

MEETING WITH WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

At the Mayoral Offices Tuesday 9th December 2025

Carrying out my official duties, both as the Representative for the Sister-City relationship between Harrogate and Wellington and Chair of ANZAC REMEMBRANCE, it was my pleasure to attend at the Wellington City Council Mayor Offices and once again meet with Senior International Relations Advisor Melanie Crawford.

Mayor Andrew Little, formally taking up his new position on the 17th October 2025, was previously engaged for my visit. It was however, my pleasure to meet with Wellington City Councillor Nicola Young.



MAYOR ANDREW LITTLE – WELLINGTON

We discussed the ongoing relationship between Harrogate and Wellington and how this relationship could move forward in the future, hopefully through more solid links with schools. Councillor Young was extremely interested in what ANZAC REMEMBRANCE is achieving and hoped that she might even be in England visiting family when our next ceremony takes place on the 26th April this year.



MAYOR CHRIS ALDRED - HARROGATE

On behalf of Mayor Chris Aldred of Harrogate, I presented to Nicola the gift of a small silver cup that had been part of the Harrogate City Council Archives. Delighted by the gesture, I then received the gift of a greenstone Koru that I will present to Mayor Aldred in April when I am in the UK.



WITH COUNCILLOR NICOLA YOUNG

Sometime during the early 1950's, the family jewellery firm of Ogden in Harrogate, fashioned a ceremonial mace. This was taken to New Zealand by a representative of Harrogate Council. It sits proudly in the Mayor's Office and is brought out for every Council Meeting. Beautiful piece of craftsmanship.



If you would like to read more about the relationship between Harrogate and Wellington, go to the WELLINGTON & HARROGATE pages.