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In this special edition we take a bird's eye view of thirty years of success stories all of which justify the original reason the Trust was established.

ESTABLISHING THE NZBPT THE EARLY YEARS

Sir Patrick Goodman said that when the idea of setting up such an organization was put to him, he jumped at the chance. "I realised there was a void. I personally knew very little about Parliament and at the time I was chairman of three of New Zealand's largest companies.

I wondered then how many other businessmen were in the same boat. The opportunity to address this imbalance was too good to miss. The concept was right, and the timing of the Trust's establishment was right. I am sure it will continue in perpetuity."

DIARY OF EVENTS LEADING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW ZEALAND BUSINESS & PARLIAMENT TRUST. 1990 - 1991.

14 JUNE 1991

A proposal for the setting up a New Zealand Business & Parliament Trust, under the leadership of Pat Goodman and management of Network Communications' general manager, Lindsay McCallum, presented to Deputy Prime Minister, Rt Hon Don McKinnon (in the absence of Prime Minister Jim Bolger) and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Robin Gray.

20 JUNE 1991

Mr Gray writes to his counterpart in the house of commons, Rt Hon Bernard Weatherill, who is also president of the Industry and Parliament Trust, inviting him to receive Pat Goodman during his visit to London in July.

13 SEPTEMBER 1991

Pat Goodman outlines the concept of a Business and Parliament Trust to Rt Hon Mike Moore, leader of the Opposition.

29 AUGUST 1991

Second stage timetable covering the period September 1991 to February 1992.

25 JULY 1991

Rt Hon Bernard Weatherill replies to the Speaker of the House of Representatives supporting Mr Goodman's efforts to set up a NZ scheme.

15 JULY 1991

Pat Goodman undertakes a four-day visit to the Industry and Parliament Trust in London.

1 OCTOBER 1991

Lindsay McCallum drafts statement of intent to be circulated to prospective Trustees and corporate members.

10 OCTOBER 1991

Speaker Robin Gray commends the Business and Parliament Trust to MPs.

18 OCTOBER 1991

Pat Goodman invites five business people to represent the business community on the Trust board.

12 NOVEMBER 1991

Meeting between Hon Robin Gray, president, Pat Goodman, chairman elect, and Lindsay McCallum, acting executive director to determine programme leading to launch of the Trust.

11 DECEMBER 1991

The New Zealand Business and Parliament Trust is launched at Turnbull House, Wellington.
Robin Gray and Pat Goodman's address at the launch of the trust.
First trust board meeting.

25 NOVEMBER 1991

Trust formally registered as a charitable trust under the provisions of the Charitable Trusts act 1957.

20 NOVEMBER 1991

Chairman elect Pat Goodman invites 200 listed companies to apply for corporate membership of the trust.

THE TRUST BENEFITS PARLIAMENT - 1993

In his traditional end of the parliamentary session address to the House in 1993, the Speaker, the Hon Robin Gray, referred to the Trust and the benefits of its activity to both parliamentarians and the business community.

"During the past two years we have had the New Zealand Business and Parliament Trust, which has been tremendously beneficial to Parliament and to businessmen. During that time sixty-five businessmen have been in Parliament watching what goes on in Parliament and the way in which Members of Parliament conduct their business. At the same time, 22 Members of Parliament have gone out into companies. I can assure the House that the reports we get back from the businessmen show that they really appreciate the work that is done, and the tremendous workload carried, by all Members of Parliament."

Pat Goodman, Chair speaking ...

I visited the Industry and Parliament Trust in London and it was this, perhaps more than any other event, that convinced me of the value of such a scheme ...In my discussions with then President of the Industry and Business Trust – the Speaker of the House of Commons at the time, the Honourable 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.

Apparently debates in the House of Commons were now more constructive and better informed on business matters than was the case thirteen years ago when the IPT was set up. It was with this as background that we set about the task of getting the New Zealand equivalent off the ground.

THE FOUNDING CORPORATE MEMBERS

Affco New Zealand Ltd
Air New Zealand Ltd
Alliance Group Ltd
Auckland Electric Power Board
Auckland International Airport Ltd
Brierley Investments Ltd
Caltex Oil (NZ) Ltd
Comalco New Zealand Ltd
Databank Systems Ltd
Deloitte Ross Tohmatsu Ltd
Electricity Corporation Ltd
Fay, Richwhite & Co Ltd
Fletcher Challenge Ltd
Foodstuffs (NZ) Ltd
Forestry Corporation of NZ Ltd
Fortex Group Ltd
Fujitsu New Zealand Ltd
GCS Limited
Glaxco New Zealand Ltd
Goodman Fielder Wattie (NZ) Ltd

Mainzeal Group Ltd
Marsh & McLennan Ltd
McDonald's System of NZ Ltd
Milburn New Zealand Ltd
NZ Co-operative Dairy Company Ltd
NZ Industrial Gases Ltd
NZ Post Ltd
NZ Refining Company Ltd
NZ Apple & Pear Marketing Board
NZ Dairy Board
P & O New Zealand Ltd
Progressive Enterprises Ltd
Rank Group
Shell New Zealand Holdings Company Ltd
Southland Building & Investment Society
Talley's Fisheries Ltd
Telecom Corporation of NZ Ltd
Turners & Growers Ltd
The Todd Corporation Ltd

Of this original group of 39 companies, 12 are still members thirty years on albeit with some name changes.

