

Berni Marra



Berni Marra is the Manager of Ashburton Health Services, incorporating Ashburton Hospital and community led service delivery provided through Canterbury District Health Board.

I have 15 years' experience in managing services and facilitating partnerships and integration across the health and social services sectors. I am passionate about building the strength of an organisation by working with the strength of the people in our team, navigating our collective journey together to bring to life an organisational vision, motivating people to charge of their own destiny, and harnessing this to achieve collective goals and vision for the good of communities.

Throughout my career I have worked in general management, business development and service delivery roles for several public funded organisations, charitable trusts, NGOs and for-profit businesses.

Growing up in the small Lower Hutt suburb of Naenae in the North Island, I have a deep appreciation of the value of engaging with community stakeholders to develop plans that strengthen community resilience. Workforce planning is an area she particularly enjoys.

Having left school early to support my mother, and subsequently raising three children myself as a solo parent, I strongly believe in commitment to your promises, and working until the job is done.