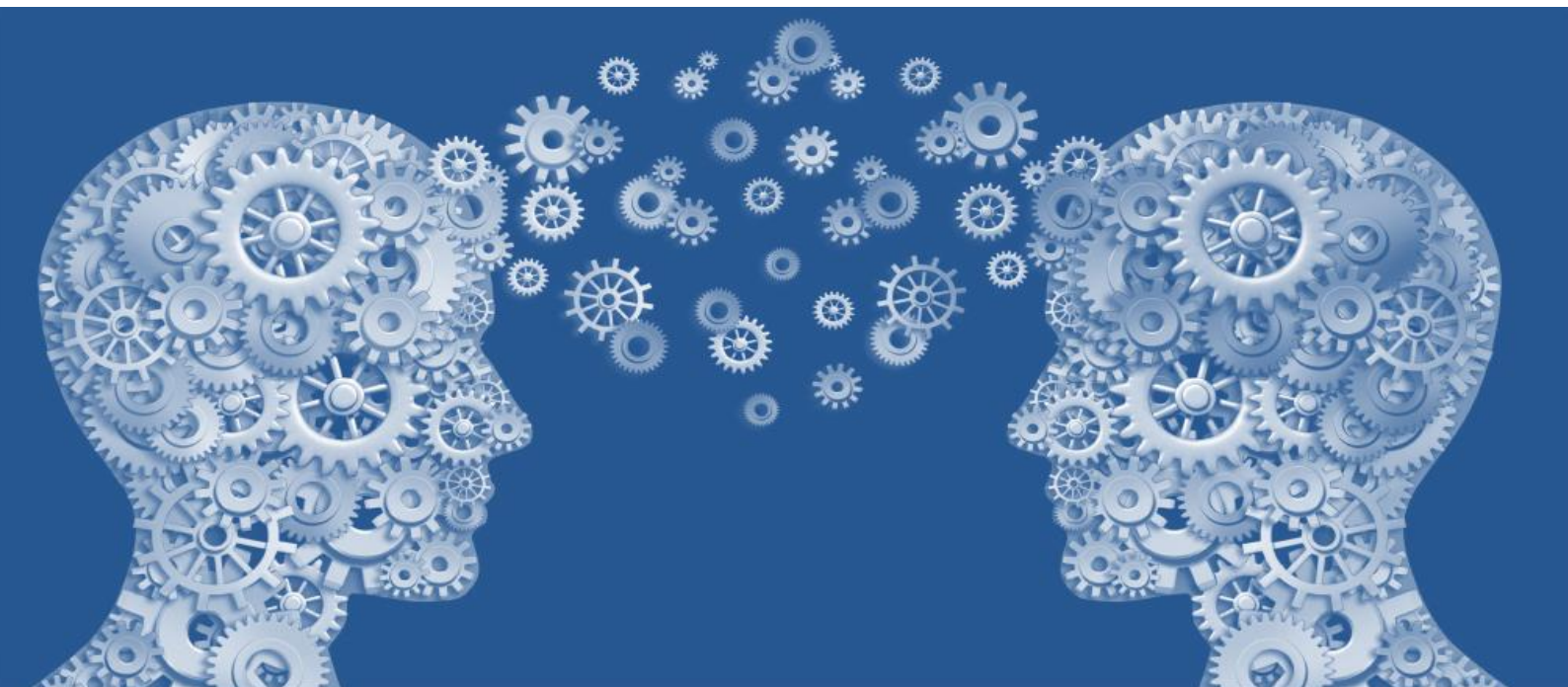




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Résumé





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NEILL LAURENSON

DOB: 24 September 1962

Citizenship: New Zealand

Married to Sam Laurenson, we have one daughter,



Expert Generalist. Work Hunter, Project Team Assembly Specialist. Creating strong teams by assembling specialists with common goals for great clients. 'Ideador'.

