

# SOUNDCHECK AOTEAROA

A safe and inclusive culture for the music community  
*Hei kōrero, hei wero, hei kōkiri anō hoki*

## FACILITATOR BIOGRAPHIES



### **Rachel Harrison**

Rachel Harrison lives on the Coromandel Peninsula and works with organisations and communities across Aotearoa to help prevent sexual harassment, sexual violence, domestic violence and child abuse.

Rachel believes that harassment, violence and abuse are preventable and that the best solutions are tailored to each specific community and workplace, making use of their strengths and minimising specific risk factors.

Rachel started at Auckland Rape Crisis in the 1990's, and since then has worked at Netsafe, the Hauraki Family Violence and Child Abuse Prevention Services Hauraki. She is now self-employed and works with a range of public and private sector organisations including ACC Injury Prevention, the New Zealand Defence Force, New Zealand Rugby, BNZ, and the Screen Women's Action Group as they work toward making their communities safe and free from harassment and abuse.



### **Melanie Calvesbert**

Mel was born, grew up and lives in Te Whanganui ā Tara (Wellington). She is Pākehā and works at the New Zealand Defence Force as one of their small team of regionally based Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Advisors. Moving into this role in June 2016 was a major change for Mel who had previously worked mostly in NGOs including WellStop and the Wellington Sexual Abuse HELP Foundation. Mel was attracted to her current role by the fact that prevention was in the job title and job description. She has enjoyed and been challenged by being able to take prior learning and adapt that in order to be able to play a small part within an organisation which has taken on the challenge of culture change.