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Peter Griffiths speaking at an event

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FAREWELL TO PETER

Peter Griffiths resigned as Board Chair and Trustee with effect from 27 June following an earlier decision to step down as Chair of the Metro Glass Board.

Peter joined the Board in 2010 and assumed the role of Chair in May 2017. After a career in the energy industry, Peter became a professional director. His last executive position was as Managing Director of BP Oil New Zealand, retiring in 2009. During his tenure with the Trust, Peter has served as Chair of the Z Energy NZ Board and lately Chair of Metro Performance Glass Ltd. Both companies are members of the Trust.

FAREWELL TO PETER CONTINUED...

During his tenure as Chair of the NZBPT Board, Peter guided the Trust through significant periods of change, including a rebrand, introduction of social media, revision of our accountancy practices, the Covid-19 pandemic, and fronted numerous Parliamentary Seminars and other members events.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Peter Griffiths for his outstanding leadership and dedication during his tenure as Chairman and wish him all the best in his future endeavours. The Board has acknowledged Peter's voluntary service to the Trust by appointing him a Distinguished Life Member (Individual).



Angela Hodder

THE SECONDMENT AND VISIT OF ANGELA HODDER

The Trust is delighted to host the secondment and visit of Angela Hodder from the Industry and Parliament Trust, British Parliament. Angela holds the position of Head of Office and Company Secretary and joined IPT in 2015.

While in New Zealand Angela will attend the parliamentary seminar, meet with the Deputy Speaker and hold meetings with the Trust's Secretariat. In Auckland she will attend part of the MPs Business Away Day at SkyCity, meet with the Board and present on the role and work of the IPT and attend our Auckland Network event at the SkyCity Grand.

Our founder Sir Pat Goodman visited the Industry and Parliament Trust in London in the early 1990s and at the Trust's first AGM in 1993, in speaking to the meeting, Pat Goodman said...



Sir Pat Goodman

"it was this, perhaps more than any other event, that convinced me of the value of such a scheme. In my discussions with the then president of the Industry and Business Trust - the Speaker of the House of Commons at the time, the Hon Bernard Weatherill, I was heartened to learn of the measurable effect the IPT had bridging the previous gap of misunderstanding between the real and practical world of business and the sometimes "theatrical world of politics" to use his terms. It was with this background that we set about the task of getting the New Zealand equivalent off the ground."

CHANGES TO THE BOARD AND TRUSTEE COUNCIL

CHANGES TO THE BOARD

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Brent McAnulty from TVNZ as the new Board Chair, Nirupa George from SkyCity Entertainment Group as the Deputy Chair, and the re-election (for a second three-year term) of Joanne Mahon from Ballance Agri-Nutrients as a Board member.



Brent McAnulty



Nirupa George



Joanne Mahon

NEW TRUSTEE COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

We extend a warm welcome to Jessica Mutch McKay from ANZ Bank, Emily Davies from Tower Insurance, and Kym Mellow from Inchcape New Zealand. They were appointed to the Trustee Council at the Annual Meeting held on 31 July.



Jessica Mutch McKay



Emily Davies



Kym Mellow

NEW CORPORATE MEMBERS

WELLINGTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



As New Zealand's third-busiest airport, Wellington International Airport has seen immense growth this year, boasting an increase of 200,000 passengers for the year ended 31 March 2024, for a total of 5.5 million passengers over that period. International travel has also grown by 31%.

New services and development projects have been carried out, such as the construction of the new Airport Fire Station. The Airport is on track for net zero emissions for its own direct operations by 2028, which is two years ahead of schedule.

The Airport's investment of \$67.7 million in infrastructure ensures that it will continue to grow and meet the needs of Wellington and the wider region.

BALLANCE AGRI-NUTRIENTS



Ballance Agri-Nutrients is a New Zealander farmer-owned co-operative. Headquartered in Tauranga, the company operates nationwide and helps its customers with agricultural issues.

With roots stretching back to 1947 (as the Bay of Plenty Fertiliser Co-operative), the company was restructured and renamed in 2001 in tribute to former Prime Minister John Ballance, noted for his agricultural policies.

The company has made use of the latest development in agricultural science and technology, exemplified by their award-winning online farm systems software.

BECA



The Beca Group Limited is one of the largest employee-owned professional services consultancy firms in the Asia-Pacific region.

With offices located around the world and a headquarters in Auckland, Beca provides engineering consultancy services, along with cost and project management, architecture, land information, valuations, and software development.

Beca supplies numerous markets, including water, defence, education, healthcare, transportation, and power. Beca was founded in 1920 by Arthur Gray and has undergone many changes since. In 1984, Beca Simons was established, followed by Beca Group Ltd in 1995.

In 1997, Beca expanded into Singapore, and the company has a relationship with the Singapore Economic Development Board that funds Beca's Singapore Innovation Hub.

