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Nancy at the recent October President's dinner

BOARD AND TRUSTEE COUNCIL CHANGES

Resignation of Nancy McConnell

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The Board has received with regret, the resignation of Nancy McConnell from her roles as Deputy Board Chair and Trustee which took effect from 31 October 2022. Nancy was first elected in 2012 and was due to finish her current term in 2024.

As Deputy Chair, Nancy has represented the Board on numerous occasions, chaired Parliamentary seminars, co-hosted President's dinners, presented awards and prizes and served as a judge for two Youth Parliament competitions.

Nancy recently celebrated an incredible milestone of 40 years dedication to the Hawkins business. Her view of the construction industry, is one that allows women to shine. "What's important in this industry is collaboration, curiosity, communication, and critical thinking"

The Trust extends their gratitude to Nancy for her great mahi over the past ten years and wishes her the best for her future endeavours.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT OF CHRIS BLENKIRON



The Trust is pleased to announce the election of Chris Blenkiron (General Manager & Chief Executive, New Zealand's Aluminium Smelter | Rio Tinto) to the Trustee Council, filling the vacancy following the resignation of Gretta Stephens.

Chris was previously the President of NS BlueScope Indonesia, a joint venture between BlueScope and Nippon Steel and has over 15 years' experience in various leadership roles in manufacturing and building products businesses across New Zealand, Australia, and the wider Asia-Pacific region.

He has a strong commercial background and people focused approach to leading business outcomes and holds a BCom from Otago University. He is passionate about the community, having previously served on the board of Youthtown, an organisation empowering young people across New Zealand.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW PRESIDENT



Succeeding the Rt Hon Trevor Mallard MP, Rt Hon Adrian Rurawhe MP has accepted appointment to the role of President of the New Zealand Business and Parliament Trust, thus, maintaining a longstanding tradition of the Speaker being directly involved with the Trust through the office of the President.

In accepting the appointment, Mr. Speaker acknowledged the mana and ngā Kaupapa set by all his predecessors.

10 NOVEMBER 2022

"I became the President of the New Zealand Business & Parliament Trust following my election as the 31st Speaker of the House of Representatives in the 53rd Parliament. The New Zealand Business and Parliament Trust is a non-partisan educational charity and not a lobbying organisation.

The Trust was formed in 1991 to help bridge a perceived gap of understanding between Members of Parliament and the business community. The Trust is dedicated to fostering goodwill and understanding between the business community of Aotearoa and Members of Parliament. Governance of the New Zealand Business and Parliament Trust comprises a Trustee Council from which come the members of the Trust Board who exercise the legal functions and obligations of the Trust.

I recently spoke about my role at one of our Parliamentary Seminars where I talked about the history of Parliament, from the Upper House being abolished, when Maori seats were established, FFP to MMP, and when wāhine first began to vote.

I look forward to working alongside the New Zealand Business and Parliamentary Trust and ensure that our mission and presence at Parliament are maintained "Ko ngā pae tawhiti whaia kia tina, ko ngā pae tata whakamaua kia tina!"

AUCKLAND NETWORK EVENT

The Auckland stakeholders' function was held on 5 September and was co-hosted by corporate member ANZ. This was a new departure for the Trust as in the past all events have been held at Parliament. This new approach allows the Trust to have wider engagement with its corporate members to include staff who have recently participated in the Parliamentary Seminar programmes.

During the event, the Chair gave a short speech on the purpose and work of the Trust before presenting Sophia Li, the 2021 Prize in Politics recipient, University of Auckland with her certificate of attainment. Feedback received from attendees was strongly in favour of future Auckland network-based events.



PARLIAMENTARY SEMINARS

A huge, big thank you to all our seminar presenters and speakers who give so freely of their time to inform and to grow the knowledge of our corporate attendees. Without their generous support, the Trust could not achieve its mission.

PARLIAMENTARY SEMINAR ONE 2022

The Trust held its first face-to-face Parliamentary Seminar since May 2021 on 10 August. Our first seminar of the year focused on How Government is Exercised through Parliament. The Seminar was opened by the Rt Hon Trevor Mallard MP, Speaker of the House of Representatives. It was Mr Mallard's last seminar before stepping down as Speaker.

The Seminar presenters were Suze Jones (Deputy Clerk), Dr Duncan Webb MP (Government Whip), and Chris Penk MP (Opposition Whip), Hon Scott Simpson MP (National Party), Nicola Willis MP (Deputy Leader of the Opposition), Hon Andrew Little (Minister of Health), Claire Trevett (Press Gallery - NZ Herald), David Seymour MP (Leader, ACT Party), and Jamie Strange MP (Labour Party) and Dr Guarav Sharma MP (Labour | Independent).

