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Stop rhino poaching. North-West, South Africa

Photo: Richard Mann



On Africa's highest mountain, Mt Kilimanjaro (5895 m), above the clouds in Tanzania

Photo: Ed McIsaac



Himba woman from the Kunene region in Namibia.

Photo: Danie Beukman

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## New Zealand elected to UN Security Council



NZ Foreign Minister Murray McCully reacts to the NZ election

New Zealand has been elected to the UN Security Council for the two-year term 2015-16. In the vote in New York on 16 October, New Zealand won on the first ballot with 145 out of 193 votes.

“This result would not have been possible without strong support from African countries”, said High Commissioner Richard Mann. “We are very appreciative of this vote of confidence in New Zealand’s ability to play a positive and constructive role in the Council.”

Prime Minister John Key said that New Zealand’s success was a victory for the small states that make up over half the United Nations membership. “We believe that New Zealand can make a positive difference to world affairs and provide a unique and independent voice at the world’s top table.”

## High Commissioner presents credentials in Tanzania



High Commissioner Richard Mann and Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete

High Commissioner Richard Mann presented his credentials to Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete on 15 July. The ceremony was held in the State House in Dar es Salaam, with Foreign Minister Bernard Membe and other senior authorities in attendance.

Mann said “President Kikwete was relaxed and friendly, and our 10 minute scheduled conversation ran for over half an hour. President Kikwete reaffirmed our close relations – ‘we know New Zealand; we know what you can do’. He raised the possibility of agricultural cooperation, recalling New Zealand’s previous assistance to the Tanzanian dairy sector. “We are seeking to establish a new generation agreement for cooperation in the field of agriculture.”

Mann advised President Kikwete that Tanzania was one of the largest recipients of New Zealand scholarships, with some 30 students studying higher degrees in New Zealand universities over the past decade, and 10 this year alone. Most of these have been for postgraduate degrees in agriculture-related disciplines, as well as in renewable energy. New Zealand and Tanzania also enjoy close ties through the Commonwealth and the United Nations. “I recalled that founding President Julius Nyerere made the first state visit by an independent African leader to New Zealand in 1974.”

“I was escorted to meet the President by two senior Tanzanian officials, both with a kiwi connection. Chief of Protocol Mohamed Juma spent three months on secondment to the New Zealand Foreign Ministry in Wellington in 1977, and State House Comptroller Shabani Gurumo studied for his Master’s Degree at Auckland University. This was a reflection of our long-standing education linkages with Tanzania.”

With a population of 51 million, average economic growth of 7% over the past decade, and more market oriented economic policies, Tanzania offers a lot of potential for increased trade and investment with New Zealand.



President Kikwete, Chief of Protocol Mohamed Juma (middle) and High Commissioner Richard Mann

# New Zealand and South Africa host agriculture and fisheries workshop for African countries



South African Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Bheki Cele, South African High Commissioner to New Zealand Zodwa Lallie and High Commissioner Richard Mann.

Over 2-3 September 2014 the New Zealand and South African Governments jointly hosted an agriculture and fisheries workshop in Pretoria, South Africa, aimed at addressing barriers to the agricultural and seafood export trade and promoting economic development.

Senior industry representatives and government officials from the 15 nations of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) attended, as well as Kenya and Uganda. Key regional organisations such as the Secretariats of SADC, and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa, the FAO, the African Union's New Partnership for African Development, the African Development Bank, and the Global Food Safety Initiative also participated. High calibre speakers from New Zealand, South Africa, Botswana, Kenya and the Seychelles identified successes and challenges they have had in exporting primary products across a variety of sectors, including horticulture, seafood, dairy and red meat. Participants engaged in discussion,

break-out working group sessions, and agreed a series of recommendations related to further enhancing regional integration and addressing barriers to agricultural trade within Africa and to markets further afield.

The workshop represents one way in which New Zealand is looking to increase its engagement with the fast-growing African continent, through supporting development and sharing expertise in areas in which we have world-leading export sectors. In 2013 60% of New Zealand's goods exports were agricultural products with dairy and meat leading the way. New Zealand is the world's largest dairy exporter.



Ephraim Moruke, Laboratory Manager at the Department of Agriculture.



Alistair Macfarlane, International Policy and Market Access Manager at New Zealand seafood company Sandford.



Small group discussions.

Enhancing the quantity and quality of African agricultural and fisheries exports, overcoming barriers to trade, and improving farmer incomes, are ways in which Africa can drive better economic and social outcomes. You can find out more about the workshop, including access to all presentations at:

<http://www.nzsafoodsafetyworkshop.co.za/>



Delegates at the workshop.

