

# THE HONOURABLE RUTH RICHARDSON

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## CREDENTIALS

- Public office*      New Zealand's reforming Minister of Finance (1990-93)  
Member of the NZ Parliament, Selwyn Electorate (1981-94)
- Banking*            Member of the Finance and Expenditure Committee responsible for the passage of the Reserve Bank Act 1989 through the NZ Parliament  
As Minister of Finance, signed the Policy Targets Agreement with the Reserve Bank Governor on taking office in 1990  
Served as a Director on the Board of the Reserve Bank (1999-2004)
- Directorships  
(current)*            Director, Bank of China (New Zealand) Ltd  
Director, Synlait Milk Ltd  
Chairman, New Zealand Merino Company Ltd  
Chairman, Kula Fund II Advisory Committee  
Director, Mont Pelerin Society

## CONSULTANCY

- Public policy*      Extensive world-wide consultancy to sovereign states, international institutions and global business organisations on economic and public policy reforms
- Mentoring*            Promotion of career development for young people from many countries, mentoring to make well informed education and work choices  
A lifetime of advocacy for women to take their place as political, business and society leaders. Member of Global Women (NZ), an organisation dedicated to advancing women into positions of responsibility

## PERSONAL PHILOSOPHY

For me, three things matter in life:

1. Nation building, hence my 14 years in public office culminating in serving a term as Minister of Finance responsible for an era of fundamental structural reform to better assure sustainable growth;
2. Business building, my focus for the last 25 years serving as a director on many public and private companies in NZ, the Pacific, the USA and the UK;
3. Family, the foundation on which everything is built. I was born in 1950, and happily married fellow lawyer Andrew Wright in 1975. We are the proud parents of Dr Lucy White, a veterinarian, and Dr Oliver Crush, a scientist.

I am a person global in outlook, ambitious for change for countries, companies and individuals to better realise their potential, curious of thought and dedicated to innovation.

I am an activist by nature, healthy, fit and physically active, engaging in a wide range of sports, exercise and travel adventures.

## EDUCATION

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| 1972 | <b>University of Canterbury (NZ) – Bachelor of Law (Honours)</b><br>Admitted to the NZ Bar as a Barrister and Solicitor   |
| 2008 | <b>Lincoln University (NZ) - Lincoln Medal</b><br>Conferred for services to the Kellogg Rural Leadership Programme        |
| 2012 | <b>University of Canterbury (NZ) – Honorary Doctorate</b><br>Conferred for services to finance and business               |
| 2016 | <b>Universidad Francisco Marroquin (Guatemala) – Honorary Doctorate</b><br>Conferred for services to public policy reform |

## WORK HISTORY

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| 1972 – 1975    | Department of Justice (NZ), Law Reform Division   |
| 1975 – 1980    | Federated Farmers of NZ, Legal Adviser  |
| 1981 – 1994    | Member of Parliament (NZ), Selwyn Electorate  |
| 1990 – 1993    | Minister of Finance   |
| 1994           | Established Ruth Richardson (NZ) Ltd; published a memoir of my political experiences ('Making a Difference', Shoal Bay Press) |
| 1994 – present | World-wide strategic and economic policy advice, plus an extensive range of corporate governance responsibilities             |

## CONTACT DETAILS

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