ArcBlue adds Chris Gardner to bolster its ANZ presence

Procurement and supply chain consultancy, ArcBlue, has strengthened its Australian team with the addition of Chris Gardner.



Sydney, New South Wales Jul 29, 2024 (<u>Issuewire.com</u>) - Joining as a Director in the Sydney office, Chris Gardner will leverage his extensive procurement and supply chain consulting experience to bolster the Cost Optimisation practice and support ArcBlue's clients across NSW.

He will support ArcBlue clients from private and public sector in NSW to improve procurement

performance, utilising 20+ years of deep subject matter expertise across achieving bottom-line cost savings, procurement transformation and strategy, category management, S2P and supplier relationship management.

Gardner most recently held the role of Managing Principal - Procurement at consulting firm, Argon & Co, where he was responsible for developing and delivering the ANZ Procurement Service Offering and sat on the ANZ Leadership Team and Global Procurement Capability Leadership Team.

Chris moved to Australia 2 years ago following postings in the London and Paris offices, utilising his broad experience from multiple prior Procurement Leadership roles within the entertainment, packaging and media industries.

ArcBlue's Cost Optimisation practice lead, Chris Hodgson, said: "We're excited to have Chris Gardner join our team in Sydney. His wealth of experience and commercial acumen will be a real asset to our clients and will play a pivotal role in ArcBlue's growth in NSW."

Gardner joins at a time of growth within ArcBlue, following its acquisition in 2022 by Bain & Company. ArcBlue was recently named one of Australia's leading procurement consulting firms for 2024 by consultancy.com.au, achieving a Platinum-level ranking. Read it here: https://www.consultancy.com.au/rankings/2024/top-consulting-firms-in-australia-by-area-of-expertise-2024/procurement

"Chris joins the team at an exciting time in ArcBlue's growth trajectory, as we further grow our capability to deliver procurement performance improvement solutions to the private sector market not only in Australia, but across the Asia Pacific," stated Hodgson.

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Founded in Australia in 2013, ArcBlue specializes in all aspects of the procurement and supply chain lifecycle, with experience across a wide range of industries and supply categories. ArcBlue is recognised for delivering world class, transformational programs and solutions - enabling clients to get maximum value from their procurement and supply chain practices.

Headquartered in Melbourne, Australia, ArcBlue has offices across the Asia Pacific, in Sydney, Adelaide, Brisbane and Perth, as well as in Auckland, Singapore, Hong Kong and Kuala Lumpur, and has a team of more than 150 procurement and supply chain professionals located across the region.

ArcBlue's key services and offerings include:

- Procurement performance improvement and cost optimisation programs
- Category management expertise
- Strategic sourcing capabilities
- Social and sustainable procurement and supply chain solutions
- Expert spend analytics and digital offerings
- Training and learning development services
- A proprietary digital procurement platform, myBuy
- Project resourcing and recruiting services

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