## Chief of Air Force visits South Africa



Air Vice-Marshal Mike Yardley, High Commissioner Richard Mann, and Ambassador Anil Sooklal (Deputy Director-General Asia/Middle East, South African Department of International Relations and Cooperation)

Air Vice-Marshal Mike Yardley, DSD, Chief of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, visited Pretoria from 15 – 20 September. His visit took place in the context of the biennial Africa Aerospace and Defence Air and Trade Show. This provided a useful opportunity to bring together a number of New Zealand aviation companies which were in town for the trade show (e.g. Airwork, Pacific Aerospace, Spidertracks) as well as South African aviation and defence companies with New Zealand links (e.g. Airteam, and Paramount – Africa’s largest privately owned defence company).

Air Vice-Marshal Yardley met with Ambassador Anil Sooklal (Deputy Director-General for Asia and the Middle East) at the Department of International Relations and Cooperation to discuss the New Zealand/South Africa defence relationship. He also met with General Fabian Msimang, Chief of the South African Air Force, to explore areas of possible cooperation.

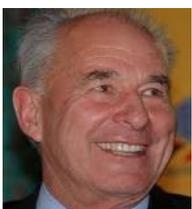


High Commissioner Richard Mann and Mrs Michelle Mann, with the Chief of Air Force, hosted representatives from New Zealand and South African aviation companies to breakfast.



NZ-made CT-4 military trainer from Pacific Aerospace on show at the Africa Aerospace and Defence Air and Trade Show.

## New Zealand Special Envoy visits Malawi and Mozambique



New Zealand Special Envoy Sir Don McKinnon, accompanied by High Commissioner Mann, visited Malawi and Mozambique in August to promote New Zealand’s UN Security Council candidature.

“In Lilongwe (capital of Malawi) we met newly elected President Peter Mutharika on 12 August. President Mutharika recalled his ties with Sir Don through the Commonwealth, and with other New Zealanders such as former Prime Minister Geoffrey Palmer. He talked about Africa’s increased confidence and capability to resolve conflicts within the region. The President said that as an academic he had written a paper on the UNSC and peacekeeping in Africa, and the need for reform of the Security Council. We also discussed possibilities for bilateral cooperation in education, agriculture, renewable energy and public sector reform”, Mann said.

During the visit to Lilongwe, meetings were also held with Foreign Minister George Chabonda, Land and Housing Minister Bright Msaka and Natural Resources Minister Atupele Muluzi.

In Maputo, Sir Don McKinnon and High Commissioner Mann met with then Mozambique President Amando Guebuza on 14 August. “President Guebuza was touring in the north of the country, and made a special effort to fly back to Maputo to meet Sir Don. He spoke of our Commonwealth links, development cooperation in areas as diverse as demining, agriculture and public sector training, and Mozambique’s appreciation for New Zealand’s role in conflicts such as Rwanda when we were last on the Security Council.”

## Honorary Consuls' meeting in Pretoria

In early October, High Commissioner Richard Mann hosted a meeting of our expanding network of honorary consuls in Southern Africa. The two day meeting included new appointees in Kenya and Zambia, honorary consul designates in Tanzania, Angola and Namibia, as well as longer serving representatives in Mauritius and Zimbabwe.

The meeting was an opportunity to discuss what New Zealand is aiming to achieve in our political and economic relations with these countries, and how the Honorary Consuls can assist this effort. New Zealand Trade and Enterprise's Regional Manager Clayton Kimpton and Africa Trade Commissioner Haylon Smith (based in Dubai) joined the meeting, along with representatives of New Zealand companies Fonterra and Gallagher, and South African company Emcom Wireless (African agent of iconic NZ company Tait Electronics), to explore trade and investment opportunities.

New Zealand's Honorary Consuls in Africa, joined by the New Zealand High Commission, New Zealand Trade and Enterprise, Fonterra, and New Zealand businesses in Africa.



We will be profiling our new and incoming Honorary Consuls in future editions of the Southern Africa File.

Following the Honorary Consuls' meeting Haylon Smith and NZTE Business Development Manager Ronel Stembull visited Cape Town, along with Second Secretary Ed Mclsaac. This enabled further engagement in the marine, agricultural and waste management sectors, in which New Zealand and South Africa both have business interests.