28 attendees from 20 corporates attended the seminar. The corporate attendees were able to network with Members of Parliament over lunch in addition to observing Question Time in the House.





PARLIAMENTARY SEMINAR TWO 2022

The Trust's second Parliamentary Seminar of the year focusing on the Machinery of Government - Taking a Closer Look was held on 21 September.

The Seminar opened with the new Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the new President of the Trust, Rt Hon Adrian Rurawhe MP.

Seminar speakers included Rachel Clarke (Senior Advisor Cabinet Office, DPMC), Gia Garrick (Senior Press Secretary), Beth Houston (Senior Ministerial Advisor), James Picker (Clerk Assistant), Philippa Bell (Director of Labour Leader's office), Amy Moorhead (Manager Building Policy MBIE), and Ben Logan Milne (Select Committee Manager).

Some 22 attendees drawn from 17 corporates attended the seminar. In addition, we were pleased to welcome three Tertiary Prize winners from the Universities of Auckland, Canterbury, and Waikato and the 2022 Templeton Scholars.

Corporate attendees had a chance to observe the Health select committee in session, visit the house and watch proceedings and network with Members of Parliament over lunch.

The Seminar concluded with a drink's reception in the Speaker's Lounge.



PARLIAMENTARY SEMINAR THREE 2022

The third seminar and second of the 'How Government is Exercised through Parliament' series was held on 9 November. We were pleased to welcome some 25 representatives from Abbvie Ltd, Coca-Cola Europacific Partners New Zealand, Deloitte, Fonterra Co-operative Group, Foodstuffs NZ, Kiwi Property Ltd, Lion New Zealand, Lotto New Zealand, Manawa Energy Ltd, Meridian Energy, MSD Pharmaceuticals, NZ Super Fund, Silvereye Communications, Spark Ltd, Tower Insurance, Transpower, Willis Bond & Co and the 2021 recipient of the Prize in Politics at University of Otago.



PARLIAMENTARY SEMINAR FOUR 2022

Our final seminar for 2022 was held on 16 November. As Parliament was in an extended sitting, attending a Select Committee meeting was not an option but our attendees did visit the Chamber and viewed Parliament sitting as a Committee of the Whole. For this final seminar we welcomed back several attendees from the previous week's seminar but also welcomed new faces from corporate members Deloitte, Goodman, Landcorp, Lotto NZ, PowerNet, St John, Todd Corporation and Willis Bond & Co.



PRESIDENT'S DINNERS

After a two year hiatus thanks to COVID, the President's dinners for Chief Executives and Leadership team representatives have resumed.

22 JUNE

Our first dinner on 22 June was attended by Roger Gray, CEO Ports of Auckland, Rob Purdy, Country Manager Fujitsu NZ; Blair Turnbull, CEO Tower Insurance, Grant Wilson, CEO Synlait Milk,

Jo Coughlan, Co-Founder, Silvereye Communications, Wendy Turvey, WSP and Jen Nolan, Rio Tinto. Hon Michael Woods, Minister of Immigration represented the Government.



18 OCTOBER

Nancy McConnell co-hosted the second dinner with our new President, the Rt Hon Adrian Rurawe MP on 18 October. Our corporate guests included Chris Blenkiron (new Trustee) and General Manager & CEO of NZ Aluminum Smelters; Simon Power, CEO Television New Zealand; Chris Abbott, Contact Energy,

Campbell Hodgetts, Kiwi Property Group, Sam Kelly ASB Bank and Steve McJorow, Pāmu Farms - Landcorp. Brooke van Velden, Deputy Leader ACT Party and Hon Paul Goldsmith, National Party shadow spokesperson for Justice and Workplace Relations & Safety were the parliamentary guests from the Opposition Parties.



YOUTH PARLIAMENT

The winner for this year's competition received a monetary prize of \$2,500 for future studies. The 1st and 2nd runners-up each received monetary prizes of \$2,000. The joint 3rd runners-up each receive a monetary prize of \$1,000. Youth Parliament 2022 was the tenth New Zealand Youth Parliament. The Trust has been proudly associated with the triennial Youth Parliament since its inception in 1997 through the sponsoring of a competition and the provision of substantial monetary prizes.

For the 2022 competition participants had a choice of two topics they could write on or speak about. They were:

"Do you think that New Zealand's Parliament has too little, too much or just the right amount of power? Explain your answer"

"Identify a key issue currently facing our country and tell us how Parliament and the business community could partner together to devise a roadmap to achieve change on this issue"

The judging panel comprised Nancy McConnell (Deputy Board Chair and Strategic Adviser with Hawkins Ltd, part of Downer New Zealand), Chris Litchfield (Chief Executive Officer, Coca Cola Euro partners Ltd) and Karan Kalsi (former Youth MP and winner of the 2016 competition).



