



Bledisloe Medal 2021

Jeff Grant

Jeff Grant has had a long and successful career in the land-based industries in New Zealand.

The Lincoln University Diploma in Agriculture graduate farms sheep, beef and deer at Balfour in Southland, and has extensive agribusiness and rural sector leadership experience.

Since 1994, Jeff has been predominately involved as a director or trustee for more than 24 organisations and companies. In 2014 he was appointed a Director of AgResearch Limited and became Chair in July 2017. He is currently the Chairman of Thriving Southland, a Director of Great South and a Trustee of the Massey-Lincoln and Agricultural Industry Trust.

Past directorships have included Invest South, Landcorp, Wrightson, New Zealand Meat Board, Meat and Wool NZ, Agriculture ITO, SBS bank, Finance Now Ltd, Animal Health Board, Catapult Genetics, Ovita, Tulip International, OSPRI, Predator 2050, Southern Institute Technology, Mt Linton Station Ltd, Milford Sound Tourism, Wool Partners Co-op and the Business Parliamentary Trust.

In 2018 Jeff was appointed by Beef + Lamb New Zealand and the Meat Industry Association to represent and safeguard New Zealand's red meat exports in the wake of Brexit and position NZ Meat Industry for Free Trade Agreements with EU 27 and the United Kingdom.

He was also the National Party Member of Parliament for Awarua from 1987 to 1993 and held the position of Senior Whip from 1990 to 1993.

Jeff Grant has made an outstanding contribution to the rural sector and is a deserving recipient of the Bledisloe Medal.

The Bledisloe Medal, initiated in 1930 by the late Viscount Bledisloe, former Governor-General of New Zealand, is made to a former student or a past or current staff member of Lincoln University, who in the opinion of the Council, has made an outstanding contribution to his or her chosen field of expertise, advanced New Zealand's interests, and/or brought credit to Lincoln University.

Professor Bruce McKenzie
Vice-Chancellor

Bruce Gemmell
Chancellor