FIRST ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

The first 12 Members of Parliament who undertook Business Study Programmes (Attachments) are:

Member of Parliament

Michael Cullen MP for St Kilda
John Carter MP for Bay of Islands
Margaret Austin MP for Yaldhurst
Pete Hodgson MP for Dunedin North
Max Bradford MP for Tarawera
Joey McLauchlan MP for Western Hutt
Ross Meurant MP for Hobson
Robert Munro MP for Invercargill
Ross Robertson MP for Papatoetoe
Elizabeth Tennet MP for Island Bay
Grant Thomas MP for Hamilton West
Jeff Whittaker MP for Hastings

Host Company

Shell
McDonald's
Glaxo
Electricorp
Fletcher Challenge
Telecom
NZ Co-operative Dairy
NZ Industrial Gases
P & O
NZ Dairy Board
Progressive Enterprises
Goodman Fielder Wattie

THE INAUGURAL TRUST BOARD

President

The Hon Robin Gray
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Chairman

Mr Patrick Goodman CBE

Trust Board

Mr John Beattie (*Brierley Investments Ltd*)
The Rt Hon Jim Bolger (*Prime Minister*)
Mr Barry Dineen (*Shell Oil NZ Ltd*)
Mr Peter Dunne MP (*Onslow*)
Mr John Fernyhough (*Electricity Corporation of NZ Ltd*)
Mr Patrick Goodman CBE (*Goodman, Fielder Wattie Ltd*)
Mr Jeffrey Grant MP (*Awarua, Senior Government Whip*)

The Hon Clive Matthewson MP (*Dunedin West*)
Mrs Margaret Moir MP (*West Coast*)
The Rt Hon Mike Moore MP (*Leader of the Opposition*)
Mr Dryden Spring (*NZ Dairy Board*)
Mr Bruce Wallace (*Fletcher Challenge Ltd + Trust Secretariat*)
Mr Lindsay McCallum (*Executive Director*)



The inaugural meeting of the reconstituted Trust Board took place on 29 July 2008

TRUST OFFICES AND MANAGEMENT

The Trust offices were first located in the Plimmer City Centre, Plimmer Lane. They then moved with the Executive Director to Waikanae. In 2005 the Trust was offered accommodation within Parliament Buildings. As defined in an early paper before the Trustees, the key responsibilities of the Trust were:

- To maintain the integrity of the Trust.
- To approve policies associated with the Trust's study programmes.
- To approve policy for the Trust's direction and development.
- To approve the Trust's funding and administrative policies.

The trust deed provided for 12 founding trustees to serve initially for two years - six Members of Parliament nominated by the political parties and six representatives of member companies invited by Patrick Goodman - presided over by the speaker. In 2006, the trust board agreed to a comprehensive review of its trust deed. This was a substantial exercise done by the executive director, John O'Sullivan, and the chair John Goulter, working with the trust's legal advisers, Russell McVeagh.

Significant changes were agreed to and formally approved by the High Court in June 2008. These changes were designed to update the trust's governance arrangements and procedures but did not alter the purposes of the trust under its founding deed. Henceforth there was to be a trustee council.

Parliamentary members, to be appointed for the duration of a parliamentary term, would comprise a nominee from each parliamentary party plus an additional nominee from each of those parties having 20 or more MPs. Six persons from the corporate membership would be appointed at annual general meetings for three years on a staggered basis.

However, while the trustee council acts as an oversight body under the trust deed, a new trust board comprising four corporate and three parliamentary members from the trustee council has now been established. The trust board is the body legally responsible for the operations and property of the trust. Following the updating of the trust deed the trust applied for and obtained a registration under the Charities Act with effect from 30 June 2008.

