

**Achieving sustainable  
transformational change for  
the business and customer.**

“The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different outcome”



# IN THIS SESSION

- Lessons in achieving sustainable change
- Gaining buy in: staff, management, customers
- Techniques to improve market share and customer satisfaction

“When a management team with a reputation for results tackles a business with a reputation for bad economics, it’s the reputation of the business that remains intact”

**WARREN BUFFETT**



# INGREDIENTS FOR SUCCESS

- Burning platform
- Leader-led
- The right people
- Pace, agility, tenacity and **BIG KAHUNA'S**
- Clear vision
- Stakeholder endorsement
- End game approach



# WHAT'S THE BURNING PLATFORM?

- > Clear rationale for change...
- > Business performance
- > Culture change
- > Business growth
- > **“Be really clear”** about the need for change

## CASE STUDY: NZ POST A BURNING PLATFORM

- Unprofitable Retail offer
- A “channel” trying to be a “business”
- Confusing product range
- Staff capability
- Ineffective franchise model
- Cross organisational challenges



# STATE OF THE NATION

**280**

The number of PostShop Kiwibank stores in the network.

**89%**

% of customers living within 5km of a PostShop Kiwibank store or PostCentre.

**13%**

% of consumers who abandoned a visit to a PostShop, before entering, due to the store appearing too crowded or the queue too long.

**910**

The number of postal outlets nationwide.

**Double**

The proportion of Kiwibank customers who have moved to online banking in the last five years.

**8%**

% of consumers who enter the store and then abandon the purchase due to length of the queue and crowding in-store.

**7.5**

Customer rating of in-store experience down from 7.9 as a result of reduced performance on time to be served and reduced perceptions of service quality.

**2 mins**

Margin by which all consumer customers believe they have to wait longer to be served than is reasonable.

**300,000**

Customers who describe the store experience as a barrier to joining Kiwibank.

**2000**

Staff working in the current PostShop network (corporate staff).

**2.03**

Current number of products per main bank Kiwibank customer, versus 4.3 market norm.

**47%**

Current conversion % to main bank customers. Striving to achieve industry best practice of 76%.

## CIRCLING THE WAGONS (SET IT UP RIGHT) ...

- **“Brightest and best people”** only
- Operational Front-line from day 1
- Choose the right methodology
- Consider placement & no “BAU”
- Invite stakeholders into the camp
- Revolution needs constraints

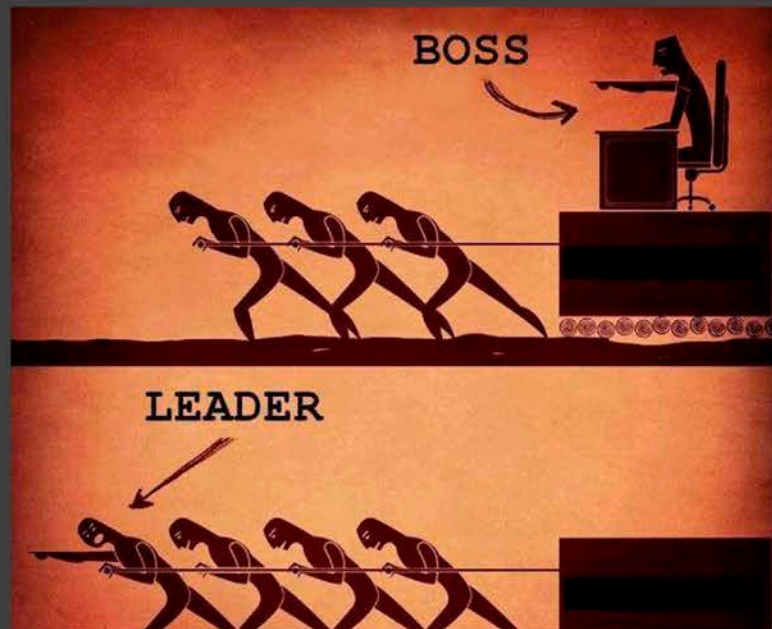


# THE PROCESS

- > Create red & blue teams
- > Subversive role
- > Always have **alternatives** to preferred strategy
- > The “What if”...create a clear counter factual
- > **“Fail fast”**...mistakes will happen