This year's competition standard was so high and the final marks so close, that the judging panel decided to award the additional prize of 3rd runner-up which was a shared award.

The Trust warmly congratulates **Keelan Heesterman** (Youth MP representing Anna Lorck, MP for Tukituki) winner of the 2022 Youth Parliament Competition. Keelan chose to write on the topic "Do you think that New Zealand's parliament has too little, too much, or just the right amount of power? Explain your answer."

In summary, I believe that New Zealand's Parliament (and the executive, even more so) has too much power so long as the legislative process is undermined by overuse of parliamentary urgency, and Select Committees are presided over by government MPs. While the judiciary plays a role in law-making through the development of common law due the Doctrine of Precedent, it is important that our democratically elected officials have the final say on legislation. A cynical mind may even argue that New Zealand would not have gone into lockdown or responded so swiftly to COVID-19 if the courts had the power to strike down legislation or if urgency wasn't available.
- Keelan Heesterman



The Trust also congratulates the runners-up:

- Gryffin Powell** (Member of the Youth Press Gallery)
- 1st Runner-up.
- Will Irvine** (Youth MP representing Rachel Boyack, MP for Nelson)
- 2nd Runner-up.
- Matteo Zhang** (Member of the Youth Press Gallery)
- Joint 3rd Runner-up.
- Meghana Gaddam** (Youth MP representing Tim van de Molen, MP for Waikato)
- Joint 3rd Runner-up.
- Danica Loulie Wijtenburg** (Youth Clerk)
- Highly Commended.

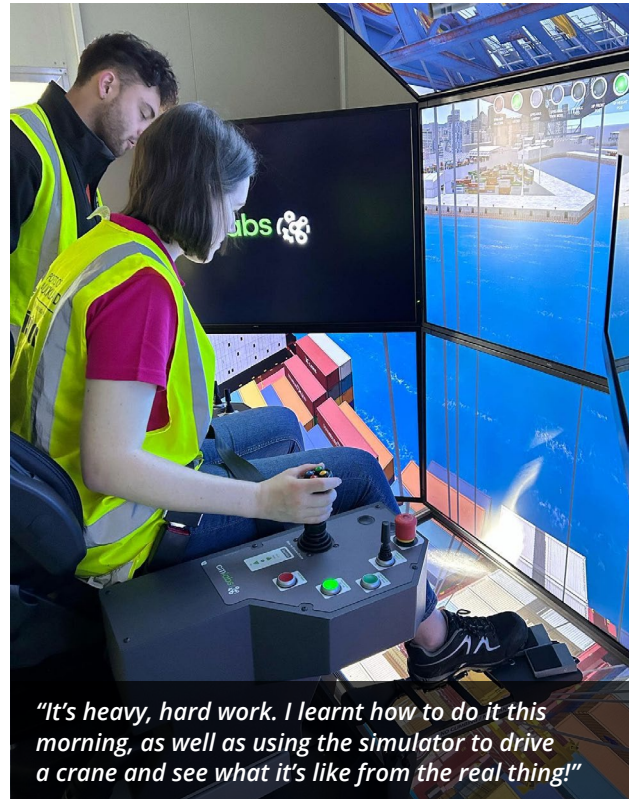
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BUSINESS ATTACHMENTS

BROOKE VAN VELDEN MP : PORTS OF AUCKLAND

1-2 NOVEMBER

Awesome to be spending 2 full days at the Ports of Auckland to see how it operates on the ground. It's great to see in depth how our great NZ export businesses get their goods to offshore markets and the work involved. Thanks to the Ports of Auckland for having me, and the New Zealand Business & Parliament Trust.



NAISI CHEN MP: DELOITTE

This week we welcomed @Labour MP @Naisi Chen into our offices to experience a snapshot of the day-to-day work we do at Deloitte, how we collaborate with our government and public sector clients, and our role in supporting growth and innovation within the New Zealand business environment.

The business attachment, organised through @NZBPT, is a unique opportunity to develop greater understanding for both parties across government

and corporate objectives and create genuine and meaningful connections. Naisi Chen's time with Deloitte included some insightful discussions around important issues including sustainability, technological transformation, and cultural diversity.

Our sincere thanks to Naisi, NZBPT and our team across Deloitte for their enthusiastic engagement in the attachment.



RACHEL BROOKING MP: FOODSTUFFS LTD

21 AUGUST

Supply chains & logistics were front of mind this week. The NZ Business Parliamentary Trust offers internships for MPs to learn about individual businesses.

"I was lucky to be offered Foodstuffs South Island and spent 3 days in Christchurch asking questions, visiting a negative 20 degree cool store, & learning about supply chains. Plus, they let me into a 🚚"



NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The Board is pleased to confer Associate membership on the following Members of Parliament for successfully completing Business Attachments.