TRUST CHAIRMAN

Sir Patrick Goodman KBE
Goodman Fielder
Founding Chairman
1991-1999

Sir John Goulter KNZM
Marsden Maritime Holdings Ltd
2007 - 2017

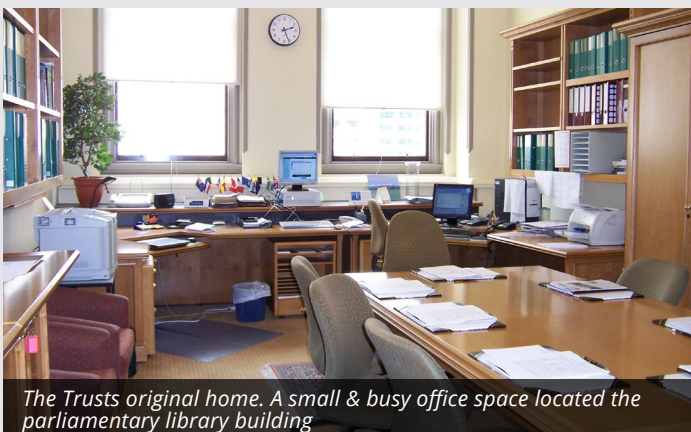
Barry Dineen CNZM
Shell
1999-2007

Peter Griffiths
Z Energy and Metro Glass
2017 - present day



THE TEAM THAT STARED THE TRUST FROM ITS INCEPTION TO THE CLOSE OF 2017

Lindsay McCullum MNZM, Founding Executive Director 1991-2005
Dianna Litton (1997-2015) Programme Coordinator & Administration Manager,
Mike Fokker MVO Executive Director (re-designated Chief Executive) (2012-2018)
and John O'Sullivan CNZM LVO JP Executive Director (2005-2012)



The Trusts original home. A small & busy office space located the parliamentary library building

TEN YEARS OF UNFALTERING SUPPORT



By its tenth anniversary, the Trust had achieved an immeasurable amount of good on a number of fronts - it was living its founders' vision with serious impact.

Some of the parliamentary and business trustees, including founding trustees, attend a dinner in Parliament in December 2001 to celebrate the trust's first ten years. Front row: Rod Donald MP (Trustee) [Green Party], Hon Richard Prebble MP (Trustee) [ACT Party], Sir Patrick Goodman (Patron), Rt Hon Helen Clark MP (Trustee) Prime Minister, Rt Hon Jonathan

Hunt MP (President), Barry Dineen (Chair), and Hon Peter Dunne MP (Trustee) [Labour Party]. Back row: John Hunn (Trustee), John Goulter (Trustee), Bruce Wallace (Founding trustee), Lindsay McCallum (Executive director), Margaret Moir (Founding trustee), Hon Doug Kidd MP (Trustee) [National Party], Jeff Grant (Founding trustee) [National Party], Hon Paul Swain MP (Trustee), June McCabe (Trustee), John Beattie (Founding trustee) and Diana Litton (Administration manager).

"The Trust has enjoyed the unfaltering support from the most senior levels of Parliament and business during the last ten years and has contributed in no small way to a better appreciation and understanding between the world of business and the world of politics." "The Trust did not set out to change the world overnight. It has quietly and without fanfare provided an exchange to improve goodwill and understanding between parliamentarians and business - people and I believe it has succeeded in creating a process of change for the better."

Rt Hon Jonathan Hunt MP,
Trust President
26th Speaker of the House of Representatives
March 2002

1992 - 2002

- 200 Members of Parliament including the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition, involved in the Trust's activities.
- 100 MPs completed a Business Study Programme.
- 700 businesspeople, including Chief Executives were involved in the Trust's activities.
- 588 businesspeople completed a Parliamentary Study Programme.
- The Trust benefited from the financial support of 56 business organisations.

BUSINESS OVERVIEWS



Dan Hopping Business Overview 2005



Sir John Anderson KBE, National Bank 2007

MPs' BUSINESS BRIEFING

The aim of these annual briefings was to enhance MPs' understanding of current business issues and to enable them to learn something of the impact of political decisions on business.

Briefings were open to all MPs' and also the Trust's Corporate members. Apart from the keynote speaker, MPs' and business leaders were able to network and make personal contact in keeping with the Trust's aim of furthering Parliamentarian's understanding of business. In 2013 they were re-branded and became the Business Overview series.

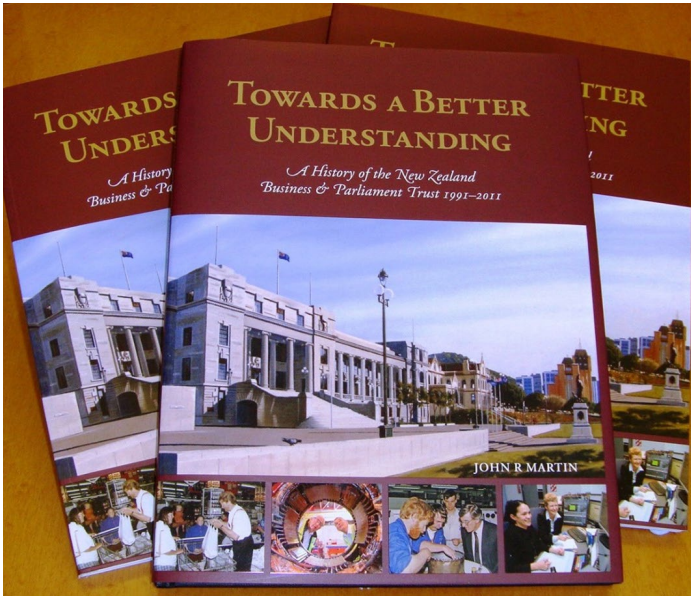


Sir John Goulter with Joan Withers 2012



Greg Pellegrino of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu USA speaks to those attending the 2009 MPs' Business Briefing in Parliament's Banquet Hall

LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER



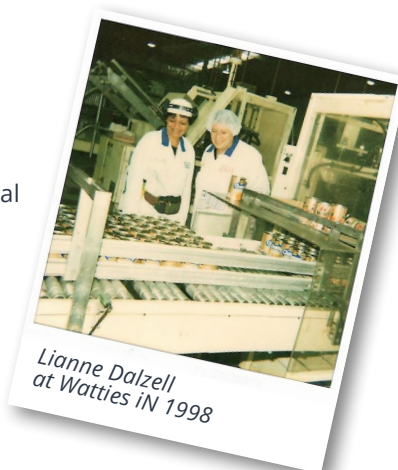
BUSINESS STUDY PROGRAMME ATTACHMENTS

Over the three decades that the New Zealand Business and Parliament Trust has been in operation, a set of activities has been developed that enable MPs to gain an overview of key business functions and encourage their understanding of the place of business in the economy.

The primary method of achieving this are our business attachments (Originally known as The Business Study Programme) which sees MPs attached to corporate members for a period allowing them to become better acquainted with the world of commerce.

The programme was up and running soon after the trust was established. By May 1992, 12 formal MP attachments had been arranged and by September, Hon Dr Michael Cullen (Labour, St Kilda) had become the first to complete an attachment and become an associate member of the Trust.

Dr Cullen, a historian and a future Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister, had studied the management of operational activities of Shell New Zealand. He spoke warmly of his experience and commended it to his parliamentary colleagues.



MERCK SHARP & DOHME HOSTS BUSINESS STUDY PROGRAMME 1997-1998

If there is a problem in preparing the itinerary for a business study programme, it is the perennial one that faces us all - TIME. For Gavan Herlihy MP, it was a problem of finding the time within the Parliamentary term to spend a week with MSD. He found it only by committing five days of his holidays.

For Merck Sharpe & Dohme, it was bringing together all the key executives and staff within those five days as well as people in Australia - to ensure Gavan had access to all those he wanted to meet as well as those MSD wanted him to see.

When staff became aware that Gavan was spending a week of his holidays with the company, there was a real appreciation of the commitment he was making.

Gavan Herlihy summed up his experience:

“Having a firm belief that New Zealand’s future standard of living depends on the success of business, large and small, it was an invaluable experience to take time out from the demands of everyday parliamentary life to assess how Government’s actions impact on the success of business.

My time with Merck Sharpe & Dhome will have a positive influence as I sit in a select committee, considering a bill or in a caucus meeting plotting for New Zealand’s future.”

Gavan Herlihy, National MP for Otago on attachment to Merck Sharpe & Dhome (NZ) Ltd.



***"A positive learning exchange"
by Marian Hobbs 1997***

LABOUR MP STUDIES NZ POST 1997

For four days I was immersed with New Zealand Post. The first day was spent at the Head Office in Wellington. Here I grasped the structure of the business and the "theory" as practiced by the managers of each section.

I was relieved that I could quickly grasp the different concepts. I was stunned by the diversity of services provided by New Zealand Post.

Then I was on the road to Auckland, Hamilton and back to Lower Hutt. Here it was measuring whether the theory was put into practice. I thoroughly enjoyed observing, learning, and questioning all manner of people working for New Zealand Post. I could never be a mail sorter! Nor do I think I could ride a bike and deliver mail at the same time. But I would enjoy being a courier. And I love some of the great new ideas and electronic wizardry pouring out of different sections. All in all, I have spent five days with New Zealand Post. We still have some more tasks to complete. It has been extremely worthwhile.

Big business no longer seems remote. Balance sheets still hold some mystery - but organisation of people, strategic planning, problem solving - I felt there was more in common with my previous life than I had thought. It was great to have the mystique demystified and to meet with a tremendous team of people. I did feel very privileged to be such an observer.

Thanks to the Business and Parliament Trust for organising a positive learning exchange.



"GREENIE MP" STUDIES SHELL 1998

"Full marks to Shell for being prepared to take on a self-confessed greenie," was Jeanette Fitzsimons's comment at the end of a full week studying the operation of Shell in October under the auspices of the New Zealand Business and Parliament Trust.