Most recently, Beca's seismic retrofit work has been recognised with major international structural engineering awards, including the retrospective base isolation of lift shafts at Victoria University of Wellington's Rankine Brown Library.

BUSINESS ATTACHMENTS



Hon Barbara Edmonds (left), Helen White MP (centre), and Jonathan Box (right, GM Supply Chain for Foodstuffs North Island) at Foodstuffs

The Trust organises business attachments to help grow Parliamentarians' knowledge of New Zealand businesses.

FOODSTUFFS

On the 5th of September, Foodstuffs North Island Limited hosted Hon Barbara Edmonds and Helen White MP for their Business Attachment.

They met some of the company's executives, toured the distribution centre, and attended parts of a conference on-site with around 500 suppliers, where they were updated on Foodstuffs' retail developments. Customer trends and industry updates were also discussed.

SKYCITY

On the 20th of September, the Hon Dr Deborah Russell, an Associate Member and former Board Member of the Trust, attended a business attachment with SkyCity Entertainment Group in Auckland.

The attachment included a tour of the gaming, hospitality, and tourism sites, a walkthrough of the New Zealand International Convention Centre, and meeting with members of the SkyCity team, alongside boardroom sessions on the technological changes in gaming.



Hon Dr Deborah Russell (left) at Sky City

PRESIDENT'S DINNERS JULY AND SEPTEMBER

The Trust organised two President's Dinners this year for corporate leaders and parliamentarians. The dinners provide an opportunity for the business community and members of Parliament to have a meaningful dialogue. Both dinners were held in the Speaker's Dining Room at Parliament House.

JULY PRESIDENT'S DINNER

The Speaker of the House and the Trust's President, the Rt Hon Gerry Brownlee, hosted the first dinner in July.

Attendees included the Rt Hon Chris Hipkins (Leader of the Opposition and Trustee Council Member), Brent McNulty (from TVNZ, Trustee Council member, and newly-appointed Board Chair), Jo Coughlan (from Silvereye and a Trustee Council member), and Darryl Stevens (NZBPT CEO).

Corporate attendees included Peter Jiang (Coca-Cola Europacific Partners), James Spence (CEO of Goodman), Craig Douglas (NZ Super Fund), Alexander Muelhaupt (GM of Roche), Jimmy Higgins (CEO of Suncorp New Zealand), Emma Brand (Country Manager of Veolia Australia and New Zealand), Kylie Freeland (Managing Director of McDonald's New Zealand), and Jason Delamore (Interim CEO of Lotto NZ).



July President's Dinner attendees chatting



Rt Hon Gerry Brownlee (Speaker and Trust President) and Brent McNulty (NZBPT Board Chair)



July President's Dinner attendees



September President's Dinner attendees chatting

SEPTEMBER PRESIDENT'S DINNER

The Deputy Speaker of the House and Associate Trust Member, Barbara Kuriger MP, hosted the second dinner in September.

Attendees included the Hon Simon Watts (Minister for Revenue, Minister for Climate Change, and an Associate Trust Member), Brent McAnulty, Helene Toury-Dehan (Trustee Council and Board Member), and Darryl Stevens (NZBPT CEO).

Corporate attendees included Bronwen Marshall (Abbvie), Hamish McKenzie (SBS Bank), James Young (Airways New Zealand), Joanne Mahon (Balance Agri-Nutrients and Trustee Council Member), and Kevin Wickham (Balance Agri-Nutrients).



September President's Dinner attendees chatting



September President's Dinner attendees

SEMINAR THREE TAKING A CLOSER LOOK

On the 21st of August, the Trust held its third Parliamentary seminar titled “The Machinery of Government and Parliament: Taking a Closer Look”. In attendance were 22 of the Trust’s corporate members along with two Templeton Scholars.

They attended an extended sitting of the House in the morning to observe the passage of a Bill and participated in a mock select committee. They also heard from our seminar speakers about the role of the executive branch of government and gained insights into policy-making, legislation, and the financial cycle. Attendees were joined by members of Parliament for lunch in the historic Legislative Council Chamber.

We would like to thank all attendees, as well as our seminar speakers from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Office of the Clerk.



Seminar 3 lunch break - opportunity to network with Parliamentarians



Seminar 3 attendees



Seminar 3 Select Committee session



Select Committee Manager Ben Greig during Seminar 3



Select Committee Manager Anna Gorham during Seminar 3

NEW COMMS INTERN

The Trust welcomed Connor Buckley to the Secretariat in September as our new Social Media & Comms intern. Connor is in the final year of his Bachelor of Arts at Victoria University of Wellington, majoring in International Relations and Political Science, and will pursue Honours in 2025.

Connor is also the Treasurer of Commonwealth Youth New Zealand, and helped organise the Student Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting 2024. We look forward to working alongside Connor as he contributes his skills and enthusiasm to the Trust's Mission.



