered London Air Traffic Control System after 1 year in Norway. Many projects were delivered through structure optimisation enhancing customer experience by empowering staff.

Professional Qualifications

- Chartered Procurement Professional (CIPS)
- Massey University NZ Masters Supply Chain Management (MSc) First Class (A) Pass
- Fellowship Chartered Institute of Procurement & Supply (FCIPS)
- NZRFU- Level 2 (Principles of Rugby Coaching) – IRB Level 2 Coach
- Prince 2 Project management Foundation
- Institute of Executive Coaching Level 1 & 2 (IEC-Sydney)
- Chartered Institute Purchasing & Supply (MCIPS)
- Chartered Institute of Marketing: Advanced Certificate in Marketing Management Practice
- Brighton College of Technology: Electronics & Telecommunications (BTEC)

Current Memberships

- Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply
- Australian Institute of Company Directors

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