



MY experience...

"The Corporate8s competition revolutionized our workplace and team dynamic. We entered an Aon team comprising of people from 3 of our local branches – Wanganui, Feilding and Palmerston North. We were all complete Novices, but keen to give it a go and try something new. Having a goal to work towards united us!

On the water, it was harder than we first thought it would be – timing and technique being two of the key things we needed to learn and master, however the sense of accomplishment as we achieved different milestones, was both personally and corporately fulfilling. The parallels to this and our workplace environment are now very obvious to me. As a work team, we spend a lot of our days together. To be exceptional, our job requires us to work together closely and support one another to give the best products and services to our customers. Out on the boat, we learned how absolutely critical teamwork was to performance. We fine-tuned our ability to listen to one another, work in step with each other, and to be aware of our surroundings. We learned discipline, grit and heart – and we became a true team. I can still remember the day we first rowed all eight together – the boat was a little bit wobbly – but we flew! It was exhilarating!

Our attitude and excitement was infectious. The buzz in our respective offices about the upcoming race was energizing and heightened as race day approached. The relationships between our Aon branches were strengthened and on our race day we were stunned and honoured to have almost all of our regional team there on the banks to support us – as well as our CEO and 2IC!

I would recommend the experience to anyone, and I challenge Business owners and their staff to get out there and give it a go. It was and will remain one of the fondest memories of my working career and my life."

Maree Langford, Aon