## Disrupting financial services through technology and people

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### Introduction

- Director Burley White & co
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## My thoughts on disrupters



- Its not good enough to just have an idea.
- The execution of an idea is the central challenge faced- time is your enemy ! And there are plenty of organisations that thought they ` had a good idea yet failed.
- The concept has to be wanted/needed and provide a significant market shift to be capable of being a deemed a disrupter.
- It has to be different , new and have some sustainable competitive advantage to be deemed a disrupter and not a `me to`.

## The pacific Story

- Pacific Premium funding commenced in 2001 and was a provider of Business loans for entities to remit annual insurance payments. It was a private entity with little capital base but had a few good ideas.
- The insurance premium funding market was saturated at the time yet Pacific commenced and facilitated around \$450m in annualised loans within 18 months. It emerged as the second largest player in an over supplied market.
- In 2004 GE entered a JV with Pacific and later bought the business maintaining the brand, systems and people of Pacific.
- The impact the business had on the market is present today. And other markets are not where Pacific was in 2001.

## A strong history of growth & industry recognition



#### **Pacific today**

- Volume: \$1 b
- National sales network
- 800+ intermediaries
- 70,000+ customers
- 85 FTE's with deep industry experience
- Industry leader in premium funding technology

# The strategy was simple

- Employ the best talent that was available .
- Deploy technology that would re define the market.

That's all.

BUT the words meant far more !



### Pacific - a disrupter !

- It completely re defined the market it operated through improved processes and technology.
- Staff were well trained front line soldiers and the envy of the industry. They executed a well formed strategy.
- Pacific enjoyed the highest net promotor score (NPS) within the industry and also with other entities within GE.
- We didn't hear our customers voices we listened and acted upon their whispers.

## It's not the idea BUT the execution that counts

- Staff- `Loved `and highly trained (Boot camps) and they joined a family.
- Technology- automated 90% of transactions eradicating waste process and making our customers enjoy the ride
- Have fun. Work should not be a task but a welcome opportunity to make a difference every day as if your salary didn't matter.



### Take outs



- You can have a great idea but with poor execution you will fail!
- You can have a reasonable idea and sound execution and succeed.

To be a *disrupter* you need to have a great idea , a military style deployment regime with a product or service that will have market acceptance and it has to be sustainable.