



A Legacy in Memory of Sir Paul Callaghan GNZM, FRS, FRSNZ

As you will know, at the end of March New Zealand lost one of its most acclaimed scientists, entrepreneurs and leaders, a man who articulated with passion and conviction a clear and positive vision for New Zealand and its future economic prosperity. He provided leadership not just in his scientific field, but also more broadly on economic and environmental issues which he knew were critical to the future of our country.

Such was Sir Paul Callaghan's international reach and mana that there were over 9700 cyber broadcasts in 34 countries around the globe from which many more individuals watched his funeral streamed live on the internet.

We are determined that the legacy left to us by Sir Paul Callaghan – New Zealander of the Year in 2011 and recipient, posthumously, of the KEA Supreme World Class New Zealand Award in 2012, as well as the recipient of many science and other honours – should live on and flourish.

To this end, we think the most fitting tribute to Sir Paul is an endowed professorial Chair with a national focus hosted at Victoria University, from where he graduated in 1970 and where he continued to teach and research until shortly before his death on 24 March.

We discussed this proposal with Paul in the last weeks of his life, and, with his full approval, agreed on an endowed Chair, which we are naming the Paul Callaghan Chair in Advanced Technology.

The Chair will focus on physics and applied science that were such hallmarks of his research and his career. But it will be essential that all future holders of the Chair demonstrate Paul's exceptional leadership and skills not only as an innovator and entrepreneur, but also as a science communicator, making science relevant to New Zealand business and to the wider public.

Paul captured the hearts and minds of New Zealanders across the country - scientists, business people, economists, environmentalists and the wider public. In September last year 1,500 people filled the Wellington Town Hall to listen to him deliver the Inaugural Victoria University Chancellor's Lecture. All heard the vision that Paul had espoused in his book *Wool to Weta – Transforming New Zealand's Culture and Economy*, and, as Paul said, his vision of "New Zealand - 100% smart", and "A place where talent can thrive".

To recruit a world class candidate who will continue Paul Callaghan's legacy and apply his vision for New Zealand's future economic prosperity, we are seeking to establish an endowment fund of \$5 million which will generate sufficient income to offer a globally competitive annual salary package.

We are approaching for support a very wide range of individuals and organisations, both in New Zealand and overseas, with whom Paul was closely associated, or whom we think admired his determination and commitment to helping advance New Zealand's economic growth.

I am very pleased to confirm that Victoria University is contributing \$1.5 million towards our goal of \$5 million, and that private donations have already been received.

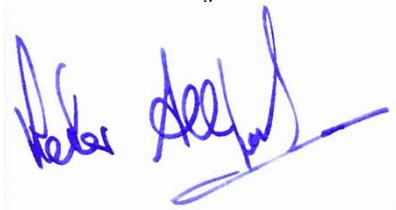
I attach a prospectus about the Paul Callaghan Chair and the following is the URL for a short (five minute) presentation about Paul and about the purpose of the Chair, including some clips of Paul talking of his vision.

<http://prezi.com/8ebx2ewfhjep/paul-callaghan-chair-in-advanced-technology/>

You may donate as indicated on the last slide of the presentation.

I do hope you will join with us in helping to establish this Chair in memory of a remarkable and visionary New Zealander, scientist, entrepreneur and communicator.

Yours Sincerely



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