

## MENTORS



**Brigitte Landy**  
**Head of Corporate & Executive Recruitment**  
**– NSW & QLD**  
**(FLP 2015 Alumni Inaugural)**

### Rarekind

Brigitte comes with close to 20 years' experience working with clever and ambitious people.

She consults with businesses across the Hunter Region, Central Coast, Western Sydney and Brisbane, to help them find the right people that won't just contribute to their culture, but help create it.

She builds long, fulfilling careers for people that want to contribute, add value, and help their companies grow, while raising future leaders.

Leading teams across NSW and QLD, Brigitte has spent the last 2 decades working with people from their first career entry point, and mentored them to become successful leaders – whether that be internally at Rarekind, or externally with the recruitment services she has provided to businesses and individuals.

Known for her curious questioning style, be prepared for Brigitte to make you feel a little uncomfortable while getting to know you. It's how she gets to dig deep on your true purpose, goals, and motivators.

Brigitte was part of HunterNet's inaugural Future Leaders Program in 2015.

Testimonial:

*Brigitte's leadership style has been a perfect balance of careful guidance and sink or swim style. Lucky for me I've always swam, and if I started to sink, I had Brig there to lift me back up.*

*Taking me along the journey with her, she encourages me to ask the tough questions to dig deeper to find the solution. The ultimate curious questioner. Brig has been an important role model to my own leadership journey, and I wouldn't be where I am in my career if it wasn't for her support.*

– Emily Tully, Hunter Manager, Corporate & Executive Recruitment.

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**Tim Blakemore**  
**Judo Bank**  
**(FLP 2015 Alumni Inaugural)**

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Boldly backing business.

Tim Blakemore is an experienced commercial banker who is also a former Chairman of the Hunternet Future Leaders program. Tim began his banking career with NAB in 2010 where he worked for 11 years as a senior business banker managing a portfolio of large commercial clients, many of whom are well known local Newcastle institutions. In 2021 Tim joined Judo Bank and was tasked with opening the first Judo Bank office in Newcastle and establishing the banks presence in the city. Tim is now leading the Newcastle team which has grown significantly over the past two and a half years and Judo Banks brand in Newcastle has developed to the point it is now a recognised disrupter in the market and a legitimate threat to the established major banks.

Tim took part in the first ever Future Leaders program and joined the FLP committee the following year before becoming chairman the year after. He credits the Future Leaders program with helping to build on and progress his leadership journey and with forming many lasting friendships and business relationships along the way. Tim is looking forward to taking part in the 2023 program as a team mentor and assisting the regions next generation of future leaders.

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**Ian Brown**

**Project Manager at  
Sandvik Mining and  
Rock Technology  
(FLP 2016 Alumni)**



Ian is currently the Overhauls Project Manager at Sandvik Mining and Rock Technology and has also held senior operational management roles across the mining and manufacturing industry for the last 20 years with mining equipment OEM's and hire companies including WesTrac and Bis Industries.

Ian holds formal qualifications in Project Management and Maintenance Management through the University of New England and is a Diesel Mechanic by trade.

Ian's current role includes the management of all Mechanical Cutting Projects through the Sandvik Heatherbrae workshop including cost control, customer interaction and resource allocation.

Ian is an FLP Alumni having completed the program in 2016. He also service for 5 years on the Future Leaders Committee from 2017-2021 including 2 years as Chairman from 2020-2021.

Ian has a passion for investing in the future leaders of our region and enabling them to identify and harness their leadership capabilities to contribute to the future growth of our region.



**Caitlin Powell**

**Leadership Coach,  
Workshop Facilitator  
and Consultant  
(FLP 2017 Alumni)**

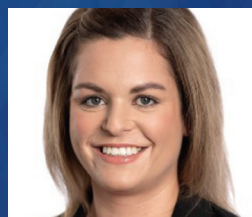


Caitlin brings strategic intent to people initiatives to create "workplaces worth working for".

Caitlin is currently working with Cutcher & Neale as the People & Culture Manager to drive people initiatives in line with their key strategic goals. With over 10 years experience in organisational development, Caitlin is using her knack for connecting people to strategy, building leadership capability, and creating culture by design to drive positive change for the business.

As a big-picture, forward-thinking person, Caitlin loves designing meaningful programs that empower leaders to lead and developing people strategies that embed lasting positive impact on the people and businesses she works with.

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**Kate Thomson**

**Associate  
Director Australian  
Business Lawyers  
& Advisors  
(FLP 2018 Alumni)**



Kate is an Associate Director based in the Newcastle office of Australian Business Lawyers & Advisors, a boutique law firm specialising in employment and industrial relations and proudly a HunterNet member of long standing.

A self-confessed "IR Nerd", Kate specialises in providing clients with strategic advice regarding sensitive industrial matters, dispute resolution and enterprise bargaining.

Her clients range from very small to multinational and include government entities, Councils and listed companies from broad range of industry sectors including mining and resources, disability services, manufacturing and construction.

Away from six-minute billable units, Kate is a regular author, presenter and educator on a range of employment- and safety-related topics. She is also the junior Vice President of the Newcastle Law Society committee of management and Director of Administration at Newcastle Surf Life Saving Club.

Kate is part of the 2018 Alumni cohort of the HunterNet Future Leaders Program and – most importantly for current purposes – a member of that year's winning project team.