

70 receive honours

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Former Taranaki Harbours Board chairman Mr Stuart Hayton, CBE, of New Plymouth, pictured following an investiture at Government House in Wellington yesterday.

Seventy people named in the Queen's Birthday honours received their awards from Governor-General Sir David Beattie.

Heading the ceremony were Knights Bachelor Sir Lance Cross, Wellington, for services to sport, and Sir Lawrence Govan, Christchurch, for services to manufacturing and the community.

Former New Zealand cricket captain Geoff Howarth was nearly run out before he got off the mark at the investiture.

Howarth was lining up to receive an OBE for service

to the sport when Official Secretary Mr James Brown misread his notes and announced Mr George Howarth reports NZPA.

The experienced Howarth — 40 test matches and an MBE as well — quickly pointed out the error and was correctly reannounced.

Sir David, while decorating Howarth, praised his handling of the "no-ball" he was delivered by Mr Brown.

In London Sir Lancelot Adams-Schneider was dubbed a knight by the Queen at Buckingham Palace. He will return to Wellington from his Washington ambassadorial post next week.

A second investiture was held in Wellington today for another 70 recipients of honours.