

ROBERT BRUCE PULMAN
NZCE (Civil), REA
QSM, Paul Harris Fellowship



Date of Birth: 05 July 1943
Married to Jessie with three children

Occupation: Managing Director of the HEB Group of Companies, a family owned group including:

- (a) HEB Construction Ltd
Structures, Roding, Infrastructure, Landscapes,
Subdivisions, Precast
- (b) Marphona Farms Ltd, an organic Dairy Unit and model
Dairy Farm milking 2000 cows.
- (c) Green Valley Dairies Ltd
Milk processing plant based on Marphona Farms

Community Awards:
Awarded a 'Paul Harris' Fellowship from International
Rotary for Community Service
Awarded a QSM for Community Service 1997

Current Community Service Appointments:

Trustee of Manukau Counties Community Facilities Charitable Trust
Trustee of Bruce Pulman Park Trust
Patron of Counties Manukau Gymnastics Inc. 2002
Life Member of Papakura Athletic Club
Patron of Papakura Netball Centre
Patron of Ardmore Marist Rugby

Previous Community Service:

Past Chairman of Nina Busing Kindergarten in Clevedon Road.

Past Chairman of the Cosgrove School Committee

Past Chairman of the combined Session and Management Committee of the First Presbyterian Church.

Inaugural Board Member of Manukau Counties Netball Entity and Comet Netball Franchise

Past President of:

Papakura Athletic Club

Counties Manukau Gymnastics 1992 – 2001

President and Chairman of Counties Manukau Athletics Inc.

Past Chairman COMETZ Netball Franchise

Community Service Achievements:

Wherever Bruce and his family have been involved whether that be at kindergarten or at sports clubs such as gymnastics and athletics Bruce has been involved in development and sponsorship work. He loves creating and building things. Bruce takes pride in his community and in assisting others from the community do well.

Over numerous years Bruce has sponsored many high achieving New Zealand sports people through his family company, HEB Construction.

Nina Busing Kindergarten

Bruce undertook the redevelopment of the Kindergarten and acquisition of additional land from Papakura District Council. He also led the project for the building of a children's playground.

Papakura Athletic Club

As President of Papakura Athletic Club his major achievement was the development and construction of the all weather international track at Massey Park, Papakura. In conjunction with Papakura District Council the project was completed in time for the 1990 Commonwealth Games. This was achieved in typical Bruce fashion, in about 6 months, and as a result several of the Games warm up meets were held there.

Bruce established Counties Manukau Athletics to give the district a highly successful sporting team and also tendered for the International Athletics series the "Marley Games" that for many years provided a great sporting and entertainment event for Papakura.

Redhill Community Centre

Bruce has contributed his time and philanthropy, plus the services of HEB Construction and the Bruce Pulman Park Trust to assist in the development and building of the Papakura Community Centre facilities in Red Hill, Papakura.

This multi purpose building provides community facilities for sports, climbing wall, cultural and spiritual incentives, family cinema and movies making initiatives, legal and financial guidance, parenting seminars, building family resilience and educational opportunities.

Papakura Theatre Company

“Off Broadway” facility, Papakura CBD.

The Bruce Pulman Park Trust owns the building and the Papakura Theatre Company have a “Licence to Occupy”. The generosity of Bruce and his fellow Trustee’s has enabled the Theatre Company members to focus on the production of plays and have no worries about financing or maintaining a building.

Counties Manukau Gymnastics

In support of his daughter Fiona and her chosen sport of Gymnastics, the Pulman family became involved with the Counties Manukau Gymnastics Club Inc. in 1985.

In 1999 Bruce was awarded the prestigious Hough Service Award for outstanding service to the Club, namely in his fundraising and sponsorship efforts. In 2001 he was awarded a 10 year Club Service Award.

Elected as President in 1992, Bruce served in this position for 10 years until 2001. From 2001 to the current time he has been Patron of the Club.

At the Annual General Meeting in 1992, when Bruce was first elected as President, the Club was operating from a condemned building at the Ardmore Aerodrome and from the Manurewa Recreation Centre.

During his presidential tenure Bruce realised the vision to provide the Club with debt free facilities. He was the driving force behind the plans to provide a home for Counties Manukau Gymnastics. Under his direction and motivation the Club members undertook extensive fundraising activities to raise a financial contribution towards achieving this dream. The Club had been fundraising for a gymnastics facility since the late 1970’s. The major fundraising event of the year, the Queen’s Birthday Competition has been sponsored by Bruce since 1992.

The dream and vision of Bruce Pulman Park was merged with the dreams of the Club and the \$5.5m world class Counties Manukau Gymsport & Recreation Centre opened in 2000. The Bruce Pulman Park Trust has managed and operated the gymnastic activities of the Club since this time with ongoing and continuing financial support.

GymSports New Zealand

Bruce expanded his benevolence to gymnastics through his support for GymSports New Zealand (formally New Zealand Gymnastics). His initial patronage involved sponsorship of the National Championships in the years they were held in the Counties Manukau Gymsport & Recreation Centre. His long term vision and attitude ‘only the best is good

enough' ensured the Centre was not only equipped for training purposes, but could host an international event, if required.

In the latter years the support from Bruce has been direct to the National Sports Organisation enabling the event to be held at the Westpac Trust Centre in Christchurch and in 2008 his contribution made it possible for the event to be expanded into a major festival, including all five GymSports hosted at Mystery Creek, Hamilton.

Counties Manukau Sport (Regional Sports Trust)

For the past three years and a commitment for the next three years Bruce has provided backing for the annual Counties Manukau Sports Excellence Awards through his personal support and the major sponsorship of HEB Construction.

Bruce Pulman Park

The largest undertaking for the community is the management and overseeing of the development of Bruce Pulman Park (named by Papakura District Council) which involved working with Council in acquiring land from the Defence Forces and developing an outstanding sports recreation and leisure venue for the district. The development is heavily supported by HEB Contractors with its knowledge of developing peat land. Bruce has spent many hours of his time in talks to community users, sports etc to ensure that what is created is the best currently available. Bruce's management skills and 'lets do it' attitude has enabled many things to happen in the district that others had thought were impossible or too hard. The Park has attracted masses of people to events in the Papakura District.

The Park is a unique, international sports, recreational and function facility comprising of world class sports grounds and indoor centres in 54 hectares of spacious park surroundings. The Park, at the current time in 2009 includes a Netball Centre, Team Sport Centre, Gymsport & Recreation Centre, Training & Accommodation Complex, Cricket Ovals, all weather Sports Fields. Planning is underway for an Indoor Courts Centre, Fitness & Sports Science Centre, Arthur Lydiard Sports House, Multi Sports Complex, Cricket Pavilion, Cafe and Creche and childrens Adventure Playgrounds.

The end result, in ten years time, will be a living legacy to the dreams and long term visionary planning and achievements of Bruce Pulman.

Forever humble in his self interests, his humanity and benevolence has been an incredible feat of self belief, drive, and determination. He has built world class facilities and established funding streams so that the community at large can enjoy the use of these facilities. He is a true philanthropist and worthy of national recognition for his services.