SCHOOL FUNDING

Small grants were provided to a number of schools as part of the Travel Fund Programme for Schools. The intention of this programme is to enable schools to attend formal visits to Parliament, often in conjunction with camps and programmes encompassing a range of civic and fun activities that Wellington has to offer.

Several schools have received funding for the first time in 2024. One of these is Te One School, Waitangi on the Chatham Islands. This school is very isolated and coming to the North and South Islands is a big deal. There are approximately 70 Year 8 students on the Chatham Islands and all of them must head to New Zealand for their secondary education with most going into boarding school. In addition to their Wellington programme, the group travelled to Christchurch, Timaru and Oamaru to visit other schools and a science day at the University of Canterbury.

For several of our remote schools, it is all about providing rural students with an urban experience. Maniototo Area School in Ranfurly, Central Otago visited Parliament in September. Their school motto is “Maniototo’s got GRIT”. This acronym stands for “guts, resilience, initiative and tenacity”. 30 percent of the

school’s roll is Māori and 20 percent Filipino. Most of the students on the urban camp had never travelled outside the South Island or been on an airplane.

Kairanga School - a small country school 10km from Palmerston North - has an established programme of leadership development, where their senior students learn about governance. In addition to Parliament, the school visited Government House, Cable car museum, Bond Store Museum and the Portrait Gallery.

Kirkwood Intermediate School is an urban Christchurch school. They have a very integrated curriculum that connects different units of learning. Their visit to Wellington is a core part of this, as Parliament, Te Papa, Pukeahu Park, Zealandia, the National Library, and other sites connect to what they have been learning back in Christchurch.





Koputaroa School

POLITICS PRIZE WINNERS

The Trust currently sponsors a number of tertiary prizes for postgraduate research into the role of politics and public policy. We are pleased to announce the latest group of recipients.

2024 RECIPIENTS

Tohunga Riwai - University of Otago

Kelly Flatz - University of Auckland

Jamie Smith - University of Auckland

2023 RECIPIENT

Kirsty Parkhill - University of Waikato

Kirsty has led tours in Egypt, Israel, and India, and served as a Destination Manager in Morocco. Upon returning to New Zealand, Kirsty worked in Business Development, Sales, and Account Management for leading hotel and tourism management companies and now hosts tours for an award-winning tour company. Her experience inspired her to study Political Science and Public Policy, and she is now pursuing a Master's in International Relations and Security Studies at Waikato University. She aims to intern with a political party or international business next year.

CORPORATE MEMBERS

1. AbbVie Ltd
2. Airways Corporation of NZ Ltd
3. AIA Group
4. ANZ (New Zealand) Ltd
5. ASB Bank
6. Auckland International Airport Ltd
7. Ballance Agri-Nutrients
8. Bank of New Zealand Ltd
9. Beca Ltd
10. Christchurch Int'l Airport Ltd
11. Coca-Cola Europacific Partners Ltd
12. Contact Energy
13. Deloitte Ltd
14. Downer (NZ) Ltd
15. Fonterra Co-operative Group
16. Foodstuffs NZ Ltd
17. Fujitsu New Zealand Ltd
18. Genesis Energy Ltd
19. GSK
20. Goodman New Zealand Ltd
21. Guardians of NZ Superannuation Ltd
22. IAG New Zealand Ltd
23. Inchcape Australasia
24. Kiwi Property Group Ltd
25. Lion New Zealand
26. Lotto New Zealand
27. Manawa Energy Ltd
28. McDonald's Restaurants NZ Ltd
29. Merck Sharp & Dohme (NZ) Ltd
30. Mercury NZ Ltd
31. Meridian Energy
32. Metro Performance Glass NZ Ltd
33. NZ Post Group
34. NZ Steel Ltd
35. OceanaGold Waihi
36. Pāmu Farms New Zealand
37. Pfizer New Zealand Ltd
38. Ports of Auckland Ltd
39. PowerNet Limited
40. Rio Tinto (NZ Aluminium Smelters Ltd)
41. Roche New Zealand
42. Russell McVeagh
43. Saatchi & Saatchi
44. SBS Bank Group
45. Sealord Group Ltd
46. SKYCITY Entertainment Group
47. Southern Cross Medical Care Society
48. Spark New Zealand
49. St John
50. Silvereye Communications Ltd
51. Suncorp New Zealand
52. Talley's Group Ltd
53. Television New Zealand Ltd
54. The Warehouse Group Ltd
55. Tower Insurance Ltd
56. Transpower New Zealand Ltd
57. Veolia Ltd
58. Wellington International Airport Ltd
59. Westpac
60. Willis Bond & Co Ltd
61. WSP New Zealand
62. Woolworths New Zealand
63. Z Energy



The NZBPT Secretariat work from an office on the top floor of the Parliamentary Library Building shown here at dusk. The building is the oldest part of Parliament Buildings and was completed in 1899.

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