



## Apsara Kahawita

- Reputation for business transformation, turnaround planning and management, resolving complex financial problems, improving customer satisfaction, and driving overall operational improvements.
- Experience working across diverse policy areas, policy development, implementation, and evaluation, operating in a regulatory environment and compliance.
- Demonstrated success in leading teams, financial systems, and programs to improve overall staff morale and productivity.
- Experience in both public and private sectors including auditing, banking, education, and healthcare industries.

### Current role

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**NSW Health | Far West Local Health District, Director** Oct 2022 - Current  
Finance & Corporate Services

Lead a range of functions to ensure responsible financial management of public funding including governing and strengthening sustainable resource allocation within the district, monitoring recurrent and capital expenditure against the annual budget allocation and reporting on FWLHD financial performance to the Ministry of Health and the Board

### Recent experience

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<b>Ministry of Health</b> Director, Program Management Office	April 2021–Oct 2022
<b>Ambulance Service of NSW</b> Relieving Deputy Director Finance	Aug 2019–Dec 2020
<b>Ministry of Health</b> Associate Director Finance	Feb 2019–Aug 2019
<b>Nepean Blue Mountains LHD</b> Associate Director Finance	May 2018–Feb 2019
<b>Health System Support Group</b> Associate Director Finance & Corporate Services	Feb 2014–May 2018

### Education and qualifications

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<b>Health Education and Training Institute, NSW Health</b> Finance Executive Development Program	2019
<b>Certified Practising Accountants Australia</b>	Member 2019
<b>Chartered Accountants Sri Lanka</b>	Member 2020
<b>University of Sri Jayewardenepura Sri Lanka</b> Bachelor of Science, Business Administration (assessed by the Australian Education International as comparable to an Australian Bachelor Degree in 2008)	1999

## Awards

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**Award for Making a Difference** Presented by Ms. Elizabeth Koff, Secretary, NSW Health. 2019

Endorsed by Ms. Susan Pearce, Deputy Secretary for  
*"always being helpful and managing finances for customers. You have made a difficult part of our work much easier. Your collaboration, respect, and patience in explaining ideas is a wonderful demonstration of our CORE values and it is these types of actions/behaviours that drive the culture and values that we want to grow. I personally appreciate all the effort you have given and the effect you have on others around you, and the Ministry."*

**NSW Ambulance Pandemic Service Medal** Presented by Dr Dominic Morgan, Chief Executive NSW Ambulance 2022

## Professional Development Activities

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**NSW Public Service Commission, NSW Leadership Academy Band 1** 2024

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