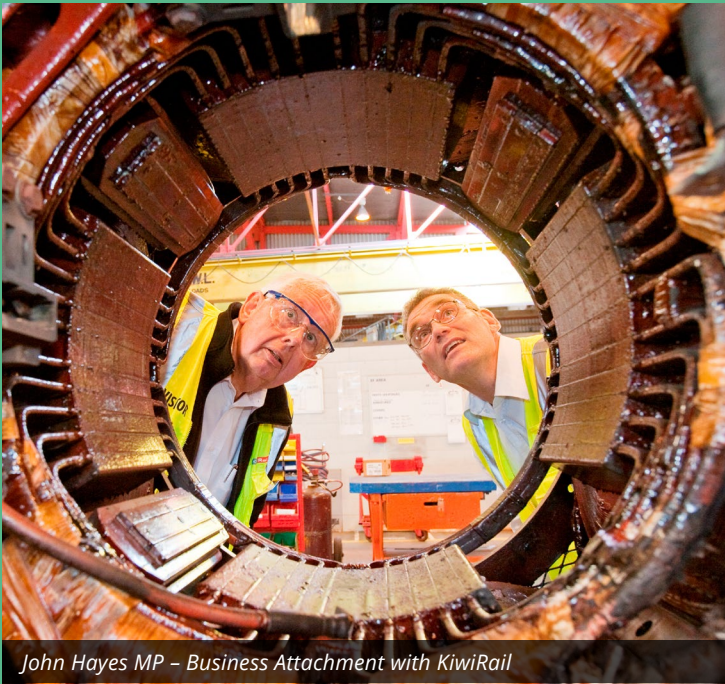
"In my application to the Trust I'd written that I was interested in the energy sector and in learning more about the operation of a large corporate. But when I heard that I was coming to Shell, my reaction was "Are you sure that they want me?". "I was assured that they did and I'm very pleased to have had the opportunity to study their operations and discuss some of the environmental issues that are close to my heart," said Jeanette.

"I was very impressed by the number of elements of Shell's BUSINESS. The computer system and the way it works in the Customer Service Centre and the focus the company has on health and safety were two things that really stood out. I have also obtained a better understand of how a New Zealand company relates to its overseas parent and how you manage an operation of this scale."

Jeanette said the most important element was the contacts she had made within Shell. "I now know who to call to get more information when I need it and who to talk to when you're doing something I don't like."

Jeanette says she doesn't see any point in having a totally polarised situation with the Greens at one end and the large companies at the other. "We have to be able to talk and work together."

Jeanette says that she is very pleased that she had the opportunity to take part in the Trust's programme, "As a new MP I decided that I would spend my first year getting to know Parliament and learn more about New Zealand business - the Trust is an excellent way to do just that."



John Hayes MP – Business Attachment with KiwiRail



2000 - Lindsay Tisch MP at Auckland International Airport being shown one of the airport's marine response craft, the hovercraft by Snr Response Officer, Colin Shoebridge



Hon Tim Macindoe MP and Hon Chris Tremain at KwiRail



Mark Alexander MP with Thomas Bialoruski at Telstra Clear



2007 - Kate Wilkinson MP on her attachment to the NZ Racing Board joins Editor Elena Ash, in the Trackside editing suite



2009 - Dr Rajan Prasad MP at Genesis Energy



2010 - Todd McLay MP at SKYCITY



2010 - David Clendon MP at KiwiRail



2018 - Dr Deborah Russell MP on a Fonterra Attachment visiting Massey University, Palmerston North



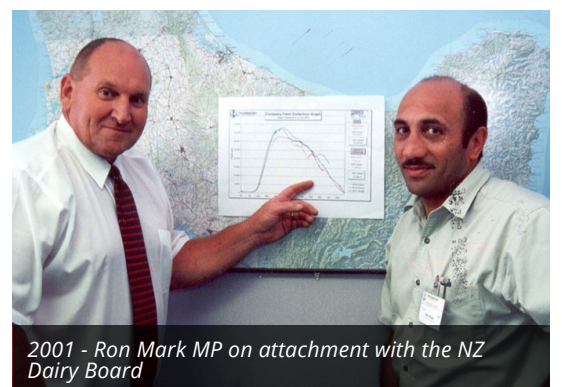
2010 - Jacinda Ardern MP at Southern Cross



2010 - Darren Hughes MP at Foodstuffs



2019 - Tim van de Molen MP at Sealord



2001 - Ron Mark MP on attachment with the NZ Dairy Board

TIMELINE

OF MILESTONES, ACHIEVEMENTS & LITTLE-KNOWN FACTS:

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- 1991** Approaches to key political and business leaders results in the establishment of the New Zealand Business and Parliament Trust. The Trust is modelled on Britain's Industry and Parliament Trust.
 - 11 December 1991** Meeting of first Trust Board and comprised seven Members of Parliament including the Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition and six corporate members.
 - 1992** In first year of operation 12 Members of Parliament applied for Business Study Programmes and are elected Associate members of the Trust.
 - 3 June 1992** The first Parliamentary Study Programme held in Parliament given the thumbs up by all fourteen businesspeople who attended.
 - 1994** Corporate members and Members of Parliament come together at a luncheon hosted by the Trust in honour of Mr Lee Kwan Yew, Senior Minister of Singapore.
 - 1995** Saw the introduction of the MPs' Briefing.
 - By 1995** Some two hundred business - people had attended Parliamentary seminars.
 - 1996** Saw the Trust introduce the first in a series of President's Dinners, initially to mark the first five years of the Trust.
 - 1996** Parliamentary Attachment Programme introduced which involved MPs hosting business executives to learn something about the work of an MP.
 - 1997** Trust was instrumental in setting up the International Association of Business and Parliament representing seven similar schemes in the world.
 - 1997** At the recommendation of MPs, the Trust commences its support for the Youth Parliament by sponsoring a competition. It has continued to support the Triennial Youth Parliament with the 2022 Youth Parliament being the latest.
 - 1998** The Trust contributes to the 44th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Wellington hosted by the Speaker.
 - 1999** The Trust's Founding Chairman, Sir Patrick Goodman retires.
 - 2000** In a historic first, the August parliamentary seminar was attended by the Speaker of the Australian House of Representatives, Hon Neil Andrews MP.
 - 2002** Rt Hon Helen Clark, Prime Minister attended a dinner to mark the 10th Anniversary of the Trust.
 - 2002** Business Council of Australia sends its General Manager to Wellington - interest in setting up a similar organization covering the federal parliamentary scene.
 - 2003** Business Seminars for MPs introduced enabling a cross party group of Members of Parliament to undertake a one-day intensive introduction to a business organization.
 - 2005** Lindsay McCallum, The Trust's co-founder, and Executive Director retires after 13 years in the role.

- 2005** The office of the Trust is located within the Parliamentary complex in the refurbished historic Parliamentary Library Building.
- 2006** Barry Dineen's last year in office as one of the inaugural Trustees and as Chairman of the Trust and its Board of Management since 1999.
- 2007** The Trust was represented at events marking the 10th anniversary of the International Association of Business & Parliament (IABP).
- The meeting also acknowledged:
- 30th Anniversary of the Industry & Parliament Trust (United Kingdom).
 - 25th Anniversary of VOKA Flanders (the Belgium scheme).
 - 20th Anniversary of Circulo de Empressarios (the Spanish scheme).
 - 15th Anniversary of the NZBPT.
 - And the launch of a new European Business and Parliament Scheme for MEPs.
- 2008** NZBPT website establishes NZ site independent of the IABP website.
- 2010** The Trust is successfully registered under the 2005 Charities Act - affirming the Trust's non partisan educational role.
- 2010** Establishment of Trust Awards and Scholarship Fund with Victoria University of Wellington to promote scholarly research.
- 2010** The Trust financially supports the digitalisation of the Appendices to the Journals of the House of Representatives - seeing it to be part of its advancement of education beneficial to the community in promoting the work of Parliament.
- 2012** The Trust marks its 20th Anniversary with the launch of the Trust History "Towards a Better Understanding" at a special dinner in Parliament's Banquet Hall.
- 2013** Business Overview series launched on 12 June, replacing the MPs Business Briefing.
- 2013** New branding introduced along with a refreshed website.
- 2014** The Trust establishes a scholarship at the University of Canterbury.
- 2014** New Select Committee seminar is introduced and confirmed as an annual event.
- 2015** Travel Assistance Programme for school visits to Parliament is established.
- 2016** 25th Anniversary of the Trust marked with an updated book entitled 'A 25 Year Brief History.'
- 2018** The Trust adopts a more inclusive approach to its tertiary education package, ceases Scholarship funding in favour of establishing Prizes in Politics and/or Public Policy at the universities of Auckland, Waikato, Canterbury, and Otago.
- 2018** Rebranding refresh undertaken. Work on establishing a new website begins.
- 2019** Machinery of Government - Taking a closer look seminar is introduced replacing the Select Committee seminar.
- 2019** Social media platforms introduced. Trust moves greater part of its COMMS package on-line.
- 2021** Soft launch of revamped website.
- 2021** The Trust turned thirty on 11 December 2021.

BUSINESS SEMINARS

Another initiative to provide learning opportunities that the Trust has historically employed has been our business visit seminars. These annual one-day 'on-site' visits – were designed to give MPs an intensive introduction to a business organization to complement their attachments to corporate members. They also enabled those MPs who have been unable to commit to the five days programme to gain some 'on the ground' business knowledge.

They present an occasion for parliamentarians to broaden their understanding of the corporate sector in general and a specific organisation in particular. In Lindsay McCallum's words, the seminars are 'an adjunct to the thrust's long-standing business study programme scheme which provides MPs with the opportunity to study a company warts and all during a five-to-ten-day attachment.'

The first business visit seminar took place during the parliamentary recess in June 2003. Auckland International Airport welcomed 17 MPs from across the parties.



2007 – Cross party group of MPs together with Todd Energy senior executives at the Mangahewa - 3 well site



2008 – TVNZ. MPs returned to TVNZ ten years later in 2018





2013 - Cross-Party group of MPs visiting Fonterra Co-operative Group

PARLIAMENTARY ATTACHMENT PROGRAMME

The Parliamentary Attachment Programme was introduced in 1996 to serve as an extension of the Parliamentary Study Programme (Parliamentary seminars). Five MPs who had undertaken business study attachments to member companies were invited to host corporate representatives to shadow the MPs for two days – one day in the constituency and one in Parliament ‘to help illustrate aspects of an MP’s working day,’ as Lindsay McCallum explained.

