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**FINALISTS FOR THE
UK NEW ZEALANDER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2013 ANNOUNCED**

The three finalists for the prestigious **New Zealand Society's UK New Zealander of the Year Award 2013** have been announced in London, United Kingdom.

The Award was established by the New Zealand Society in 1999 to recognise the person who has made the most outstanding personal contribution to promoting the interests of New Zealand or New Zealanders in the United Kingdom.

The winner will be announced and presented with the Award at the **New Zealand Society Waitangi Day Charity Ball** to be held in The Ballroom at **The Dorchester** on Park Lane in Mayfair, London on the evening of **Friday, 8th February 2013**.

The three finalists for the UK New Zealander of the Year Award 2013, which is proudly sponsored by Air New Zealand, are (in alphabetical order):

- 1. Katherine Corich**, who is passionate about helping New Zealand individuals and companies excel on the global stage. As mentor and oftentimes angel investor, Katherine's boundless energy and enthusiasm are infectious. Katherine is founder and global chair of Sysdoc Group, a consulting firm with operations in four countries, with a UK base in Central London.
- 2. Matt Hickey**, a qualified Senior Therapy Radiographer and CEO of Intacare International Limited, as well as Healthcare Change Manager at BUPA. Matt is a true health philanthropist, striving to make his visionary model of a globally applicable toolkit for assessing, monitoring and management post-cancer treatment. Matt's mission is to extend this beyond the arena of oncology so as to include such areas as cardiac disease, surgery and diabetes; and with the overriding objective that it is free to

all patients.

- Bronwen Horton**, founder of the New Zealand Business Women's Network in the UK in 2009, bringing together women in all levels of the corporate and creative worlds, and particularly fostering business networking together with social bonding and support, creating an environment to share entrepreneurial ideas, skills and expertise. In addition, Bronwen has been at the forefront of the fundraising efforts in aid of those who suffered in the Canterbury earthquakes.

John Greager, President of the New Zealand Society, commented:

“The 2013 finalists are all New Zealanders who, in their own ways, share their community spirit, dedication and enthusiasm through a diverse range of activities, and who have each made a significant contribution to raising the profile of New Zealand in the United Kingdom.”

Past winners of the Award have included **Kent Gardner** (Chief Executive of Evans Randall and major fundraiser for the Canterbury Earthquake Appeal), **Terry Smith**, (Chairman of Sir Keith Park's Memorial Campaign and Chief Executive of Fundsmith), **Anna Hansen MBE** (chef, restaurateur and founder of The Modern Pantry restaurant in London), **Esther Kerr-Jessop QSM** (founder of the London Maori cultural group, Ngati Ranana), **Jonathan Rennie** (New Zealand war memorial architect), **Susan and Tom Glynn** (restaurateurs and founders of Suze in Mayfair), **Peter Leslie** (the founding President of the New Zealand Society in Scotland), **Dame Judith Mayhew Jonas** (Chairman of Policy and Resources of the City of London Corporation and the first woman Provost of King's College, Cambridge), **Michael Campbell** (professional golfer), **The Rt. Hon. Don McKinnon** (Secretary-General of the Commonwealth); **Sir Mark Todd** (Olympic and international equestrian even rider) and **Peter Gordon** (celebrity chef and restaurateur, and founder of The Providores and Kopapa restaurants).

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NOTES TO EDITORS

The New Zealand Society

The New Zealand Society was established in London in **December 1927** and this year celebrates its 85th anniversary. The New Zealand Society's **Patron** is **HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh** and the **Vice-Patron** is **HE The New Zealand High Commissioner for the United Kingdom**. The New Zealand Society is a not for profit organization whose aims are to reinforce the strong historical and cultural links between New Zealand and the United Kingdom, as well as to run a Charity Fund which gives charitable grants for good causes relating to New Zealand and New Zealanders.

The New Zealand Society is responsible for hosting the **Waitangi Day Commemorative Church Service** and the **Waitangi Day Charity Ball** in the United Kingdom.

Waitangi Day

Waitangi Day is New Zealand's national day, commemorating the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi between the British Crown and the Maori peoples of Aotearoa (the Maori name for New Zealand) on 6 February 1840. The Treaty of Waitangi is New Zealand's founding document.

The Waitangi Day Commemorative Church Service

This will be held on the evening of Thursday, 7 February 2013 at **St Lawrence Jewry**, (the official church of the Lord Mayor of London), which is in Guildhall Yard off Gresham Street, City of London, EC2V 5AA.

The Service will be from 6.30 pm until 7.30 pm, and is followed by a Reception hosted by the Worshipful Company of Girdlers held at the **Girdlers' Hall** on Basinghall Street, City of London.

There are a limited number of tickets available for the Service and Reception. Tickets must be booked in advance (no door sales) and can be booked at www.nzsociety.co.uk. All monies received go to the New Zealand Society's **Charity Fund**.

Waitangi Day Charity Ball

This year's Waitangi Day Charity Ball will be held in The Ballroom at **The Dorchester**, 53 Park Lane, Mayfair, London W1K 1QA on the evening of **Friday, 8 February 2013**.

The black tie evening will commence with a New Zealand Sparkling Wine Reception, followed by a traditional Maori welcome (pōwhiri) by **Ngāti Rānana London Māori Club** welcoming dignitaries and guests into The Ballroom for dinner.

