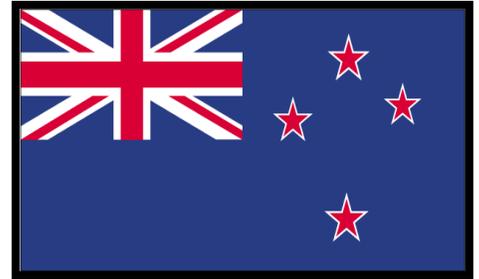




## New Zealand

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#### About Consul Jacobsen

Rachel Jacobsen was appointed Honorary New Zealand Consul for Washington State, in January 2010.

Rachel was born and grew up in New Zealand and is a graduate of Wellington Teachers' College. She has travelled extensively while teaching in New Zealand, London, Montreal and now works for the Seattle Public Schools at Wedgwood Elementary.

Rachel has lived in Seattle since 1978. She and her husband, Washington State Senator Ken Jacobsen, founded the New Zealanders of Seattle Club in 1979. The group now has around 800 members. Rachel had also been a Board member of the Seattle Christchurch (New Zealand) Sister City Association since 1996 and has been the President of the Association since 2004.



Rachel and Ken have two adult daughters, Sonja and Kiri.

#### About New Zealand

**Location:** Oceania, islands in the South Pacific Ocean, southeast Australia

**Size:** 103,738 square miles (about the size of Colorado)

**Population:** 4,365,113 (July 2013 est.)

**Major Industries:** Food processing, wood and paper products, machinery, transportation equipment, banking and insurance, tourism, mining.

New Zealand is a country of rare seismic beauty with glacial mountains, fast-flowing rivers, deep clear lakes, hissing geysers, and boiling mud. There are also abundant native forests, long deserted beaches, and a variety of fauna. The nation is also home to the kiwi species of flightless bird.

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