

JACK ADAM
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Jack was the foundation Principal of Massey High School and served 17 years as Principal from 1969 to 1985.

As such, Jack was responsible for setting the founding values of Massey High School and one could say, had a significant impact on the future careers of thousands of young men and women, some of whom we are acknowledging this evening.

From good South Island McKenzie Country farming stock, Jack attended Timaru Boys' High School and Canterbury University where he graduated with an MA in Geography.

He was a pioneer in the drift to the north where he attended Auckland Teachers' College as that was the only place in New Zealand one could train as a secondary school teacher.

Jack taught at Nelson College for three years and then embarked on his O.E. just as the young ones do these days. He explored Europe, taught in London and returned to New Zealand to teach at Cambridge High School for fourteen years until his appointment as the foundation Principal of Massey High School which began in 1969 on the Henderson High School site.

For 17 years Jack worked hard in establishing Massey High School as a school which served the Massey Community with distinction.

Jack was always a keen and competent sportsman with a strong interest in tennis and golf. His drive, enthusiasm and sense of community was well utilised in the establishment of the Redwood Park Golf Club in 1970 and he continued to contribute highly in the area of community service.

He became, and still is a Justice of the Peace, served as a Councillor on the Waitakere City Council for six years, wrote "Redwood Park Golf Club – The First 30 Years", co-authored "Rugged Determination" a history of Swanson 1854-2004 and has now compiled "Seek the Heights" the first 40 years of Massey High School".

His work in the community was recognised in 1997 when he was awarded the "Queens Service Medal" for public service and in 2000 with a Waitakere City Millennium Medal.

Jack is a character, has strong opinions on most issues and a great sense of humour.