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Meet ICNZB Certified Bookkeeper™

Rachel Paterson.

Rachel has been a member of ICNZB since August 2017 and is based in Paihia, Northland.

Why did you become a bookkeeper?

"After years of working for other people and organisations, I wanted more flexibility in my life to do things that were important to me - like spending time with my family, travelling & living in different places. Now I can work from anywhere and at any time - I can work around my family and other things I wanted to do with my life."

What do you enjoy most about bookkeeping?

"Digging in and finding out the how or why a transaction happened - I call it forensic bookkeeping. And developing systems or processes to remove pain points - businesses operating in a state of chaos with poor systems and almost no processes need help to streamline their work & information flows."

What is the best piece of advice you have ever been given?

"A business with systems and processes is most valuable when it allows a business owner to step away and focus on the big picture."

You have to sing karaoke, what song do you pick and why?

"Don't forget your roots - Six60. It's a reminder of my proud Kiwi heritage."

If you had to delete all but 3 apps from your smartphone, which ones would you keep?

"Emails, bank account, Facebook."

The zombie apocalypse is coming, who are 3 people you want on your team?

"Chris Hemsworth, Dwyane 'The Rock' Johnson, and my best friend Kaza."

What sport would you compete in if you were in the Olympics?

"Mexican Grandstand Wave Cheer Starter."