The guest speaker for the evening will be **Esther Kerr-Jessop QSM**, the founder of Ngati Ranana, the recipient of the Sir Kingi Ihaka Award in New Zealand in 2012 and the UK New Zealander of the Year Award in 2009. **Air New Zealand** will present the **UK New Zealander of the Year Award 2013** during the evening, and there will be a Charity auction and raffle.

A limited number of places are still available for purchase at www.nzsociety.co.uk.

Profiles of the 2013 UK New Zealander of the Year Award finalists (in alphabetic order)

Katherine Corich



Matt Hickey



Bronwen Horton



Katherine Corich

Katherine Corich was the founder of the Sysdoc Group, which started in New Zealand in 1986 and provides world-class services in change management, information management, training, and process improvement and documentation. Since then, Sysdoc has expanded to an enterprise having offices in Auckland, Wellington, Sydney, Los Angeles and London. When Katherine arrived in the UK 6 ½ years ago to step in as the Chief Executive of the London office she had only intended to stay for 18 months, but then realised that she could do far more to help New Zealand business to globalise their operations by being based in the United Kingdom.

Sysdoc was selected as one of the founding companies of the New Zealand Trade and Enterprise Beachheads programme. Katherine is an active member of the World Class New Zealand network and an International Board Member for Global Women. Katherine uses her presence in the UK to contribute to creating a stronger and more vibrant New Zealand economy, to strengthen UK/NZ trade relations, create a more equal society and to lead philanthropic initiatives which challenge often 'broken' norms. Katherine is well known for building networks she then shares extensively with New Zealand businesses, and mentors New Zealand companies and entrepreneurs wanting to set up business in the UK or establish commercial presence here.

Katherine's philanthropic work has included working on specific projects to reduce child abuse and family violence in New Zealand, and helping support vulnerable youth. In addition to the many official and board positions Katherine holds, she is heavily involved in the University of Canterbury's CEISMIC (Canterbury Earthquake Images, Stories and Media Integrated Collection) Digital Archive Programme, designed to preserve the memories and experiences of people of the Canterbury region.

Matt Hickey

Having worked in his early 20s as a volunteer Alpine Search Dogs Officer, Matt first became involved in helping people in times of crisis, leading him to embark on a career in Medical Radiation Therapy. When Matt joined the Christchurch Oncology Department, as a Staff Therapy Radiographer, he saw that, differently from other chronic illnesses such as cardiac disease, there was little physical rehabilitative support those who were recovering from cancer. This led Matt to complete a Post-Graduate Diploma in Sports Medicine, with a particular focus on exercise prescription to assist individuals in their recovery from cancer.

In 2002, Matt moved to London to gain international experience in oncology and sports medicine. He saw that, although technology advancements were helping people live longer, many cancer patients suffered a long-term reduction in their quality of life as a result of the after-effects of their treatments. As a result, Matt established the Cancer Recovery Programme (CRP), the UK's first hospital-based, insurance-funded cancer rehabilitation programme, delivered via the Cromwell and Parkside Hospitals, London.

In 2004, Matt founded Intacare International Limited, a company dedicated to the development and promotion of clinical rehabilitation services, clinical outcomes assessment and remote patient monitoring tools, all aimed at helping improve the quality of life of individuals living with or beyond cancer. Matt has since worked with research facilities at various UK universities, continuing to advance medical practice, procedures and products in the field of oncology and post-cancer treatment.

Matt's vision for this year and beyond is to build on Intacare's success in the UK and the northern hemisphere to continue developing state of the art systems and technology. Intacare is seeking to open an Australasian office in New Zealand, leveraging off its global alliances with insurance companies, pharmaceutical companies, and hospitals to promote the uptake of free-to-patient cancer survivorship in the southern hemisphere. Matt sights are then set on the use of Intacare's technology to help in other areas of chronic illness such as diabetes, cardiac disease and mental health.

Bronwen Horton

Bronwen was born and raised in Christchurch. She studied at Canterbury University and obtained degrees in Law and Commerce, qualifying as a Barrister and Solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand. She works at Coutts Private Bank as a Project Manager

Since moving to the UK 5 years ago, Bronwen has exhibited a generous community-oriented spirit, particularly towards New Zealand and New Zealanders in the UK. Bronwen has always been a believer in the economic empowerment of women and in October 2011, Bronwen received international award from TIAW (The International Alliance for Women) in Washington DC, USA, being one of just 100 people bestowed this honour.

In 2009, in the midst of the economic crisis gripping the world, Bronwen came up with the idea of creating a specific, not-for-profit organisation to help bring together New Zealand Businesswomen

to help them share ideas and expertise in a supportive environment. As a result, she founded the New Zealand Business Women's Network based in the UK. Bronwen personally mentors young people to help them achieve their personal and professional goals.

In the aftermath of the earthquakes that devastated the Canterbury region of New Zealand in 2010 and 2011, Bronwen was at the forefront of the community, memorial and fundraising activities in London. She was involved in raising more than £3 million towards the Canterbury Earthquake Appeal, including the 'Step Up 4 Christchurch' charity stair climb event (up London's iconic 'Gherkin' building), as well as the charity cinema screening in London of 'When a City Falls' for the event, 'Christchurch – A Year on' in 2012. In addition, Bronwen helped organise the Christchurch Memorial Service at Westminster Cathedral.

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