

FAULKS Kate

I am a hands-on farmer with a Bachelor of Engineering with Honors in Chemical & Process and a Master of Business Administration.

I farm 620ha in North Otago with my husband Adam, rearing and finishing 500 dairy-beef and grazing 1400 dairy stock. As a full-time farmer and shareholder of our cooperative, I am deeply invested in Ravensdown's future prosperity.

I believe that Ravensdown is at a critical moment in terms of focus and direction at this challenging time and there has never been a more pivotal moment for resilient leadership. With a 'skin in the game' mentality, I have the courage to ask tough questions necessary to navigate this change.

As a farmer backed with qualifications and career experience in operations, engineering, and management in addition to governance experience in local community and large-scale organisations (such as my Board Intern role with Port Otago), I believe I am an excellent fit for Ravensdown.

Recent endorsement from the Port Otago board to extend my term has been a vote of confidence in my ability to add value at a board level. This role continues to strengthen my governance skills in supply chain, risk management, environmental and commercial/customer challenges – all of which are similarly pivotal to Ravensdown.

Cooperative values are important, but without the right strategy and sharp execution in place, any ownership structure becomes effectively meaningless.

I am not a 'career director' chasing numerous governance roles, in fact I am focused solely on Ravensdown as I believe I have specific skills in operations, logistics, engineering and human resources that Ravensdown requires to tackle these challenges head-on.

Experience & Qualifications

- Board Intern - Port Otago Limited 2022 - Present
- Board Intern - Chalmers Properties Limited 2022 - Present
- Director - Altavady Limited 2018- Present
- Director - Glenkerry Farm Limited 2021- Present
- Steering Board - North Otago Sustainable Land Management Group Inc. 2020 – Present
- Master of Business Administration, University of Otago (MBA) First Class - 2021
- 'To the Core' - Leadership and Governance Programme 2019 & 2020
- Papakaio Mountain Bike Race Committee 2022 – 2024
- Exxon Mobil – Project Engineer (Lyttelton), Terminal Manager (Bluff), Operations Coordinator (Lyttelton) 2012-2018
- Bachelor of Engineering with Honors in Chemical & Process, Canterbury University BE (Hons) 2012

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