

PREMIUM SELECTION

Rabobank has appointed **Ben Russell** as general manager of its New Zealand rural banking operations. He replaces **Doug Crombie**, who left



the bank earlier this year. Mr Russell, who will be based in Wellington, has headed Rabobank Australia and New Zealand's food and agribusiness research unit since February 2004. He has a PhD in animal science and a degree in wool and pastoral science. He was previously a programme manager in on-farm research and development with Meat & Livestock Australia and the director of wool and livestock with the New South Wales Farmers' Association.

3M New Zealand has appointed **Mark Laithwaite** as group general manager consumer and office markets. He joined 3M New Zealand in 2001 and has a background in engineering,



sales and logistics. He has also worked as national sales manager for the safety, security, display and graphics division. He replaces **Chris Brereton** who has moved to the position of 3M Six Sigma Black Belt, which focuses on 3M's business improvement programme and project management processes.

Pacifica Transport Group has appointed **Richard Allan** as its national sales manager. He has 18 years' experience in transport and shipping, including as import manager for Maersk New Zealand and national sales manager for Quadrant Pacific. His new role involves land transport, freight distribution and coastal shipping operations for containerised and bulk cargo around New Zealand.



AMP Capital Investors has appointed **Warren Potter** as fixed interest portfolio manager. He has spent more than a decade at the Reserve Bank, where his most recent job was senior portfolio manager in the foreign reserves section.

Tauranga-based Priority One, the Western Bay of Plenty sub-region's economic development organisation, has appointed **David Marriott** as chief executive. He has an engineering background and has worked in contracting, management and governance roles. Most recently, he was involved in driving the growth of Transfield Services in New Zealand. Before that he spent four years as a direct adviser to the ministers of state-owned enterprises and finance on the performance, direction and risks of the government SOE portfolio.



The Association of Consulting Engineers NZ (Acenz) has appointed **Kieran Shaw** as chief executive officer. He has a background in business and economics (London) that was followed by executive roles in financial control and project management for worldwide oil and gas projects. He joined Queenstown Lakes District Council as deputy CEO and for the past seven years has been CEO of Carterton District Council.

Simpson Grierson has appointed **Tim Stephens** as a partner in the firm's Wellington commercial



litigation unit. He has been in practice since 1995, rejoining Simpson Grierson in 2001 after three years in England where he undertook postgraduate study at the University of Oxford and worked in a leading London litigation firm. He is a fellow of the Center for International Legal Studies, a member of the Australian Institute of Insurance & Finance and Insol New Zealand. He is the author of a number of academic texts and articles.

Rachel Paris has returned to Bell Gully as a senior associate in the Auckland office after four years



working and studying in the US and UK. She began her career with Bell Gully's banking and finance team and left to join Harvard Law School's masters in law programme

where she specialised in media and entertainment law. After graduating from Harvard in 2003, she joined London law firm Allen & Overy's projects group, advising on the financing and structuring of major global infrastructure and acquisition projects. She went on to Olswang, the UK's leading technology and media law firm, advising major studios such as Walt Disney and Warner Bros, as well as leading independent film producers, on film production and GAAP financing structures, and sale and leaseback transactions.

The Wellington-based NZ Federation of Voluntary Welfare Organisations has appointed



Kate Cowmeadow as projects adviser. She was previously in Australia where she worked as a media adviser and strategist in state and federal government offices. She most recently worked for a Queensland disability services organisation, developing specialised funding and sponsorship models.

Chapman Tripp has

appointed **Katherine Sutcliffe**, a trade mark attorney, and **Imogen Fowler**, senior solicitor, to its intellectual property and information technology team. Ms Sutcliffe is a registered patent attorney and is also qualified in the UK. She has 13 years' experience, including four at Baldwins and nine with UK firm Marks & Clerk. Ms Fowler previously worked at Russell McVeagh. She also spent two years at Lovells in Spain, where she specialised in EU trade mark and design law.



Thebics Consulting has appointed **Andrew Tunnicliffe** to its new business development team. His background spans the information services and technology industry in the UK, and New Zealand.