Lindsay McCallum went on to say that ‘these attachments offer business managers a rare chance to learn how MPs function and perhaps provide them with an opportunity

to change any preconceived notions they may have about the way parliamentarians go about their business and how government is exercised through Parliament.’

The programme was aimed at ‘the next generation of top management and those with particular interest in government and parliamentary liaison and preferably someone who has already attended one of the trust’s parliamentary seminars. It was also intended that the host MPs should have completed a business study programme.

1996 - Shadowing a Member of Parliament
George Symmes of the TAB was hosted by John Robertson MP for Papakura.

“The pace of parliamentary life is frenetic as ever. I now appreciate the physical and social demands that MPs face. It will be unlikely in the corporate sector to find executives working the same number of hours for the salary the MPs receive.

Few New Zealanders other than MPs and political commentators have the depth of knowledge about a wide range of social, health, education, and other issues, not only at a national but at a regional and local level. In his electorate John Robertson took on the role of social worker, confidant, and counsellor as he sought common sense solutions for his constituents.



Jo Goodhew, MP for Rangitata, talks to Jessica Venning - Bryan, Communications Manager for Lion Nathan, about her role as a second term constituency MP and Junior Whip for the National Party - 2009.

PARLIAMENTARY STUDY PROGRAMME - SEMINARS

The Trust's Parliamentary Seminars are unique intensive one-day studies of the parliamentary system.

The founders' view of the trust was confirmed by businesspeople who attended the first parliamentary study programme on 3 June 1992. Fourteen representatives of trust corporate members participated in the all-day seminar chaired by Patrick Goodman. John McCliskie, chair of the Apple and Pear Marketing Board, said that what emerged at the end of the day was his recognition of his previous lack of in-depth knowledge about the parliamentary process.

Peter Young, an American managing director of Glaxo, was quoted saying 'It was an excellent forum for learning the idiosyncrasies of how government is exercised through Parliament.' The need was underlined by the fact that there were soon waiting lists of trust corporate members seeking to have their staff attend the parliamentary seminars.

Thirty years on, the Trust runs one day seminars four times a year (except in an Election year) with two seminars under the title of Exercising Government through Parliament and two on The Machinery of Government and Parliament - Taking a Closer Look.



2006 - Scott Champion, the 1000th attendee receiving his certificate from Barry Dineen, Board Chair





Rt Hon Winston Peters, Leader of the NZ First Party



2018 - Chloe Swarbrick MP



Rt Hon Helen Clark 2008



2018 - Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister

2008 - Dr Pita Sharples, Co-Leader of the Maori Party

Visiting the Parliamentary Library



Seminar attendees and MPs at a Seminar lunch buffet



Rt Hon Bill English 2017



2018 - Hon Megan Woods, Minister, and former Trustee & Board Member



2013 - Rt Hon John Key, Prime Minister



Opposition and Government Whips with Mary Harris, Clerk of the House



Seminar attendees proceeding along The Speaker's Corridor, Parliament House

CORPORATE & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS WORKING FOR THE TRUST

2005 - Some of Parliament's newest members together with Associate Members of the Trust and parliamentary officers seen here listening to Chairman Barry Dineen talking about the work of the Trust, with particular emphasis on the Business Study Programme attachments available to all MPs.



2007 Charles Chauvel, Hon Kate Wilkinson and Hon Jo Goodhew receiving their Associate Membership certificates from John O'Sullivan, Executive Director.



CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

Corporate members are the heartbeat of the Trust. From the inaugural thirty-nine members in 1991 to the close on seventy members in 2021, the Trust has engaged with and been supported by some of New Zealand's most successful companies and businesses in its thirty-year history.



2017 Karen Fistonich, Villa Maria Wines with Rt Hon David Carter, Trust President



2010 - Hon Andrew Little receives his Associate Membership certificate from Sir John Goulter



2015 - Mr Kanwaljit Singh Bakshi MP receiving his Associate Membership certificate from Z Energy representative in the presence of the Trust's President, Rt Hon David Carter

PRESIDENTS DINNERS



In 1996 the Trust introduced the first in a series of President's Dinners. The first such dinner hosted by the Hon Peter Tapsell as President of the Trust, was a large affair with the Rt Hon Geoffrey Palmer as guest speaker. Subsequent dinners, of which there are up to three each year, are held in the Speaker's Dining Room and limited to 14 guests.

These dinners offer the opportunity for the Speaker as President, to thank CEOs (or their nominees) for their support of the Trust and also to provide them with an opportunity to learn something of the Trust's current activities and to enable them to interact with senior parliamentarians and Ministers.



