

Norma Margaret Sarah Beattie (née Macdonald): 1925-2018.

Lady Norma Beattie was a leader who left her mark on society by contributing to a long list of organisations and causes as founder, organiser, fundraiser and patron, for which she was honoured by a Queen's Service Order.

Lady Norma was also a great friend to Wellesley – having had nine grandsons enrolled at the school, she had the proud record of attendance at 21 Grandparents' Days. Along with her late husband, Sir David Beattie, (governor-general from 1980-1985 and patron of Wellesley College Foundation's fundraising campaigns), she supported the school's rebuilding programme. A plaque in the music / performing arts centre recognises their support and interest. Given Sir David's background as an Old Boy of Dilworth (a scholarship-only school in Auckland), they were also supportive of Wellesley opening their gates to young men through scholarship.

Sir David and Lady Norma were co-patrons to more than 50 organisations. Amongst these, Lady Norma was the inaugural patron of Mary Potter Hospice, helping to raise more than \$7.5 million for the charity, and patron to Diabetes New Zealand – a disease her family had a predisposition to – for 23 years.

Aside from her charity work over her long life, it was the role of motherhood she cherished most. Lady Norma died aged 92, and is survived by six of her seven children, twenty of her twenty-one grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. The Wellesley choir sang at Lady Beattie's funeral.

