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Her Excellency The Rt Hon Dame Cindy Kiro was sworn in as the 22nd Governor-General of New Zealand on 21 September 2021. **Follow her blog** (</governor-general/blog>) and read her **speeches** (</publications/speeches?speaker=118>).



The Rt Hon Dame Cindy Kiro and Dr Richard Davies

P In May 2021, Queen Elizabeth II approved the appointment of Dame Cindy Kiro as the next Governor-General of New Zealand, for a five-year term starting on 21 October 2021.

Before being sworn-in as Governor-General, Dame Cindy had a distinguished career in the tertiary education sector, with a particular focus on public health. She is of Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Hine, Ngāti Kahu and British descent.

Dame Cindy is married to Dr Richard Davies, a General Practitioner who most recently worked with Auckland City Mission's Calder Centre.

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Dame Alcyion Cynthia (Cindy) Kiro was born in Whangārei, Northland, in 1958, the eldest of six children. She is of Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Hine, Ngāti Kahu and British descent.

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Dr Richard Davies is of English and Welsh descent and grew up in Kenya.

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