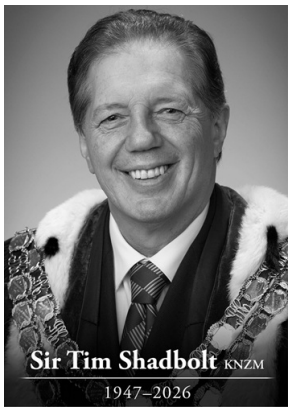
RUTHERFORD COLLEGE · HALL OF DISTINCTION



Sir Timothy Shadbolt

Attended Rutherford College | Formerly Rutherford High School · 1961–1964

Sir Tim Shadbolt was one of New Zealand's most recognisable and colourful public figures, remembered for his larger-than-life personality, determination and remarkable contribution to local government.

Born in Auckland in 1947, Sir Tim was a founding student of Rutherford College, where he demonstrated early leadership qualities, serving on the School Council and being appointed a prefect.

Following his time at Rutherford, he attended the University of Auckland, where he became actively involved in student politics and social activism. His passion for standing up for what he believed in would become a defining feature of his life.

Sir Tim went on to enjoy an extraordinary political career, serving as Mayor of Waitematā City from 1983 to 1989 and Mayor of Invercargill from 1993 to 1995 and again from 1998 to 2022. With more than 32 years of mayoral service, he became one of New Zealand's longest-serving mayors and a much-loved national personality.

He was knighted in the 2019 New Year Honours List as a Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit (KNZM).

> Known for his humour, individuality and willingness to challenge convention, Sir Tim left a lasting mark on New Zealand's political and cultural landscape.

Rutherford College is proud to recognise Sir Tim Shadbolt as an inductee into the Hall of Distinction, honouring a former student whose extraordinary journey from Rutherford to national prominence reflects a life lived with courage, character and individuality.

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