

Position description



Title Product Owner - Data, Analytics & AI Maternity Leave Cover - 12 months Fixed term	Reports to Head of Data & Analytics
Division Innovation & Product	Department Data & Analytics
Location Auckland	Last updated August 2026

Our commitment as a Crown Entity

Ka mahitahi mātou o te ratonga tūmatanui kia hei painga mō ngā tāngata o Aotearoa i āiane, ā, hei ngā rā ki tua hoki. He kawenga tino whaitake tā mātou hei tautoko i te Karauna i runga i āna hononga ki a ngāi Māori i raro i te Tiriti o Waitangi. Ka tautoko mātou i te kāwanatanga manapori. Ka whakakotahingia mātou e te wairua whakarato ki ō mātou hāpori, ā, e arahina ana mātou e ngā mātāpono me ngā tikanga matua o te ratonga tūmatanui i roto i ā mātou mahi.

In the public service we work collectively to make a meaningful difference for New Zealanders now and in the future. We have an important role in supporting the Crown in its relationships with Māori under the Treaty of Waitangi. We support democratic government. We are unified by a spirit of service to our communities and guided by the core principles and values of the public service in our work.

Role purpose

As the Data, Analytics and AI Product Owner you play a key role in the delivery and success of our data strategy and data products.

The product owner conceives and plans how data, AI, and/or analytics will be consumed, and ensures alignment of the data product to the needs of the business. In collaboration with partners, you will ensure that the product complies with regulatory, security and data governance requirements, and define nonfunctional requirements such as shareability, reusability, concurrency of access, performance, refresh rate, and so on. Data products are a means to internal data sharing, monetization and/or application integration

You will also be hands on, day-to-day, managing the backlog and ensuring that our data delivery is world class.

You are a highly organised, inquisitive, results-driven delivery professional with a proven track record in managing data-centric projects and BAU. You'll also be willing to roll up your sleeves

and support where needed within the project delivery – so comfort working at both a detailed and strategic level is a must. You will enjoy tackling complex problems and get a kick out of finding simple and effective solutions.

Reporting to the Head of Data & Analytics, you work closely with the wider Data & Analytics team as well as stakeholders across the business to bridge the gap between data and business needs for insights and analytics that support decision making and data for activation.

What you will focus on

Data Delivery and Data Product Ownership

- Lead the successful delivery of both BAU and data projects within the Data, Analytics, and AI value stream.
- Drive the development of innovative data capabilities to support Lotto's business strategic goals.
- Engage with stakeholders at all levels to ensure alignment and project success and to translate data concepts into clear business value propositions.
- Lead Agile execution: Oversee sprint planning, backlog grooming, and key Agile ceremonies.
- Create and maintain well-groomed backlogs.
- Balance squad activities: Manage the lifecycle of BAU and strategic projects and initiatives.
- Data strategy implementation: Define and manage the strategic roadmap and backlog to align with business priorities and user needs.
- Collaborate with teams to define clear, actionable requirements translate needs into action.
- Prioritise initiatives and deliver high-quality data solutions that drive business decisions and ensure impact.
- Manage risks and dependencies: Perform controls and remove blockers and proactively identify and mitigate risks while resolving complex challenges.
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Stakeholder Engagement

- Build Partnerships Between the Business and the Data squads
- Present findings/recommendations to a broad range of audiences at all levels and lead discussions with senior management.
- Communicate the roadmap to stakeholders and collaborate with internal customers.
- Develop and maintain close working relationships with the Head of Data & Analytics, the Enterprise Architect, and the wider senior leadership team.

Other

- Any other duties as reasonably required by your manager or other key stakeholders.
 - Ensure all company policies, procedures and guidelines are followed and adhered to.
 - Take an active role in promoting and ensuring a safe and healthy workplace at Lotto NZ for yourself and others.
 - Lotto NZ's purpose is to provide safe gaming that allows New Zealanders to play and win while contributing money back to New Zealand communities: Ensure that minimising the potential for harm from our games is a key consideration in all day-to-day activities and
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decision making, through adhering to all Lotto NZ responsible gaming processes and policies.

- Ensure the Lotto NZ Health and Safety policy is adhered to (including procedures in the Health and Safety Manual) and hazards, incidents and near misses are reported in the Health and Safety system in a timely manner.
 - Comply with all Lotto NZ security policies and instructions, complete all required security awareness training and report any security incidents or concerns in a timely manner.
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Your skills and experience

Key Skills

- Backlog management and agile ways of working.
 - Data and AI Knowledge: Strong understanding of data management, AI driven insights, analytics, business intelligence, and Data Product Management.
 - Project Delivery: Strong understanding of the end-to-end project lifecycle, with a focus on delivering business value.
 - Stakeholder Management: Exceptional communication and engagement skills.
 - Problem Solving & Risk Management: Ability to anticipate challenges and drive solutions.
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Experience

- Several years' experience in a similar role
 - Experience working as or working with data teams in a similar capacity
 - Stakeholder management
 - Proven track record of success and experience in delivery enterprise-level project management.
 - A strong background in managing data-related projects, including data migration, integration, analytics, or business intelligence initiatives.
 - Solid experience in applying both agile project management methodologies.
 - Project management and/or agile certifications.
 - Dealing with senior managers and sharing ideas at this level
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Qualifications

- Ideally you will be tertiary qualified in project management or computer science.
 - Preferred - Advanced Jira management
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Authorities

People responsibilities:

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