My 35 years of experience in end to end project management extends across numerous industries including Defence military / aviation, high-rise, hotels, aged care/ medical, residential, earthquake recovery, facades; renewable energy systems, , modular, commercial, retail, consumer goods, hospitality, educational, viticulture, office, fit out, seismic strengthening, insurance and sports projects. I seamlessly flow between my creative problem-solving abilities and solid practical construction methodologies. I bring with me all my vast experience to fully satisfy my client's project, no-matter what industry they are in. I have been fortunate enough to be involved in design and innovation projects outside of the construction industry too, for example software development for Fletcher Residential and for the Arrow-AMI earthquake recovery project.

I have over the last 10 years worked as an independent contractor, but I am open to permanent roles.

I am very good networker, team assembler, I have an extensive global business network.

I am very client solution focused, I am an empathetic leader, resourceful, innovative yet practical.

I can be the 'boss' if required, but I prefer to lead by empowering and sharing stories and knowledge and guiding from the side. I listen before I act, a skill learnt the hard way as a First Division Rugby Union referee.

I have great 'EI' and can read and adapt my strategies to various personalities to influence outcomes. As a 'people person', work-life balance is important for me and therefore for any staff that I manage. I am concerned about the environment and believe is respecting and caring for our elderly and doing what we can daily for the less fortunate.

My strengths and passion are in pre-project commencement planning, practical conceptualisation, stakeholder engagement, business development, relationship enhancement, team building, operational risk management, design management, planning and programme follow-through. One of my key strengths is the ability to create simple and logical methodologies at design / planning stages to facilitate the ease and delivery of a project and most importantly, to enjoy the journey and have fun along the way.



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Born in Zimbabwe, grew up in South Africa, now a Kiwi. (since 1997)

Qualifications

- Higher National Diploma Project Management
- National Diploma Project Management – Precursor to above qualification
- Certified Aconex Professional

WORK HISTORY

➤ **Project Director – (Consultant) Private Client April 2022 to present**

- Overall control of a retail project involving a café / restaurant , two gyms, a chemist / pharmacy big box trader and an Asian Supermarket

➤ **Project Director – Tailor Inc. – Construction Project Director – Aug. 2021 to April 2022**

- Tailor Inc. have traditionally focused on and are exceptionally good at what they specialise in, that being retail / mall design and fit-out project management. The establishment of a Constructor PM Division has not worked out for them and as all they are now going to focus on is retail, which is not my goal, I have decided to search for new challenges elsewhere.

➤ **Time off -Family time – March to August 2021**

➤ **Project Director – MIT TechPark (Consultant) – Completed project in February 2021**

- Design management, contract negotiations, consultant selection and engagement, overall financial and programme control of Manukau Institute of Technology new TechPark project (circa \$70Mill)
Including:
 - Overall programme control of physical construction works, relocation of 1000 students and staff including all the equipment.
 - MIT Stakeholder engagement to assemble new equipment specifications, budget assembly for said equipment, sourcing suppliers locally and internationally and arranging purchasing with the MIT Procurement teams, in consideration with programmed requirements and Forex considerations.
 - Business Case assembly including legal requirements for various project aspects, either independently or with specialised team assistance.
 - Risk analysis and mitigation in relation to campus disruptions and Change Management team interaction.