## Mauritian Foreign Minister visits New Zealand (twice)

Mauritian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade, Arvin Boolell was a welcome visitor to New Zealand in August, and September, on his way to, and from, the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Conference in Apia, Samoa. He met with Ambassador for Pacific Economic Development and SIDS and High Commissioner-designate to Mauritius, Seychelles and Nauru, Shane Jones, and called on Chief Scientist Andrew Forsythe at the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) in Whangarei to discuss aquaculture and fisheries. Like New Zealand, Mauritius has a large territorial sea and fisheries plays an increasing role in economic development. Foreign Minister Boolell also attended a reception in Auckland hosted by Prime Minister John Key.



Foreign Minister Boolell (right) with Prime Minister Key (middle) and Mauritian Environment and Sustainable Development Minister Devanand Virahsawmy.



Foreign Minister Boolell (middle) with Ambassador Jones (left) and Andrew Forsythe.

## Opening of school hostels in Ehomba, Namibia

Deputy High Commissioner Danie Beukman visited Ehomba Combined School in Namibia in July to attend the opening of the school's new hostels. The school is located in the Kunene region, in the far north of Namibia. Ehomba Combined School's roll was only 12 twenty years ago. Today it stands at around 290, with many children needing hostel accommodation due to the large distances they need to cover on foot. It serves a geographically-spread community of traditional Himba tribes, and some of the children walk up to 40km to reach the school.



Deputy High Commissioner Danie Beukman with Ehomba teacher and student, Principal Mr Zoana, Dame Jenny Shipley, and Namibian Education Trust trustee Mary Green.



Members of the Ehomba Combined School Choir sing at the opening celebrations.

The hostels were built with funds donated by the New Zealand Aid Programme, and formed part of a project of the Namibian Education Trust headed by former Prime Minister Rt. Hon. Dame Jenny Shipley. The new hostels provide a safe place to sleep for students, which means they do not need to walk the many kilometres to school each day.

## Lesotho parliamentary delegation visits New Zealand

High Commissioner Richard Mann visited Maseru in July to follow up on the visit of a high level Lesotho parliamentary delegation to New Zealand from 30 June to 4 July. The visit to New Zealand was sponsored by the Commonwealth Secretariat, as a means for New Zealand and Lesotho political leaders to share experience of our common Mixed Member Proportional electoral system and management of coalition governments. The Lesotho delegation included 5 government ministers, opposition MPs, the deputy leaders of the two houses of parliament, 5 permanent secretaries, and a representative of the Christian Council of Lesotho.



High Commissioner Richard Mann and Deputy Prime Minister Mothetjoa Metsing

“I met with Deputy Prime Minister Mothetjoa Metsing who led the delegation to New Zealand. He was highly appreciative of the level at which they were received in New Zealand, including the Speaker of Parliament, senior government ministers and former Governor-General Satyanand, and the openness with which New Zealand’s experience was shared. DPM Metsing said he was also impressed by the respect for Māori culture.”

Former NZ parliamentarian Dr Rajen Prasad has acted as Commonwealth facilitator to Lesotho, as it builds its experience of the MMP system. This support has been welcomed in Lesotho as the country has gone through political tensions in recent months.

“New Zealand has been seen once again to have stood with Lesotho during a period of political difficulty, and to have helped the country maintain political stability”, Mann said.

## Deputy High Commissioner visits project in Zimbabwe

During August, Deputy High Commissioner Danie Beukman made a short accreditation visit to Harare, and paid a visit to one of the High Commission's Head of Mission Fund projects in the Goromonzi district in Zimbabwe.



Working in conjunction with Dutch and Zimbabwean NGO Young Africa, the project aims to teach young Zimbabweans modern and environmentally sustainable agricultural and business skills. Students from the first class are already well on their way to graduation, and the fruits of their labour will be ready for the market in a few short months.

Deputy High Commissioner Danie Beukman and the staff and students of the Young Africa programme outside the project greenhouse.

The Head of Mission Fund (HOMF) supports small-scale community initiatives and applications considered are for clearly defined, time-bound projects and support programmes implemented by NGOs and community organisations that have verifiable development records. The fund supports organisations in countries accredited from the New Zealand High Commission in Pretoria, namely: Angola, Botswana, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Further information can be provided on request, via email: [enquiries@nzhc.co.za](mailto:enquiries@nzhc.co.za).



## Second Secretary visits Mozambique and Mauritius

Second Secretary Ed Mclsaac visited Mauritius and Mozambique over recent months and held useful discussions on further development of the bilateral relationship with diplomatic and government contacts from both countries.

