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SCIENCE & MEDICINE

ERNEST RUTHERFORD

New Zealand's Top 100 History Makers (extract)

Visionary Film & Television 2005. Duration 4:45

Ernest Rutherford was described by Einstein as 'the second Newton'. Born in Nelson in 1871, he was a Nobel Award winning scientist. Rutherford studied the high frequency magnetisation of iron; developed a timing device that could switch circuits in less than one-hundred-thousandth of a second; set a record for the distance over which 'wireless' waves could be detected; discovered uranium radiation had alpha and beta waves; outlined the principles of smoke detectors; discovered a radioactive gas now called radon; and did research into the earth's aging process. But it was his 1910 research into the scattering of alpha rays, and the nature of the inner structure of the atom, that is today considered his greatest contribution to science.

WILLIAM PICKERING

New Zealand's Top 100 History Makers (extract)

Visionary Film & Television 2005. Duration 2:57

William Pickering 'The rocket man' was one of the key scientists involved in the 1950's and 60's space race to the moon. Working for Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California from 1944, he became the laboratory's director in 1954, remaining in charge after it became NASA, and until his retirement in 1976.

MAURICE WILKINS

New Zealand's Top 100 History Makers (extract)

Visionary Film & Television 2005. Duration 2:02

Born in Pongaroa in 1916, Maurice Wilkins became a leading scientist. His work during World War Two exploring nuclear physics resulted in the atomic bomb which was dropped on Japan in 1945. After the war he became part of a group of researchers to discover the double helix shape, which helped unravel the mystery of DNA.

ARCHIBALD MCINDOE

New Zealand's Top 100 History Makers (extract)

Visionary Film & Television 2005. Duration 2:05

McIndoe was a pioneer of plastic surgery. Born in Dunedin in 1900, in 1938 he became a consultant in plastic surgery to the British Royal Air Force and later, Surgeon in Charge of plastic surgery at the Queen Victoria Hospital in East Grinstead, where he established what became known as his 'The Guinea Pig Club' helping restore the faces of war victims.

FRED HOLLOWES

New Zealand's Top 100 History Makers (extract)

Visionary Film & Television 2005. Duration 1:52

Born in Dunedin in 1929 and raised in Palmerston North, Hollowes became an eye surgeon who established a foundation for the prevention of blindness, running programmes all around the world. It is estimated that more than one million people can see today because of his foundation.

THE ARTS

CHARLES GOLDIE

New Zealand's Top 100 History Makers (extract)

Visionary Film & Television 2005. Duration 2:07

One of New Zealand's most recognised artists, Charles Goldie is best known for his portraits of elderly Maori with moko. Criticised by some as being limited – 'more like photographs than paintings', and for painting Maori as dejected, his work was never-the-less, the most popular of its generation.

FRANCES HODGKINS

New Zealand's Top 100 History Makers (extract)

Visionary Film & Television 2005. Duration 2:05

Born in Dunedin in 1869, Frances Hodgkin's trained at the Dunedin Art School and was later influenced by the Italian painter Girolamo Pieri Nerli, who introduced her to Impressionism. Like many of her contemporaries Hodgkins moved to Europe in search of a stronger artistic community. Her interest in light and its effects can be seen in many of her paintings.

COLIN MCCAHERN

New Zealand's Top 100 History Makers (extract)

Visionary Film & Television 2005. Duration 2:25

Colin McCahon, who was born in Timaru in 1919, is considered to be our most influential painter. His work is largely autobiographical, and the New Zealand landscape is a constant reference. It is a land he strips back to its geographical and spiritual essence. He wanted to paint more than the picturesque, "I'm dealing with the essential monotony of this land – a landscape of too few lovers ... I saw something logical, orderly and beautiful, belonging to the land and yet not to its people. My work has largely been to communicate this vision and to invent a way to see it".

