



Individual Award Regional Winner Profile

Auckland

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What is your job title?

Centre Manager (Allan Brewster Recreation Centre) and OSCAR Portfolio Manager.

Give a brief description of a typical day at OSCAR for you.

I have overall responsibility for all Manukau Leisure's OSCAR programmes. My job includes ensuring the service delivery is maintained to a high standard, co-operative relationships developed, business opportunities are leveraged, and customer needs are met. I'm also responsible for CYFS audits, MSD funding and generating OSCAR polices and reports.

In addition to the administrative stuff, I also run a programme called MonkeyTime once a week that promotes childrens' self esteem. I want to make a difference in our community and I think getting kids to feel good about themselves is a great way to do that.

How long have you worked in OSCAR?

15 years and still loving it.

What do you feel your greatest achievement has been in OSCAR?

I've obtained CYFS approval for four before-school programmes, seven after-school programmes and nine holiday programmes. Those approvals represent a fair amount of time and effort, and I'm pleased at the services each and every one of these programmes offers the Manukau community.

Why should you become The OSCAR Foundation National Award winner?

It's hard to put yourself forward (my team made me enter), but I can honestly say that I'm genuinely passionate about OSCAR. I've spent many years making it my mission to ensure our children receive unsurpassed care, attention and opportunities. I've always had a particular interest in child development, and that interest has been a driving force in my career.

I've tried hard to make sure we're continually improving and am always looking for better ways of doing things. Getting lots of ideas from our fantastically creative OSCAR staff helps with that, as does attending the national conference each year. I'm very vocal about making sure we share experiences and learnings, so we all keep growing.

I deliberated over our OSCAR manual to make sure we conduct ourselves professionally. And I've also spent a lot of time establishing audit programmes, arranging and conducting training, and working with Skills Active and CYFS. Doing all of this admin is important, but what I love most is interacting with kids. I want the children in our care to feel special and I try to always give attention to each individual.





I love being in a role where I can make friends and develop community relationships. I'm not ashamed to say I've worked hard. I roll up my sleeves and get stuck in because I think passion is important – particularly when it's for something as vital as nurturing our children.

