

Newsbites

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Dr Kevin Marshall, FNZIFST, with his wife, Julie Marshall (third from left) and daughters (from left) Nikki Taylor, Alana Wilson, Kerry Marshall and Debbi Hurley.

'Whey to go' for Massey Medal recipient

Global dairy industry research innovator and leader Dr Kevin Marshall was awarded Massey University's most prestigious honorary award, the Massey Medal, at the Manawatū graduation on Tuesday, 4 May.

The award is in recognition of Dr Marshall's outstanding and ongoing contribution to Massey University and the New Zealand food sector in multiple leadership, advisory and governance roles.

In his citation at the College of Sciences' graduation ceremony, Professor Jeremy Hill said Dr Marshall has had a profound impact and has "made a real difference to not only Massey University and the national food sector, but to New Zealand and the global food sector.

"Amongst wide-ranging achievements, his work laid the foundation for waste and environmental performance of dairy factories and the development of New Zealand milk protein products, an industry now worth billions of dollars."

"Much of this is chronicled in *Whey to go: Whey Protein Concentrate: A New Zealand Success Story*, a book Dr Marshall contributed to as both a co-author and major contributor to innovations covered within it," Professor Hill said.

Dr Marshall's work on the standardisation of milk powders and international science-based advocacy in the International Dairy Federation (IDF) and Codex is worth hundreds of millions of dollars in annual export receipts.

In 2012, as part of the Riddet Institute Thought Leadership Team, he co-authored *A Call to Arms, A contribution to a New Zealand Agri-Food Strategy*, and as the current Chair of the Riddet Institute Board has overseen the development of a transformational strategy as part of the successful re-bid of the Riddet CoRE. "His many contributions and achievements were recognised in 2015 when he was presented with the International Dairy Federation Award," Professor Hill said.

In his award acceptance speech, Dr Marshall – who attended the ceremony with his wife Julie and four of his five daughters – told his audience that throughout his career he "tried to do best I could with what I had in front of me."

His advice to graduates is to "take every opportunity that comes your way, seek mentors and learn to communicate effectively."