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- Provided detailed technical advice to faculty staff in conjunction with specialist supplier input.
 - Weekly, monthly reporting at various levels including Board and MIT Council.
 - Chairing of PCG Meetings.
 - Community, council, indigenous stakeholder involvement where required.
 - Contractor, Developer and Financial Institution project interaction.
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- **Senior Project Manager – Xigo Projects (Waikato) October 2017 to September 2018**
 - Manukau Institute of Technology – new TechPark RFP process management.
 - **Development Manager – Trinity Developments for NewUrban Group (May 2015 to Aug. 2016) (Consultant)**
 - **Newurban Group (NUG) in August 2016 to Feb. 2018**
 - **Project Director –, overseeing all aspects of Approx. \$100Mill. Worth of work. (Consultant)**
 - **Project Manager for NZ Defence Force (Oct. 2013 to March 2015) (Consultant)**
 - Planned annual projects and strategic upgrades to Operational facilities new capabilities and infrastructure, procurement of design teams and including works on RNZAF Base Ohakea, Tekapo, Burnham, Linton, Waiouru Army camps.
 - The Ohakea base operations included airside, control tower, runways, apron, taxiways and aviation lighting system works.
 - **Christchurch EQ Assessments – (May 2015 to Aug 2015) (Consultant)**
 - Insurance claim Loss Adjusting overview and scoping, project management of insurance claim repairs and rebuilds for several insurance companies via loss adjusters.
 - **Circa 2012 / 13 - Aquazael NZ Ltd (Consultant)** Various water commodity-based projects involving product development, bottling plant facility design and procurement partnership arrangements.
 - **Apollo Projects – (2011-2012) (Consultant)**
 - St John South Island, New corporate offices and 111 Call Centre & Dept. Internal Affairs & Dispute Resolution Services: New temporary offices.
 - Fonterra H&S accredited. (Lapsed)



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- **Arrow – AMI – (Oct 2010 – Oct 2011) (Consultant)**
 - Initiation team member for Arrow/AMI (Southern Response) project.
 - Senior PM – controlling North Canterbury PM hub rebuild programme.
 - For AMI, the Canterbury earthquake events resulted in the company receiving claims estimated at more than \$1.8 billion. Claims covered over 6,500 houses.
 - My involvement in this programme was to control the recovery process for approximately ¼ of this volume of work.

- **Manufacturing Manager – Ausco (Nov. 2009 – Sept. 2010 (Brisbane)) Employee**
 - Overall responsibility for modular manufacturing plant, t/o approx. \$5Mill Aus. per month, accommodation, custodial and engineering projects.

- **BFH De Jager Projects – (Oct 2009) (Cape Town) (Consultant)**
 - Southern Sun Hotels - Consultant PM, renovations and additions.
 - Shopping mall and hotel redevelopment work leading into the World Cup 2010.

➤ **Regional Manager – Naylor Love (Oct 2007 – July 2009) Employee**

Overall responsibility for Naylor Love Canterbury office including staffing, H&S, contracts, bids, and delivery. Examples of projects delivered

"Neill is the most innovative & intuitive person I have met and worked with in my 40 year career" - Mr Trevor Kempton Ex. M.D., Naylor Love Construction

- **Circa 2008 - Terrace Downs Resort (Consultant)** Various projects involving feasibility studies; resort infrastructure planning & funding partner procurement, undertaken on a private basis outside of Naylor Love works scope.

 - **Hoyts Cinemas (Consultant) 2004-2007**
 - New Hoyts Cinema complex in Sylvia Park, Auckland, Housing the World's Largest cinema screen, confirmed by **Guinness Book Of Records**.
("The idea and ultimate facilitation of this GBOR being achieved was the brain-child of Neill Laursen")
 - New Cinema complex in Riccarton, Christchurch
- Upgrade projects to the following cinemas:**
- Octagon Cinema in Dunedin , Northlands – Christchurch, Moorhouse – Christchurch, Regent Cinemas in Christchurch, Melbourne Central new cinemas, Manners Mall Cinema in Wellington
- Hoyts Cinemas Australia Ltd**
- Project feasibility for upgrades, Highpoint and Northland cinemas in **Melbourne**.
 - Design management and construction feasibility for Hoyts Central **Melbourne**.



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➤ **Carters - Modular Division**

- Factory and site systems development and implementation of commercial contracts.
- enduring homes – a modular home building company based in Carters Modular factory, project management of modular homes and commercial buildings from factory to site.

➤ **SAN LA MERE – Gulf Harbour (Consultant)**

- Feasibility studies and design management for new development including programming and specification development. The project did not stack up financially so it was cancelled.