KATHERINE MANSFIELD

New Zealand's Top 100 History Makers (extract)

Visionary Film & Television 2005. Duration 3:18

Katherine Mansfield is New Zealand's best known writer and her short stories have been translated into 25 languages. Born in Wellington in 1888, Mansfield, who had lived in London for four years with her parents, moved back there permanently in 1907. She was part of a literary circle that included some of the most famous writers of the time, John Middleton Murray, DH and Frieda Lawrence, Dora Carrington, T S Eliot, Aldous Huxley, Siegfried Sassoon, Leonard and Virginia Woolf and Bertrand Russell.

JAMES K. BAXTER

New Zealand's Top 100 History Makers (extract)]

Visionary Film & Television 2005. Duration 2:24

Our most influential poet, James K. Baxter was born in Dunedin in 1926. Working in a range of jobs from farms and factories, to a Wellington postman and school teacher, Baxter was increasingly anti-establishment and moved to a commune at Jerusalem on the Whanganui River in 1969. His books of poetry include *Beyond the Palisade*, *Blow, Wind of Fruitfulness*, *In Fires of No Return* and *Howrah Bridge and Other Poems*.

MICHAEL KING

New Zealand's Top 100 History Makers (extract)

Visionary Film & Television 2005. Duration 2:01

Michael King, who was born in 1945, is one of New Zealand's preeminent historians and wrote the best seller *The Penguin History of New Zealand* in 2003. Criticised for being a Pakeha trying to write about Maori history, he wrote about his experiences of New Zealand racial differences in *Being Pakeha* and *Being Pakeha Now*. In total King wrote or edited 39 books, winning nearly every

writing scholarship available including the Mansfield fellowship to Menton in 1976.

BRUNO LAWRENCE

Numero Bruno (extracts)

Lahood Productions 2000. Duration 4:47

Perhaps New Zealand's most well known actor, Bruno Lawrence was born David Lawrence in Brighton, England in 1941. In 1946 he emigrated with his parents to New Plymouth before settling in Wellington. An interest in jazz music lead him to become a session musician working in film and television, and from here his acting career began.

KIRI TE KANAWA

New Zealand's Top 100 History Makers (extract)

Visionary Film & Television 2005. Duration 2:26

Born in Gisborne in 1944, Kiri te Kanawa has achieved international fame as a Soprano and is best known for her repertoire of works by Mozart and Strauss.

NEIL FINN

New Zealand's Top 100 History Makers (extract)

Visionary Film & Television 2005. Duration 2:12

Neil Finn is an internationally acclaimed singer and song writer who contributed to his brother Tim's band Split Enz, before forming Crowded House with Paul Hester, Craig Cooper and Nick Seymour. The song Don't Dream it's Over reached number two on the US charts. In 2001 when New Zealand's top 100 songs of the past 75 years were named, he had nine entries.

PETER JACKSON & WETA

The Edge: Series 2 Programme 7 (extract)

Gibson Group 1994. Duration 4:30

In 2004 Peter Jackson and his Wellington based special effects company, Weta, won 11 Academy Awards for the Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King. This extract focuses on Weta Digital. It includes interviews with Peter Jackson, Richard Taylor and George Port and shows examples of special effects and model making.

PETER JACKSON & LORD OF THE RINGS

TV3 News 01/12/03

TV3 Network 2003. Duration 1:52

All that fanfare and a bit of humility. The Red Carpet day in Wellington for the LOTR world premiere of Return of the King.

SPORTS

GEORGE NEPIA

A 100 Years of All Black Rugby at Home (extract)

Centaur Films 1984. Duration 3:23

Extracts from the Invincibles tour of Britain 1924 / 5. Called the Invincibles because they did not lose a match, scoring 654 points in 28 matches while the opposition total was 98! The extract finishes with an interview with the legendary full-back George Nepia fifty years on.

JACK LOVELOCK

The Years Back: The Thirties (extract)

National Film Unit 1973. Duration 2:54

The actual footage of Jack Lovelock's gold medal effort at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. The idea of New Zealanders as winners, small country in a big world, David against Goliath... great images of Nazi Salutes during the victory anthem, which just happens to be God Save the King rather than our own!

