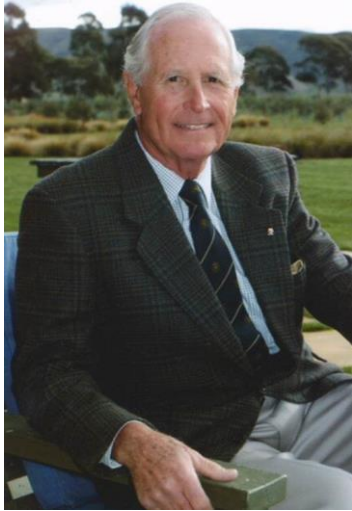


Colin Temple Clere - LLB, MNZM (1927-2017)

Colin Clere died on Jan 11th 2017, in his 90th year in Blenheim. Colin and his second wife Hilary moved from Wellington and in his “retirement” from the law, set up award winning olive oil brand *Tussock Limited*, in the Waioapai Valley.



Colin had a deep connection with Wellesley, attending Wellesley on the Terrace from 1935- 1940, along with his brothers John and Richard. Thereafter his son John attended at Days Bay from 1961-1969 and his grandsons William and Forbes Leckie in the late 1990's.

After Wellesley, Colin attended Wanganui Collegiate and then attained a LLB from Victoria University, Wellington and married the late Miro Moss.

Colin was a significant figure in Wellesley's history. The Anglican Diocese of Wellington became the school's new owner in 1962. Under Colin's role as founding Chair of the Board of Trustees (1962-1972) he negotiated the purchase of the school (which had been privately owned by its previous Headmaster Mr William (Hoppy) Stevens), and appointed trustees and academic staff, as well as organised a major building programme and associated fundraising campaign for the school's hall.

After graduating from law, Colin went to work in the firm of Luke Cunningham and Clere, joining his father Frederick Temple Clere, one of the founding partners of the firm with Sir William Cunningham. Colin was to spend all his legal career there, becoming senior partner from 1975-1995 and a consultant for some years following that. As well as director for many commercial companies, Colin was the Honorary Solicitor for the Duke of Edinburgh Award; the Wellington City Mission; the Laura Fergusson Trust for Disabled Persons; the Multiple Sclerosis Society and was founding and Advisory Trustee for the Karori Reservoir Sanctuary Trust (now Zealandia).

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Colin worked with the Department of Conservation and other government departments in drawing up the lease of the Old Government Buildings for the Victoria University Law Faculty in 1996. Colin was also an Honorary Life Member and former Chair of the Commonwealth Trust, plus Council member of the Duke of Edinburgh and National Chairman from 1990. In 1999 Colin received his MNZM for his longstanding services to Duke of Edinburgh

Colin is survived by his wife Hilary, his three daughters and son, plus step daughter and step son and their families.

Colin far left, at launch of Centenary programme Massey University with Old Boys Peter Shirtcliffe, John Plimmer and past grandparent Louise Walker.





After Wellesley, Ron went onto board at Nelson College until he was 18. He excelled there and was Head Boy and Dux, plus an active sportsman- again Captaining the strong Cricket 1st X1.

After a year at Victoria University studying English, and gaining a national scholarship, Ron travelled to Otago to commence his medical studies, graduating in 1962. One of Ron's flatmates was Dr Eric Geiringer, who as a tutor at Otago, scandalised the

establishment by flatting with students! Ron enjoyed his busy social life and classical music while at Otago and met his first wife Sally, who was studying to be a teacher. In his last year, they moved to her home town Auckland, where Ron finished off his studies, doing various disciplines at hospital departments at Greenlane, Auckland and then National Women's. The brutal work hours at the time affected his marriage and his health. After his marriage break up he set up sole practice in Glenfield on the North Shore; this continued for 51 years (28 years with a partner) until his retirement. Irene his second wife met him in his early days in Glenfield, and characterised him as "a pioneering and dedicated doctor." Not only was he running a surgery, he was doing house visits, was on call, delivered many home birth babies and also had a satellite practice in Greenhithe.

As well as his own child, Ron was father to Irene's three young children who he adopted. Irene was by his side at the practice, initially as receptionist and then as practice manager. In his medical work he took a special interest in alcohol and drug addiction, as well as rehabilitation and cardiovascular screening, many years before it was considered good practice.