

Presenter Profile

Hon. Ruth Richardson

A professional company director, Ruth specialises in agribusiness, commercialising innovation and finance. Ruth joined the Synlait Group as the first independent director in 2004.

Ruth was the Member of Parliament for Selwyn (Synlait's local electorate) from 1981 – 1984 and later New Zealand's Minister of Finance from 1990 to 1993. Following her political career, Ruth established herself as a public policy consultant and accepted a range of corporate governance roles.

Ruth is currently Chair SYFT Technologies Limited, Kiwi Innovation Network Limited (Kiwinet), The New Zealand Merino Company and the Kula Fund Advisory. She is a director of Synlait Milk Limited, Synlait Milk Finance Limited and the Bank of China (NZ).

Previous governance roles include Dairy Brands, the Reserve Bank of New Zealand and Wrightson Limited.

Ruth holds a Bachelor of Laws (with honours) from the University of Canterbury.