# TEAM ENVIRONMENT

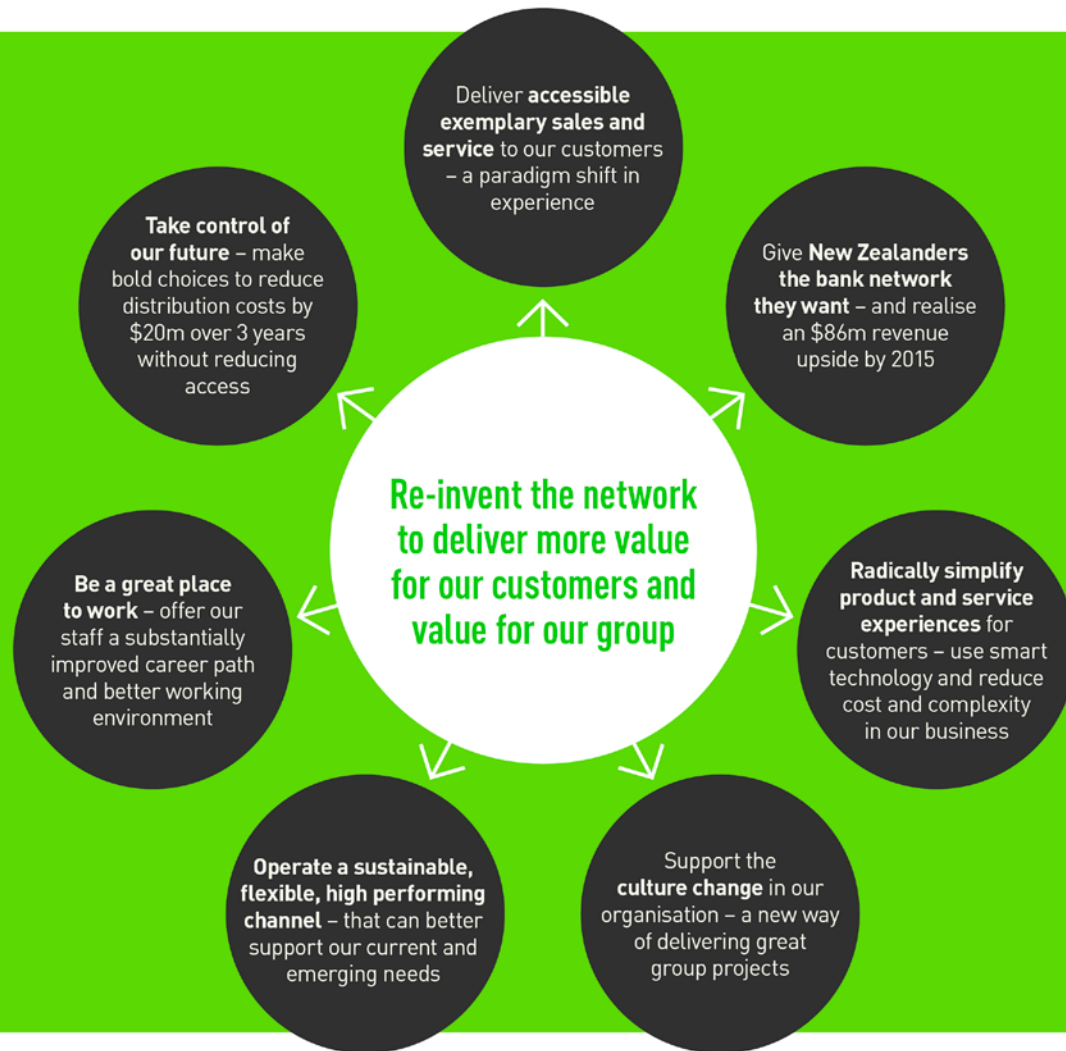
- Pace & agility
- Creativity, test, learn, retest
- **80/20** is better than 100%
- Quick results build credibility
- Not everyone's opinion is equal!
- Brand it!
- Urgency, urgency, urgency...



# PREFERRED STRATEGY

- > Simple is not always best but **best is always simple**
- > Must be constantly evaluated
- > Must be owned & communicated by the CEO
- > Don't develop competing business plans
- > Don't re-litigate
- > Get to know your stakeholders intimately

# KEEP THE STRATEGY SIMPLE



## “LIVING” THE CHANGE?

Research shows 60%-80% of change projects fail to deliver & 30% leave the organisation in a worse state than it was prior to the change!