➤ **Aspec Construction (Auckland) (Consultant)**

Skycity Casino redevelopments

- Detailed planning, programming and implementation of internal fit out and building renovations to the main casino gambling floor, completed whilst maintaining business operations for the client, involving numerous services, coordination of services: plumbing, drainage, power, data, telecoms, security, air-conditioning, fire and building management systems. New construction of the new Skycity private members club and Skycity theatre.

➤ **Foodstuffs (Auckland) Ltd (2000 – 2003)**

- Project Manager, Store Development Division
- Wide-ranging sole responsibilities for projects, including project planning and design delivery, all financial aspects and with the final deliverance of the finished supermarket / facility to budget, quality and schedule being my ultimate goal and responsibility.
- Involved in all aspects of the design, specification, procurement and delivery of all aspects of the store including all retail, preparation, mechanical and service components in projects ranging in value from NZ\$1/2 Million to NZ\$14 million.
- Responsible for coordination of design and delivery of all aspects of new builds for New World stores and Pak 'n Save stores allocated to me. Several these projects involved substantial refurbishments to the supermarkets whilst maintaining operations, A key aspect of the Cambridge New World renovation was the use of modular food prep accommodation.

➤ **Fletcher Residential ('1997 – 2000')**

- Project Manager – Fletcher Residential
 - Responsible for approx. 20 homes at any one time on subdivisions on the North Shore and West Auckland including subdivision construction.
- 2IC - Aston Marsh Homes - North Shore.
 - Responsible for all on site activities for the Division



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Points of Interest / Other

- Obtained the Guinness Book Of Records for Hoyts Cinemas, for their Sylvia Park project in Auckland, "Largest 35mm cinema Screen"
 - [\(LINK\)](#)
- Conceptualised, initiated and delivered the world's first Maori pou (Totem)
 - [\(LINK\)](#)
- Children's book Author, author of The Prince and The Merlion, retelling of the traditional Malay legend about the origins of the island of Singapore.
 - [Facebook Page](#)



Claire Chiang launches The Prince & The Merlion with Sabian Lau /aka Neill Laurenson. [Claire Chiang is a Singaporean entrepreneur, activist, and former Nominated Member of Parliament. She is the co-founder of hospitality group Banyan Tree and Chairperson of Singapore Zoo.]

➤ Volunteering Activities

- Logistics and 'Face' of SHuT an anti-human trafficking specialist operation.
- www.shut.co.nz





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1997 - MOVED TO NEW ZEALAND

SOUTH AFRICAN WORKING HISTORY

STEENBERG GOLF ESTATE (<https://www.steenbergfarm.com/>)

- Role - Estate Development Manager for Johnnic.

PROCRI – (Cape Town)

Role - Project Manager

- Pro-Crit specialized in commercial property development, mainly shopping centres and allied industries.

FLUSHGLAZED INNOVATIONS (Own company)

- Role – Director / Partner
- Established Flushglazed Innovations, a company focused on architecturally challenging glass and aluminium designer contracts.

MW ASSOCIATES

- Role – Project Manager
- MW Associates was South Africa's largest aluminium curtain walling and shop fitting company.
- PM for a multi-million-dollar curtain wall and skylight project, the Sanlam Head office project in Cape Town, and on the Bloemfontein Civic Centre.

SUMMIT CONSTRUCTION

- Role – Junior Project Manager
- Summit specialised in small to medium sized, industrial, institutional and commercial projects.
- My responsibilities included programming quality control; cost control; budget; liaison with client and professional team; Health and safety.

STOCKS & STOCKS CONSTRUCTION (<https://stefanuttistocks.com/>)

- Roles – Trainee Site Manager, and Site Agent/ Project Manager
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MILITARY TRAINING

- 61 Mech. Battalion Group SADF / Served in Angola - 1982/3
- 1 Parachute Battalion SADF
- School of Armour - Officers Course (Mechanised Infantry) SADF

SCHOOL

Completed High School with University Exemption in 1980, Cape Town, Bergvliet High School

SPORTS AND HOBBIES

- Walking, surfing, boogie-boarding with my daughter, horse riding.
 - Ex First Division Rugby Union referee
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