COLIN MEADS

New Zealand's Top 100 History Makers (extract)

Visionary Film & Television 2005. Duration 2:35

In 2000, Cambridge's Colin Meads was voted New Zealand's rugby player of the Century. As 102 kg lock he played 133 matches for the All Blacks including 55 tests. Meads was known for his strength, athleticism, and exceptional ball skills.

PETER SNELL

The Glow of Gold (extracts)

Pacific Films 1968. Duration 3:10

Peter Snell won three Olympic medals, set five individual world records for middle distance running, and one relay record. Born in Opunake in 1938, he was voted New Zealand's Sports Champion of the (20th) Century.

RICHARD HADLEE

New Zealand's Top 100 History Makers (extract)

Visionary Film & Television 2005. Duration 2:21

Born in Christchurch in 1951 Hadlee is New Zealand's most famous cricket player. Before Hadlee's debut in 1977 New Zealand had won only seven tests, but after his retirement 17 years later, we had won 29.

SIR PETER BLAKE

New Zealand's Top 100 History Makers (extract)

Visionary Film & Television 2005. Duration 2:31

Sir Peter Blake, born in Auckland in 1948, was a yachting and an adventurer. In 1995, as the New Zealand manager of the America's Cup challenge, he helped sail Black Magic towards victory. Then again in 2000 he headed the Cup's defense as Team New Zealand beat the Italians.

NEW ZEALAND ICONS

MOTHER SUSANNE AUBERT

New Zealand's Top 100 History Makers (extract)

Visionary Film & Television 2005. Duration 2:18

Suzanne Aubert sailed to New Zealand in 1860 with Bishop Jean Baptiste François Pompallier and with the exception of a period spent in Rome between 1913 and 1919, Suzanne Aubert remained in New Zealand until the end of her life. After time spent in Auckland between 1860 and 1869, teaching young Maori girls, she worked among Maori, first at Meeanee in Hawke's Bay, and from 1883 at Hiruharama (Jerusalem) on the Wanganui River. While at Jerusalem she began caring for unwanted Pakeha children, an activity which led her into a third stage of endeavour: social work among the urban poor. She achieved most in the period between 1899, when she moved to Wellington, and 1913, when she travelled to Rome to gain pontifical approval of the Congregation of the Daughters of Our Lady of Compassion which she had founded. Her activities at

this time laid the basis of work still undertaken by the order. She died in 1926 aged 91.

MAUDE BASHAM

New Zealand's Top 100 History Makers (extract)

Visionary Film & Television 2005. Duration 1:51

The legendary Maud Basham (1879 – 1963), universally known as Aunt Daisy, patrolled our airwaves from 1930 until a few days before her death at age 84, in 1963. Nicknamed the 'Dynamo from Down Under' by Americans during goodwill tours there during and after the war, she enshrined a certain view of domesticity and practicality for generations of New Zealand women.

GODFREY BOWEN

Pictorial Parade 3 (extract)

National Film Unit 1953. Duration 2:15

Godfrey Bowen beat the world shearing record by 47 sheep. He shears 485 sheep in one day in a shed near Palmerston North.

DAME MARIE CLAY

New Zealand's Top 100 History Makers (extract)

Visionary Film & Television 2005. Duration 2:15

Dame Marie Clay is best known for the reading recovery programme she designed for young children with early reading difficulties. Reading recovery became a national education programme here in 1983 and now operates in most English-speaking countries as well as in Europe and Japan. Her teachers' guidebook alone has sold more than 8 million copies worldwide. Clay became Auckland University's first woman professor in 1975.

JOHN CLARKE

Beyond a Joke (extract)

Bryan Bruce Productions 1995. Duration 2:38

Actual footage and commentary from one of our most famous comic artists John Clarke, alias Fred Dagg. Truly New Zealand humour – when Clarke tried his routine in Australia, the Aussies didn't get it!

BILLY T JAMES

The Billy T James Show (extract)

TVNZ 1983. Duration 2:30

The legendary 'Te News' from Billy T. James. The view of Maori he based his humour on caused some controversy.

BARRY CRUMP

Toyota Hi-lux: Barry & Scottie

Colenso 1982. Duration 1:02

Barry Crump – Author and icon. Good keen man.