

NORM HEWITT



Patron for UpsideDowns Education Trust

Born: 11 November 1968

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In 2001, Michael Laws wrote Norm's bestselling rugby biography *Gladiator: the Norm Hewitt Story* (2001). It has been described by the Dominion newspaper as "Remarkably readable, sometimes controversial and frank... ..Hewitt's refreshing honesty will appeal to a wide cross-section of New Zealanders. Norm Hewitt is a remarkable man. Softly spoken he embodies all things rugged and male but has earned an entirely different reputation since winning *Dancing With the Stars* with partner Carol-Ann Hickmore in 2005. Now Norm is a mentor to youth and an ambassador for many charitable organisations. Norm is married to Arlene Hewitt and they have two beautiful children.

In 2006 Norm and Arlene kindly agreed to be patrons for the UpsideDowns Education trust. He shares the trusts passion to encourage all children to reach their potential and follow their dreams. Norm has spoken at UpsideDowns annual fundraising event; *Share the Dream* sharing tears and laughter. Norm and Arlene place family first and have a strong commitment to building great community.