Mauritius remains a warm friend of New Zealand and is our second biggest trading partner in Southern Africa. It is also one of the more progressive countries in Africa, with a liberal trading regime not dissimilar to New Zealand's. Our long-serving Honorary Consul Harold Liu Man Hin and his son Gilbert oversee operations at Eden Dale which is the main supplier of dairy product on the islands (sourced from New Zealand).

Mozambique is a priority country in Southern Africa for the High Commission.

There are great opportunities in various sectors (e.g. agriculture, renewable energy, coal and gas) and the economic growth rate is impressive. To sustain this development infrastructural investment and political stability are needed. Relations between New Zealand and Mozambique are increasing steadily – a Mozambican foreign affairs official is currently in New Zealand for training.



Ed Mclsaac (middle) in Maputo meeting with Director Santos Alvaro (right) and Fernando Chomar (left) of the Regional Integration division of the Mozambican Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

## Business profile:

### Gallagher – electric fences and access control systems



Sir William Gallagher  
Chairman/CEO

In 2013 iconic New Zealand company Gallagher celebrated 75 years of providing innovative solutions to agricultural, security and fuel partners around the world. With over 1000 people employed worldwide, and with customers across 130 countries, Gallagher is a global leader in animal management and security in sectors as diverse as agriculture, energy and manufacturing. Gallagher Africa was established in 1996 and offers a diverse range of products from electric fence equipment for pasture and animal management to complete electric fencing and access control systems for security.

Based in Johannesburg, Gallagher Africa services the entire continent. The company has had success in telecommunications sites, health care, local government facilities, and financial institutions. Mike Foley, Regional Manager for Africa, has observed a steady growth in Gallagher sales across a wide variety of African markets, including Namibia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Nigeria, Zambia, Botswana, Tanzania, Mozambique, Uganda, Djibouti, Angola and South Sudan.

From 1996 the company's operations in Africa have grown substantially. Mike believes that Gallagher has been successful in Africa because of the strength of the New Zealand product offering, its innovation, and the service supplied by Gallagher from installation to maintenance. It hasn't all been plain sailing however; Mike has faced challenges along the way such as logistics and infrastructure but these have been approached as a challenge to overcome rather than an obstacle to business.

It isn't all business, profit and loss, however. Gallagher Africa has played an active role in community projects, for example helping to install two 8.9km and 7.6km solar-powered electric fence infrastructure projects aimed to improve the lives of the Yapite and Kayalmanja communities in South Luangwa, Zambia. In Luangwa, communities struggle with cultivating crops because it is located within a game management area. Crops are regularly invaded by elephants, pigs, porcupine and antelope, with people even killed on occasion by elephants. On this project the local community was involved in the erection of the fences so that there was a transfer of skill and the locals could both erect and maintain the electric fences.

Child Fund New Zealand received part of the funding from the NZ Government's New Zealand Aid Programme and Sir William Gallagher of the Gallagher Group New Zealand donated the physical fence components which were supplied from Gallagher South Africa's operation. A great example of New Zealand business and government working together for development outcomes in Africa! You can find out more about Gallagher at [www.gallagher.co](http://www.gallagher.co)



Gallagher's solar powered electric fences helping communities in Zambia

## Botswana beef sector training

“Botswana Foreign Minister Skelemani once told me, ‘Diamonds are important for our national economy, but what the people really care about is cattle’,” said High Commissioner Richard Mann. “Cattle farming and beef production is fundamental to rural livelihoods in Botswana, as in many countries in southern Africa.”



The New Zealand Government is partnering with Wanganui, NZ based Land Based Training and the Botswana Ministry of Agriculture to undertake a 3 year Beef Productivity Training and Extension Support project to improve the livelihoods of Botswana’s communal beef farmers.

The project will provide technical assistance to Botswanan farm training institutions, drawing on New Zealand’s expertise in beef production. The project aims to strengthen the links within the beef industry supply chain, target improvement of beef industry performance, and increase farmer incomes from cattle production.

Practical training modules will be developed for each group of agricultural extension officers, farmers and herdsmen, covering their seasonal activities. This includes breeding, animal health, nutrition, crops and pasture management, fencing and maintenance, as well as business management.

Land Based Training made a visit to Botswana in October to engage with project stakeholders, visit farmers in the field, and confirm the work plan.



Meetings were held in Gaborone with Ministry of Agriculture to confirm the project work plan.



In field the team found a solar fencing unit installed by New Zealand company Gallagher.

