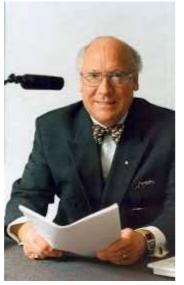
# **HUMPHREY: HEWITT ROYDEN**

Born: 19 September 1946, Levin, New Zealand Married: 14 May 1993, Chelsea Town Hall, London, England To: Joanna Marye Gilliat-Smith (30 March 1955 – )





#### Hewitt's parents were:

Leslie Arthur (1906 – 1983) & Hilda Laura May (nee Spicer) (1903 – 1970) Married 1928

#### Hewitt has 1 brother & 1 sister:

Coralie May	(1931 - 2002)	married Walter Foster
Warren Henry	(1937 - 2000)	married Dulcie Jacob married Valerie Margaret Hilton

#### Hewitt has 1 daughter:

Jennifer Shula (1973 – )

married Gareth Meech

### And two grandchildren

Cian	(2004 - )		
Luca	(2009 - )		

#### Honours:

Queen Service Medal (QSM) 1988: For Public Services to Broadcasting & the Community

Member New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) 2017: For Services as a Broadcaster & to the Community.

## Education:

Levin School:	1951 - 1959	)		
Horowhenua College:	1960 - 1964	ł		
Certificate in Judicial Studies 1997: TOPNZ				
Diploma in Speech & Drama 1965: Trinity Colle		ge of Music, London		
Associations:				
Visiting Justice to Correction facilities			2011 -	
MC for Royal Investiture Ceremonies			2006 - 2019	
Voice Coach			2000 -	
Marriage Celebrant			1998 –	
Voice Over Artist			1980 -	
MC Trans Paciic Partnership Ceremony NZ Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade 2016			2016	
President: Rotary Club of Wellington			2010 - 2011	
Member: Rotary Club of Wellington			1993 - 2023	
Variety – the Children's Charity of NZ			1996 - 2020	
Appointed Justice of the Peace (JP)			1996	
President: Wellington Justice of the Peace Assn		2007 – 2009		
Life Member: Wellington Justice of the Peace Assn 2025				
President: Wellington Repertory Theatre		1998 - 1990		
Life Member: Wellington Repertory Theatre		1990		
Member: NZ Management Committee NZ-UK Link Foundation		2010 - 2017		



Hewitt Humphrey is best known as a broadcaster on radio and television from 1965 to 2015. Born in Levin in 1946, he is the son of Leslie

Arthur Humphrey, born Otaki (1906-1984), proprietor of the Levin Chronicle in the 1950s and 60s and Hilda Laura May Spicer, born Ohariu Valley, Wellington (1903-1970).

Hewitt attended Levin School from 1951 to 1959 and Horowhenua College from 1960 to 1964. Some students will remember that he conducted the Horowhenua College Brass Band. After leaving Levin, he donated the "Hewitt Humphrey Cup" to the college for Best Stage Actor.

He joined the New Zealand Broadcasting Corporation (NZBC) as an announcer in 1965 at Broadcasting House in Wellington where he worked on the then National Programme and the commercial radio stations of 2ZB and 2YD, later 2ZM. He appeared concurrently on television, first as a weather presenter and then as newsreader from 1967 for a total of 15 years. On radio, he read the news minutes after men first walked on the moon, on the day of the 9/11 terrorist attacks in the United States and on the afternoon of the 2011 Christchurch earthquake. He won several radio and media awards as a newsreader. In the 1980s and 90s, he hosted the weekly TV classical music series "Opus". In the latter part of his career, Hewitt, was a manager at Radio New Zealand (RNZ).

For many decades, he taught speech and drama, including in Levin and Foxton in the 1960s and 70s. Later he was to be a voice coach to many broadcasters, politicians and other public figures. And for several intakes, he briefed new MPs on best speaking practice in parliament as part of their induction.

Hewitt appeared as an actor in several TV dramas, including the children's series "Mirror Mirror" and the political documentary-drama "Fallout", about the demise of the Muldoon government and the rise of David Lange. He was the narrator in the 2016 Phil Keoghan movie, "Le Ride", which recreated the 1928 Tour de France using original bicycles.

On stage, he first acted at Levin Little Theatre, then at Wellington Repertory Theatre, where he became President in the late 1980s. His last stage role was as Colonel Pickering in a multi-million-dollar production of "My Fair Lady" at the St James Theatre in Wellington.

For 13 years from 2006, Hewitt was the official MC at the Royal Investiture Ceremonies conducted by Governors-General at Government House in Wellington and Auckland. At a state ceremony in 2014, commemorating 100 years from the start of the First World War, he played the role of Governor Lord Liverpool, announcing the proclamation of war from the steps of Parliament in Wellington.

Hewitt is married to Jo Gilliat-Smith with a daughter, Jennifer, from an earlier marriage, son-in-law Gareth Meech and two grandsons, Cian and Luca.

In 1996, Hewitt was appointed a Justice of the Peace. After qualifying in Judicial Studies in 1997, he became a Judicial Justice in the District Court. In 2011, he was appointed as a Visiting Justice under the Corrections Act.

He is a Past-President of the Rotary Club of Wellington and the Wellington Justices of the Peace Association. He was the inaugural chairman of the Wellington Region branch of Variety, the Children's Charity (formerly the Variety Club). He is a marriage and funeral celebrant.

Hewitt Humphrey was awarded a Queens Service Medal (QSM) in 1998 and made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit (MNZM) in 2017.