**Prabha Ravi QSM, JP**

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**Governance Statement**

I am committed to helping public & not for profit sector organisations and private businesses grow to its full potential through best practice governance. In the past 15 years, I have provided a sustainable long-term vision and strategic direction to the boards I have served providing clarity to the management team to execute them effectively. With a strong background in business development and deep experience in the education, art & culture industry, I have specific expertise within the export-oriented organisations. I also have strong interest in community development and engagement and experience in sports & health governance.

**Governance experience:**

**Public Sector & Community:**

* Chair- Hutt Valley District Health Board, Consumer Council- July 2018 – current
* Director- Cricket Wellington Board- September 2018- current
  + CE Performance Appraisal Subcommittee
  + Chair- Community Engagement & Development Subcommittee
  + Women in Cricket Governance Steering group committee at NZ Cricket
  + Honours Board Committee member
* Executive Committee Member- Women on Boards- June 2018- current
* Hutt City Council Community Panel Central Ward, second term- Aug- 2020- current
* Business Advisory group panel member-Aotearoa Kapa Haka Limited- Feb 2020- current
* Trustee- Hutt Community Radio & Audio Archives Charitable Trust- Apr 2020- current
* Board Member- BATS Theatre, Nov 2020- current
* Board Member- Wellington Hockey, Nov 2020- current

**Education:**

* Board member- Education Wellington International- May 2019- April 2020
* Board of Trustee- Epuni School, Lower Hutt- Dec 2017- June 2019
* Chair –Study Whanganui Aug 2015- Nov 2017
* Board Member- Education Wanganui, Aug 2015- Sept 2016
* Board member - Education Wellington International (EWI)- 2006-2009
* Advisory Board Member- Whitireia ESOL unit April 2015-June 2015
* Advisory Board Member ANZA (Australia New Zealand agent) 2010-2012
* ENZ South East Asia Strategic Advisory Group Member- 2006-2009

**Board strengths:**

**Governance Capability:**

* Strong ability to chair, with a passion for good governance and organisation growth
* Sound experience as an establishment chair setting up the consumer council for HVDHB
* Advocate and represent the consumers effectively at board and management meetings
* Sound experience in making good decisions on funding allocation for community-based projects and artists involving public money at Hutt City Council
* Focus on sustainability, long term vision & strategy and succession plans
* Can highlight challenges and risks involved in business plans and strategy
* Can provide clear direction to the CE/management team on what’s expected of them
* Performance review of CE/General Manager

**Industry/Sector Experience:**

* Community representation at local, national government and diverse not for profit community organizations with a focus on growing community engagement and experience.
* Education across all sectors at regional, national and international level - tertiary, schools, English language, group tours, outdoor recreation, education products, ITO and regional economic growth. Export Education with deep knowledge and contacts in over 40 countries
* Leading performing arts, culture and theatre productions
* Management consultancy helping businesses on strategy, business plans, processes and BD

**Functional skills:**

* International engagement and marketing across Asia, Middle East, Europe and Americas
* Communications, strategic partnerships, stakeholder engagement and fundraising
* Compliance, policy setting, identifying risks & challenges, legislation, advocacy
* Coaching, mentoring, facilitating, presenting and reviewing

**Executive experience:**

## **Professional Development & Educational Qualification:**

* How to lead an effective board- NZSTA
* Governance training- Hutt City Council
* Financial Essentials- New Zealand Institute of Directors
* Applied Clinical Governance Workshop- Australian Institute for Clinical Governance
* Judicial Justices Course- To sit as a Judicial Justice at the District Courts

**Madras University, India**

* Master of Arts, Public Administration- 1993
* Bachelor of Science, Mathematics- 1990

**Government Missions:**

* Delegate - NZ Ministry of Education delegation to Shanghai Expo in June 2010
* Delegate - Hutt City Council Mayoral delegation to China and Japan in Oct 2008
* Delegate - NZ Ministry of Education delegation to Vietnam in Dec 2007

**Awards:**

* Queen Services Medal by NZ government for contribution to dance and ethnic communities- June 2017
* Community Award & Culture Award by Indian Newslink in October 2018 & June 2019
* Finalist Wellingtonian of the Year Award- Education in 2016
* Recipient of Cultural award by Upper Hutt Multicultural society in 2013
* Recipient of Civic Honor award by Hutt City Council in 2012

**Professional membership:**

* Member of Royal Federation of JP Association, Hutt City- since Aug 2016
* Established Member- NZ Asian Leaders, NZAL- Sept 2017 – current
* Member- Governance NZ & Women on Boards- June 2018- current

## **Work status:**

**Grow Consultancy Limited**, **Founder & Executive Director June 2014 to current**

A management consultancy firm helping organisations develop/review strategy, business plans, products and processes, marketing, PR and stakeholder engagement.

**Natraj School of Dance, Founder, Director** **& Choreographer** **May 1999 to current**

A social enterprise providing specialized training in Indian classical dance.

Past leadership roles include working at various large public & private tertiary institutions, Crown Entity and Not- for -Profit Community organisations.