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Dr Maria Downey

Dr Downey was borne and raised in New Zealand as the only daughter amongst three children. Her quick mind and never say die attitude was always going to make her a high achiever. Besides a keen sense of business opportunities she threw herself into sport, culminating in her winning the national titles over 400 meters hurdles and being selected in the national Commonwealth Team. Whilst competing as an athlete she also worked as Assistant Coach to NZ Middle Distance Athletics Team.

Dr Downey then decided to migrate to Australia where she graduated in 1989 from the School of Chiropractic at RMIT University in Melbourne. She then relocated to Queensland where she quickly established a highly successful Private Practice with strong emphasis on human performance.

Never one to stay idle she co-developed and initiated one of two fully integrated Australian Institute of Sport Gymnastics programs within a prominent private Gold Coast school utilizing two of Russia's top gymnastics coaches both ex Olympians. She also was the instigator and acted as chief advisor in the development of two sizable humanitarian projects in China and was instrumental in establishing the successful Australian branch of a large United States based Nutritional Supplement Company and lectured regularly on health related matters....this all whilst being a mum of 6 children.

Since 2007 she has been working with her partner Dr Andrea Bisaz and Dennis Yang on the **equilibras™** project. Research on this orthotic flat sole creation has been successful way beyond expectations, to the point where major distributors and cooperations have now expressed interest in this "miracle shoe" (**e-flip™** & **e-bed™** by **equilibras™**).