CHARITABLE ENDEAVOURS

YOUTH PARLIAMENT, SCHOLARSHIPS & EDUCATIONAL VISITS



The winners of the 2004 Youth Parliament with Hon Jonathan Hunt, Speaker James Owen, Lucy Forgie, Polly Higbee

YOUTH PARLIAMENT

Once in every Parliament since 1994, Youth MPs have taken their places in the House of Representatives as members of the Youth Parliament organized by the Ministry of Youth Development with the co-operation of the Office of the Clerk and Parliamentary Service.

Young people from around New Zealand are chosen by an MP to be their Youth Member of Parliament (Youth MP). The affinity between the objectives of the Youth Parliament and the trust is clear. Both seek to improve the understanding of Parliament by key groups in the community: young people and business.

In March 1997 Rt Hon Jonathan Hunt MP proposed to the board that the trust should support the Youth Parliament by sponsoring an essay competition among Youth MPs. This was readily agreed to, and the 1997 Youth MPs were invited to submit an essay of around 800 words on 'My time as a Member of the Youth Parliament.' The winner was to receive \$1000, generously offered by Sir Patrick Goodman, to assist

with studies. The last Youth Parliament was held in July 2019. Competition winners were announced at a reception marking the 25th anniversary of Aotearoa New Zealand's Youth Parliament hosted by the Hon Peeni Henare, Minister for Youth. At the end of 2021, the Trust confirmed that it will be running a competition in conjunction with Youth Parliament 2022.



Sir John Key with his Youth MP Sylvie Ardmore 2010

SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2010, “The New Zealand Business and Parliament Trust Prize” scholarship was established with a generous donation of \$60,000 from Sir Pat Goodman, to encourage postgraduate research into the role of Parliament in the policy process and the wider community.

The Scholarship was to be awarded annually to a student’s intending to enrol in either an honours or a taught master’s programme, with the intention of

completing a research essay on an aspect of the role of Parliament in the policy process and the wider community.

Victoria University found itself unable to recommend students in certain academic years and following a 2018 review of our tertiary education funding programme, the Trust is currently sponsoring prizes in politics and public policy with four universities, namely: University of Canterbury, University of Auckland, University of Otago, and Waikato University.



2014 - Dylan Chambers and Nicola Yong Victoria University of Wellington joint Scholarship and prize recipients



2020 Elisha Espiner, University of Canterbury and James Dean, inaugural prize winner, University of Otago

“MY TIME AT YOUTH PARLIAMENT 2007” BY VINCE WYLIE OF WELLINGTON (RUNNER-UP)

What I have come to appreciate in my time at Youth Parliament 2007 is that Parliament is a place of work. Endless hours of research, debate, and discussion for what often seems like no reward.

I appreciated the rare chance of being able to talk one on one and in groups with New Zealand’s major decision makers and discovering what got them into politics, what issues they’re passionate about and why.

From behind the television screen, you are limited as to what you actually see of Parliament and its workings. You may hear what Duncan Garner or Guyon Espiner think about an issue, but very rarely do you get to hear about section 59 for example or tax cuts at length, unedited from a Helen Clark or a John Key.

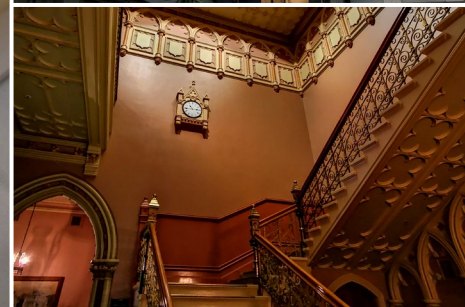
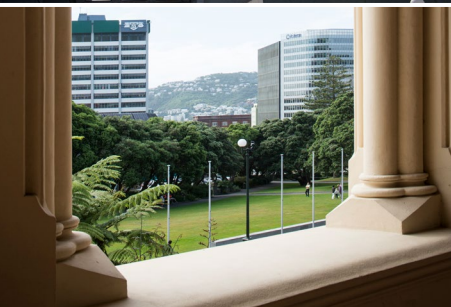
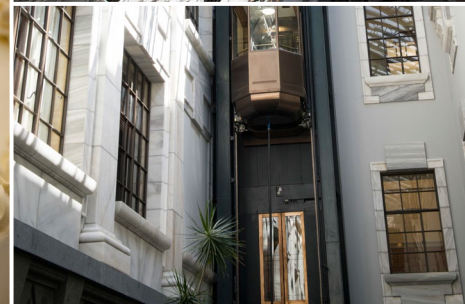
So yes, absolutely, one thing I loved about Youth Parliament 2007 was being given the unique opportunity to talk about - and debate - the issues of the moment with those that actually make the laws and have the power to enforce change.

It’s one thing to sway your mum or dad as to why perhaps Kiwisaver is a good concept but it’s quite something else to be able to voice that opinion to the Minister of Finance himself and know that the next time he sits down in cabinet he may still have that argument in the back of his mind. A pipe dream perhaps but hey, it’s possible.





AND NOW WE ARE 30



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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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