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John Stephen Baird MNZM

John Baird has had an extensive and illustrious career in business and governance.
His acumen was acknowledged with the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2022.

A University of Oxford graduate and Rhodes Scholar, John is a former managing director of Ceramco Corp Ltd and Goodman Fielder Wattie. He has provided governance to a variety of organisations, including Auckland Rugby, the Eden Park Trust Board, the Comfort Group, and Mercury Energy, together with several small to medium enterprises. John was a volunteer for the Graeme Dingle Foundation when it was first established, before becoming a director when it expanded. He was also a trustee with Business Trust Marlborough.

When he retired, John completed a Bachelor of Arts in Māori Studies and then became a member of the Waitangi Tribunal from 1999 to 2012 where he contributed to several reports, including Te Rohe Pōtae involving 270 claims.

Born in Invercargill, John lived in Christchurch, England, Auckland, and Australia before retiring to Blenheim.



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