## English Language Training for African Officials (ELTO)



The New Zealand High Commission congratulates the African officials who have begun their 6 week English language study programme in New Zealand. This is the third ELTO course to be funded by the NZ Aid Programme, in collaboration with Victoria University of Wellington and Accent Learning. The programme is open to officials from French and Portuguese speaking countries across the African continent.

“Not only does the ELTO programme enhance the English language proficiency of the African officials, but it also enables them to learn more about New Zealand, the people and culture,” said NZ Aid Manager Thandi Moyana-Munzara.

The 16 African officials come from Algeria, Burundi, Cameroon, Cote d’Ivoire, Djibouti, Guinea, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritius, Mozambique, Niger, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, the Seychelles and Tunisia.

Issaka Garba Abdou from Niger, a French speaking country of 17 million people, attended the inaugural ELTO course in 2013.

He is currently based in Addis Ababa, and recently attended a gathering of Francophone African representatives at the New Zealand Ambassador’s residence.



New Zealand’s Ambassador to the AU: James Kember and Issaka Garba Abdou



## New Zealand responds to humanitarian crises in Africa

In recent months, NZ Foreign Minister Murray McCully has announced a number of contributions in response to humanitarian crises in Africa:

- Contributions totalling NZ\$2 million to the international effort to combat the Ebola epidemic in West Africa. \$1.5 million has been provided to the UN Ebola Response Fund and \$0.5 million to the World Health Organisation. New Zealand is considering what further assistance it can provide.
- NZ\$0.5 million in humanitarian relief to the Central African Republic, directed through the World Food Programme, for emergency food assistance and livelihoods support.
- NZ\$0.5 million to the UN trust funds established to provide support for the African Union missions in Somalia and the Central African Republic.

## All Black rugby player supports Kenyan kids



At the All Blacks rugby team's final training session before the test match against the Springboks at Ellis Park, Johannesburg on 4 October, High Commissioner Richard Mann spoke to All Blacks centre Conrad Smith about his work with not-for-profit organisation *So They Can* in Kenya.

Conrad Smith, a veteran of 82 tests for the All Blacks, travelled through Africa with his partner Lee-Anne in 2011.

"I met Cass Treadwell (New Zealander and founder of *So They Can*) at the end of 2011. I thought she was an inspirational woman, very passionate about helping African communities to break out of poverty through education. We visited the primary school and orphanage in Nakuru, in Kenya. We decided to help out where we could, a bit of building and showing the kids how to play rugby."

Conrad said that he returned to Kenya in 2013, while on sabbatical from the All Blacks. "We were billeted locally. I was blown away by how much progress had been made in developing the school. They have been building one classroom a year, and by 2015 will have a full primary school. The organisation runs business courses to teach local women how to create small businesses. They also run a medical centre in Nakuru, and a teacher training college in Tanzania. Everything is done on a sustainable basis."

Back in New Zealand, Conrad and Lee-Anne have supported fund raising events for the organisation, such as black-tie dinners and a fun run.

We asked Conrad about his travel experiences in Africa. "I've travelled through Kenya, visited Zanzibar and the Serengeti in Tanzania, gone to see the gorillas in Uganda, and rafted the Nile. And playing rugby in South Africa is awesome – the crowds, the fine conditions, the stadiums. I have a lot of respect for South African rugby, and love playing in cities like Cape Town and Johannesburg."

A rugby player with a big heart, both on and off the field.



Conrad explains rugby to a class in Tanzania

## High Commission rugby outing



Before the game: Mrs Michelle Mann, Stewart Henderson (Honorary Consul, Kenya), Bradley Basson (Honorary Consul-designate, Namibia), Harold Liu Man Hin (Honorary Consul, Mauritius), High Commissioner Richard Mann.

On 4 October, the High Commission led a group of a hundred rugby fans to watch the All Blacks take on the Springboks at Ellis Park in Johannesburg. The group comprised a mix of New Zealand and South Africa fans, including a few Americans enjoying their first experience of our national game and our Honorary Consuls from Mauritius, Kenya, and Namibia. The Springboks were victorious on this occasion with a late 55 metre penalty goal taking them to a 27-25 win.



# High Commissioner Richard Mann writes about rugby and NZ-South Africa relations Pretoria News - October 2014

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Aaron Smith, of the All Blacks, is tackled by Jannie du Plessis, left, and Willem Alberts during the Rugby Championship match between the Springboks and the All Blacks at Ellis Park on October 5 last year. PICTURE: GETTY IMAGES

**RICHARD MANN**

THIS WEEKEND, the two top-ranked rugby teams, the All Blacks and the Springboks, meet each other at Ellis Park. Our last two tests on the highveld in 2012 and 2013 were among the best internationals played in recent years. I'm expecting another exciting, free-running encounter.