“The road to hell  
is paved with good  
intentions”



**Better  
Change  
Project**

FROM THIS



...TO THIS, IN SIX MONTHS



# STICKYIFYING CUSTOMERS

- > Define Customer Value
- > Data, Data, DATA!
- > Clear & Simple Propositions
- > Test, and retest
- > Brand and message



# HUMAN CENTRED DESIGN

- > Define Target areas
- > Focus on process and tech
- > Refine Op Model on customer
- > Critical measures
- > Feedback
- > Map customer journey – new state
- > Integrate disparate businesses



# SPRINT – RAPID TEST & LEARN



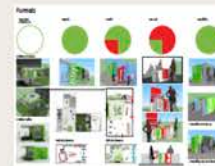
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Format strategy  
refinement



Format finalisation



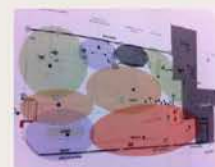
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Rapid prototyping



Trial planning &  
functional brief



Trial format  
footprint design



Detailed design



Materials & finishes

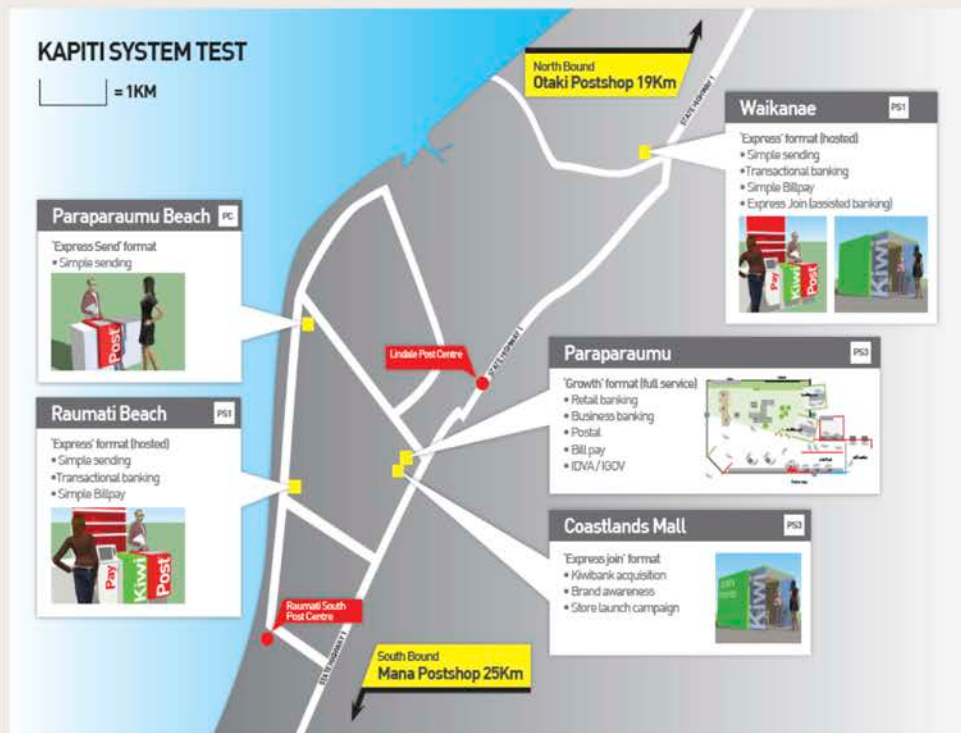


Channel branding  
strategy



Mock-up testing

# PILOT IN MARKET



## BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION LESSONS

- Optimisation and making incremental changes is a viable strategic choice – but is often used to avoid **real transformation**
- Never allow the **fundamentalists** to run away with the programme
- Stakeholders don't have to agree with every strategic element – but they do have to **endorse it**

## BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION LESSONS CONTINUED

- Stakeholders need “**information**” and “**decision-making**” forums with agenda’s and time-critical decisions flagged – take absence as approval
- Communication is no substitute for **advocacy**

# BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION – THE LESSONS

## OFFER CE'S STRATEGIES TO CHANGE WITH DEMONSTRABLE OUTCOMES

Red/Blue

Find real examples & people  
that can work as change agents

Definable and measurable  
outcomes...quickly

## STUDY & LEARN FROM “GAME CHANGERS”

Air NZ

Cirque du Soleil

Apple – “iPod”

Branson

Umpqua Bank

## BECOME OPEN TO AND ADEPT AT DIFFERENT CHANGE APPROACHES

Agile

Blue Ocean

Hypothesis-led Strategy

# IF YOU TAKE AWAY NOTHING ELSE TODAY, REMEMBER...

- Right People
- Leader-led and it's not a Democracy
- Engage Stakeholders and Customers

# Thanks for listening.

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