

## **Tessa Hunter**

*"The kiwifruit industry is continually growing and developing, and the scope for career opportunities both in New Zealand and offshore is so exciting."*

### **Current position in the kiwifruit industry –**

*OPC Technical Officer*

### **Who do you work for?**

*Zespri International Limited*

### **What does your role involve?**

*I work in the Orchard Productivity Team, which we like to think of as the bridge between science and the growers. We spend most of our time planning and running extension events like field days and workshops, writing technical material and coming up with the most effective ways of communicating to our growers which are spread around the regions.*

### **What was your career path?**

*I completed a Bachelor of Science (psychology) at Otago and went on to study a Graduate Diploma. I grew up rurally with my parents involved in the dairy industry, and although I wasn't set on what I was looking for in a graduate role, I was keen to work in the primary industries. I was lucky enough to take part in the two year Zespri graduate programme - which involved one year out in the European and Chinese markets with the global Zespri staff, as well as a year rotating around all sorts of areas in the New Zealand side of the industry. This led into my current role.*

### **What do you like about working within the kiwifruit industry?**

*I really like the close knit feel of the industry – I was recently an industry conference dinner that involved a whole range of people mixing and mingling, right from the grassroots growing side of the industry, all the way to sales and marketing staff and customers from all over the world. The industry is generally very collaborative, and everyone understands how the whole machine of the industry fits together.*



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*"I love working in the kiwifruit industry because of its incredibly passionate people!"*



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