

## Women on Boards Networking events

### Presenter

#### Luciana Garcia



Born and bred in Montevideo (Uruguay), being active and playing sport has been part of Luciana's life since she can remember. Synchronised Swimming was her sport of choice and it has enabled her to have some amazing experiences around the globe while learning about herself, others and the world.

Luciana completed a degree in Physical Education in Uruguay and migrated to Spain to study a Master in Talent Development and High Performance while pursuing her coaching career in Synchronised Swimming. In 2010, she arrived in New Zealand to coach a Synchro club in Southland and the National Team, leading NZ swimmers

to the Commonwealth Games, FINA World Champs and Oceania Champs.

In 2015 it was time for Luciana to move on and explore other career opportunities...since then, Luciana has been working at Sport Southland initially in the coaching space and over the last couple of years in leadership positions, currently as the General Manager.

Luciana is still connected to Synchro from a governance role, but with a special passion in creating opportunities for young women to grow their leadership through sport as participants, as coaches, as officials or in whatever role they would like to have. Last year, with a group of other passionate Southlanders, she founded Women in Sport Murihiku with the purpose of raising the value and visibility of girls and women in sport in Southland.