Rugby has played an enduring role in the relationship between New Zealand and South Africa. Ours is possibly the greatest rivalry in world rugby. The two countries have played 89 tests over 93 years.

We have come a long way together, through highs and lows. The 1981 Springbok tour of New Zealand was marked by huge protests by ordinary New Zealanders in support of the Struggle against apartheid. The 1995 Rugby World Cup final at Ellis Park lives in our collective memory as a moment of triumph for the Springboks, then-president Nelson Mandela and hopes for the Rainbow Nation.

There is deep respect between our rugby fraternities. Springbok players tell me how much they enjoy touring New Zealand. Friendship is left behind when the players run onto the park, but afterwards they enjoy each other's company with a few "quiet ones" as beers are colloquially known in my country.

You could see this mutual respect on

## SA-New Zealand ties will be winner on any given day

show after the recent Wellington test, when All Blacks captain Richie McCaw made presentations to Springbok legends Bryan Habana and Jean de Villiers in honour of their 100th caps.

Rugby, cricket, netball and other sports have played a big part in bringing our two countries together. Our most celebrated netball player, Irene van Dyk, played 72 times for South Africa, before playing another 145 times for New Zealand. And next year we will host (together with our neighbours Australia) the Proteas at the Cricket World Cup.

Like Irene van Dyk, about 55 000 South Africans have made New Zealand their home. They contribute in many fields to make New Zealand a vibrant country. One can buy biltong and boerewors at South

African butcheries across New Zealand.

This year we are celebrating 20 years of diplomatic relations, as well as 20 years of South Africa's freedom and democracy. New Zealand looks to South Africa as a regional and global leader, promoting democracy, economic integration and sustainable development.

Recently South Africa and New Zealand jointly hosted an agricultural workshop for 17 African countries and regional organisations. The workshop looked at ways to overcome barriers to agricultural trade. It showed how New Zealand and South Africa can partner to promote economic development in Africa.

Earlier this year I visited the Eastern Cape, where a New Zealand sheep shearer has been working with communal farmers

to increase their incomes from wool. It was great to see New Zealand's practical expertise being used to benefit local farmers.

Our bilateral trade is steadily growing, to around R3.7 billion last year. New Zealand companies are doing well in the South African market in a wide range of products, from electric fencing to airport systems to kiwifruit. South Africa is a gateway to the growing middle class markets in southern Africa. And South African products such as cars and wine are enjoyed in New Zealand.

There is more we can do together. Increasing trade, education linkages, and science and technology collaboration.

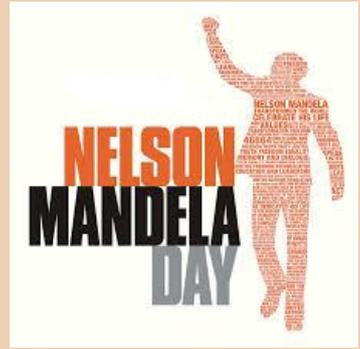
New Zealand joined the rest of the world in mourning the passing of Mandela last December. Prime Minister John Key led a bipartisan delegation to the memorial service in Joburg. When Mandela made a state visit to New Zealand in 1995, he was revered by our whole nation.

New Zealand has also strived to achieve Madiba's vision of a multiracial and egalitarian society in which all have decent opportunity.

As for tomorrow night at Ellis Park, I'm making no prediction. But I know that the New Zealand-South African relationship will be the winner on the day.

● Richard Mann is New Zealand High Commissioner to South Africa

# High Commission visits St Camillus School



New Zealand High Commission staff spent an afternoon in July at St Camillus School in Hammanskraal as part of efforts to commemorate 'Mandela Day'.

Staff became teachers for a lesson, and donations of New Zealand and other books, and food, were made to the school.

The school has an association with New Zealand as a Marist brother named Majella Sherry formerly taught at, and raised funds for, the school, before he unfortunately passed away in 2002.

It was an enriching opportunity for the High Commission to support one of Gauteng's needy communities.



High Commissioner Richard Mann



Immigration NZ officer Jonathan Hann giving geography lessons



Pupils ended the day with some impressive singing



Consular officer Lindi Batten surrounded by enthusiastic pupils



High Commission staff with Principal Simon Maphae (far right)



Memorial statue for Brother Majella Sherry