



The PRSB Professional Standards Division Presents The moral of the story: storytelling and ethical decision making

You are invited to join the second ethics conversation of the Professional Standards Division of the Police Registration and Services Board (PRSB) with Professor Michael Macaulay. Professor Macaulay is an ethicist with expertise in public leadership, integrity, public ethics and anti-corruption.

Workshop content

This session will look at the use of storytelling and how that connects – both positively and negatively – with ethical decision making. It will explore the psychological links between developing narratives and sensemaking and will offer an example of positive storytelling practice from New Zealand police. The session will also warn against the dangers of storytelling as a form of manipulation on an individual and cultural level. While there will time to share ‘our stories’ the focus of the session will mainly be on the practical hows and whys of using storytelling as a means of effective ethical decision making.

Workshop details

When: 24 March 10 – 11.30 am

Where: Online

Cost: Free

How: Sign up [here](#)

About Professor Michael Macaulay



Professor Michael Macaulay is Professor of Public Administration at the School of Government, Te Herenga Waka, Victoria University of Wellington (NZ) and has held visiting professor posts in the UK and South Africa. Michael has worked with numerous international government agencies and NGOs including the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Council of Europe and Transparency International. Within New Zealand, he has co-authored evaluations on NZ Police and the State Services Commission and works regularly with SSC, SFO, and numerous other agencies on anti-corruption, workplace misconduct and whistleblowing. Michael is also a former judge, having spent 7 years on the Teesside Bench in the UK.

About the Professional Standards Division of PRSB

The Professional Standards Division's objectives are to:

- advise on competency standards, practice standards, educational courses and supervised training arrangements for police officers, protective services officers and police reservists
- support and promote the continuing education and professional development of police officers, protective services officers and police reservists

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- Dr Eva Tsahuridu, Deputy President PRSB, Professional Standards Division
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About the PRSB

The Police Registration and Services Board (PRSB) is an independent statutory body established by the *Victoria Police Act 2013*. In addition to *Professional Standards Division*, its two other Divisions are:

- *Registration Division*: registers people on the Police Profession Register, maintains the Register and advises on proposed appointments to Victoria Police.
- *Review Division*: performs tribunal functions relating to members of Victoria Police. It conducts independent reviews of discipline decisions and appeals of decisions to promote or transfer and other specified employment-related decisions.