Simon Watts MP
Greg O'Connor MP
Rachel Brooking MP
Brooke van Velden MP
Naisi Chen MP

Member for North Shore (WSP Limited).
Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives (Downer NZ Ltd).
List Member, Labour Party (Foodstuffs NZ Ltd - South Island operations).
Deputy Leader ACT Party (Ports of Auckland).
List Member Botany, Labour Party (Deloitte).



TRUST PRIZES IN POLITICS AND PUBLIC POLICY

Annually, the Trust sponsors prizes in politics and public policy with four universities including University of Auckland, University of Canterbury, University of Otago, and Waikato University.

Recent months has seen the Trust in catch-up mode as it meets last year's recipients of its tertiary prizes programme and welcoming recipients to Trust events and seminars.

Congratulations to all our prize winners.



*Sophia Li, 2021 University of Auckland
- Waipapa Taumata Rau's Prize Recipient*



*Terewai (Teri) van Halewyn, the 2020
University of Canterbury's Prize Recipient*



Daniel Mason, the 2021 University of Waikato's Prize Recipient



Matthew O'Connor, the 2021 University of Otago Prize Recipient

TRAVEL FUND PROGRAMME FOR SCHOOL VISITS TO PARLIAMENT

The provision of small grants to assist schools to visit Parliament is largely structured around our rural and provincial based schools, away from our big urban areas. Many of these schools have a long and distinguished history making them important to not

only their local community but as part of the historical educational and social fabric of our country. In the last funding round for this year, several schools of interest were funded. In this article we take a look at three of these schools.



HORORATA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hororata Primary School first opened in 1870 and today is a small contributing school catering for students in Years 1 to 6 in rural Canterbury. The old wooden school was destroyed by fire on 17th February, 1914.

Temporary accommodation was provided at the Parish Hall while a new home was sought. Eventually the Education Board purchased 5 acres of land east of the township on Haldon Road, from Mrs Andrew Beattie for £110.

A new two-roomed brick school was built by Mr George White for a total cost of £1255 and was opened in March 1915.

The school could accommodate 103 pupils. Conditions at the new school were less than ideal, with two or three teachers working in cramped conditions for over thirty years. The situation improved in the early 1950s when a shelter shed



was converted into a classroom and the Education Board built an infant room, a dental clinic and a staffroom. Another classroom was added in 1963 when Te Pirita School was amalgamated with Hororata.

Today Hororata Primary School is one of the most culturally diverse schools in the country reflecting the local economy, which is heavily reliant on the dairy industry, with workers from around the world employed on the farms and in the cattle sheds. The school has some 85 students from more than a dozen nationalities - including Serbia, Syria and Sri Lanka - and about a quarter of youngsters speak a language other than English at home.

Source: Lee Kenny, Education Reporter, Christchurch Press, first published June 26, 2021

MATAKOHE SCHOOL

Matakohe School is a rural school in the Kaipara District which opened in 1878 - some 144 years ago. Joseph Gordon Coates - Prime Minister 1925-28 was a pupil at the school.

The original school, (now in a new museum setting), is a valuable reminder of rural education from the beginning of formal State education in New Zealand.



It is one of the oldest extant examples following the 1877 Education Act and its link with Gordon Coates and with the Albertland settlements of the Kaipara is of major local significance.



TE KOPURU SCHOOL

Formal education in Te Kopuru started about 1872 and was held in the Hall which was constructed in that year. Some form of education was held prior to that but was conducted in private houses.

An itinerant teacher was 'shared' between Te Kopuru and Aratapu spending half his time at each. This was some time around 1863 and was started on the initiative of the Reverend Gould, the Church of England clergymen who regularly visited the Northern Wairoa between the years of 1866 and 1873.

Mr Winstone was the first teacher who shared his time between those two schools Mr Gooch was the next to take the charge of the two schools but later became sole teacher at Te Kopuru. He was succeeded in 1878 by Mr John Lindley.

In 1891 the school house was destroyed by fire.

In 1901 Mr JE Elliot took over the principal's role and official documents record at this time that the staff consisted of him, a lady assistant and two pupil teachers with a roll of 140 and an average attendance of 125.

In October 1918 the world wide influenza epidemic hit New Zealand nationwide nearly 7000 people died in three months. A number of these were from Ripia settlement. The main school building at Te Kopuru was used as an emergency hospital and the technical block as a kitchen and dining room.

In 1937, the primary schools in Tikinui, Tatarariki and Redhill consolidated into Te Kōpuru School.



Board Members Joanne Mahon (Southern Cross), Chris Litchfield (Coco Cola Europartners) & Nancy McConnell (Downer-Hawkins)



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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