

DAME ANNE SALMOND



Dame Anne Salmond - Patron Anne Salmond is an eminent historian, writer and academic and was the New Zealander of the Year in 2013. She was born in Wellington and grew up in Gisborne, studying at the University of Auckland and the University of Pennsylvania. Anne was inspired to research early Maori history and cross cultural encounters in the Pacific and has produced a number of books on these subjects. She has been the recipient of numerous literary awards, scholarships and academic prizes and in 1995 she was made a Dame Commander of the British Empire for services to NZ history. A Prime Minister's Award for Literary Achievement (2004) and inaugural Fellow of the New Zealand Academy of the Humanities (2007)

followed. Salmond has served on the boards of the Foundation for Research, Science and Technology, the Museum of New Zealand, and was chair of the New Zealand Historic Places Trust from 2001 to 2007. She was Pro-Vice Chancellor (Equal Opportunity) at the University of Auckland from 1997 to 2006 and she is the Project Sponsor for the Starpath Partnership for Excellence, which aims to ensure that Maori, Pacific and low income students achieve their potential through education. She and her husband Jeremy live in Auckland and have three children. In 2000, she and her husband initiated the restoration of the Longbush Ecosanctuary in Gisborne.