

Rachel Brodie

"I love working within the kiwifruit industry because Trevelyan's and Zespri are quality brands delivering a healthy and safe product to global markets."

Current position in the kiwifruit industry – Sustainability Co-ordinator

Who do you work for?

Trevelyan's Pack and Cool Ltd, Te Puke.

What does your role involve?

My administration role includes research and promotion of sustainable innovations for Trevelyan's Pack and Cool Ltd operations, including corporate social responsibility and communications to our growers, staff, markets and community.

What was your career path?

After leaving school in Auckland I had a retail job in a fabric store before progressing to roles in finance and banking. After a short time travelling I took on customer service and administration roles in infrastructure, including contracts for rail, energy and waste. These roles opened my eyes to the amount of 'stuff' people buy and the resource that is consumed by service providers, as well as the resulting waste to landfill.

Over almost 10 years in customer service for Carter Holt Harvey (supplier of packaging to the kiwifruit industry) I gained a diploma in Business Administration. I also gained an appreciation for an exciting and diverse supply chain in which I worked closely with customers in many packhouses and with Zespri around packaging demand, supply and design.

In order to up-skill myself, I began with Trevelyan's in 2010 in a Harvest Coordination role. After a time I worked more closely with management and the operations team in an admin support capacity. The Executive Director recognised the need to improve how we do things. The development of our Sustainability Framework and initiatives started in 2011, and I jumped at the chance to be involved.

Over the last four years I have gained a level 5 certificate in Environment and Sustainability and have completed a level 5 certificate in Sustainable Practice from Otago Polytechnic through the Adding Sustainable Value programme. My passion has developed into an exciting and varied role within the company that sees me work with many different departments on many interesting and rewarding projects.

What do you like about working within the kiwifruit industry?

Being part of a large supply chain means there is so much scope to learn and to innovate. The potential to improve the way we do things for better economic, social and environmental outcomes both now and in the future is something I will always work towards.



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