



Dear alumni and friends,

Many congratulations to the 6051 students who graduated last month.

[View the photo galleries on the alumni website](#)

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1987 former All Blacks reunite



David Kirk and Andy Dalton hold the Cup, photo courtesy of John Selkirk

Join the winners of the 1987 Rugby World Cup at a Dinner to raise funds for the John Drake Memorial Scholarship trust. It's the first time that all the members of the former All Blacks team have reunited.

Featuring an exclusive auction and live panel discussion by former All Blacks greats Sir Brian Lochore, Sean Fitzpatrick, Grant Fox and David Kirk, guests will hear first-hand the pressures of being an All Black at a Rugby World Cup.

[More about the rugby reunion dinner](#)

Fuelling the business of creativity



Now in its third year, day-long expo Survive & Thrive is a fantastic opportunity for University of Auckland alumni, students and staff to develop their professional practice, learn new skills and make valuable new connections in the creative and business realms.

[More about Survive and Thrive](#)

Tauranga alumni lunch with ophthalmology expert

Professor Charles McGhee is guest speaker at our Tauranga event in July and will talk about the enormous changes to the research and teaching landscape in ophthalmology and optometry.

Professor McGhee's presentation at our Golden Graduates luncheon last year was very well received, so don't miss this opportunity to hear from this inspirational speaker.

ALUMNI EVENTS

14 June

■ [London Alumni and Friends Reception](#)

6 July

■ [Tauranga Alumni and Friends Luncheon](#)

20 July

■ [Hamilton Alumni and Friends Lunch](#)

17 August

■ [Wellington Alumni and Friends Reception](#)

UNIVERSITY EVENTS

8 June

■ [What have we learnt from large-scale genetic studies? \(public event\)](#)

9 June

■ [He Rau Tumu Korero 2011, Māori Historians' Symposium](#)

10 June

■ [Student Jazz Performance Concerts: Postgraduate Recitals \(concert\)](#)

14 June

■ [Believe it to see it: the role of pretty \(3D\) pictures in the Earth Sciences \(research seminar\)](#)

17 June

■ [Student Jazz Performance Concerts: Postgraduate Recitals \(concert\)](#)

18 June

■ [Popular Music: Songwriter of the Year 2011 - Schools Competition Grand Final \(concert\)](#)

20 June

■ [Palliative care for older people in hospital: Time to turn the spotlight onto a neglected issue \(seminar\)](#)

24 June

■ [Whānau resilience: A case study \(seminar\)](#)

27 June

■ [State of the Arts \(exhibition\)](#)

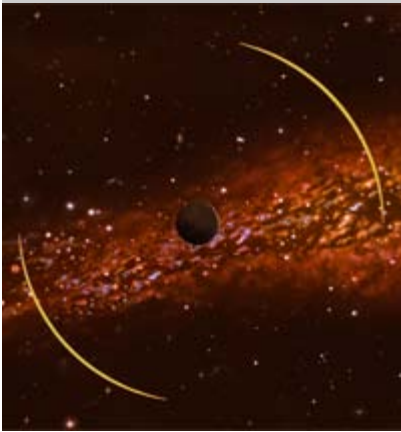
30 June

■ [International Research Team Development Awards](#)



[More about the Tauranga event](#)

Planetary wanderers



An artist's impression of one of the free-floating planets and the Einstein arcs through which it was detected [credit Jon Lomberg]

"Free-floating" planets roaming interstellar space have been discovered by New Zealand and Japanese scientists, through a project co-established by university physicist Associate Professor Phil Yock.

"These planets are unattached to stars. It is possible that they were born as normal planets orbiting stars, but were subsequently 'kicked out' of their planetary systems, never to return. They are sometimes referred to as 'rogue' or 'orphan' planets," says Dr Yock.

[More about the discovery of free-floating planets](#)

Neil Finn at London fundraiser for Christchurch



Neil Finn, lead singer of Crowded House and highly respected songwriter will lend his support to the New Zealand Gala Fundraiser in aid of Christchurch.

On July 5th 2011 The Savoy Hotel will play host to the New Zealand Gala Fundraiser in aid of raising money for people of Christchurch following the devastating earthquake of 22nd February 2011.

[More about the Gala Fundraiser](#)

Rugby World Cup Ceremonies - call for volunteers

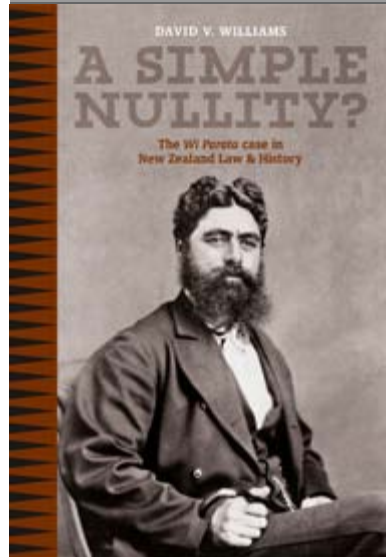


Performers and support volunteers are required for the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2011 Rugby World Cup. Fitness and enthusiasm are all you need.

Annual Forum

- [Film screening: Black Belt](#)
- [View a full list of University events](#)

BOOK OF THE MONTH



A Simple Nullity? The Wi Parata Case in New Zealand Law and History

[Professor David V Williams](#)
(UoA, Faculty of Law)

PB; \$49.99; UoA Alumni Price \$42.50

A fresh look at the "infamous" 1877 *Wi Parata* case and its "simple nullity" view of the Treaty of Waitangi, which has been castigated over the past 25 years by judges, lawyers and commentators. Williams brings new insights into both Māori-Pakeha relations in the nineteenth century and the legal position of the Treaty today.

- [Read more about A Simple Nullity?](#)
- [Download the AUP order form](#)

[Find out more and apply](#)

AUP's record in national book awards continues

For a fourth year Auckland University Press, a small publisher of scholarly non-fiction and poetry for the general market, has topped the list in New Zealand's national book awards.

AUP has three finalist books and two best first book winners in the 2011 New Zealand Post Book Awards (NZPBA) lists announced on June 1.

[More about AUP's success](#)

[More about the AUP alumni discount](#)

Writers and Readers Festival winners



Congratulations to new Society members Barry and Patricia Clapham, who won two lanyard passes to last month's Writers and Readers Festival.

Barry and Patricia attended the AA Gill Society event, where the author spoke to guests and signed copies of his book.

[View the AA Gill photo gallery](#)

[More about the Society](#)

Skin Tight at the Maidment - alumni discount



All alumni can purchase tickets to the production of this acclaimed play at the Maidment.

Set in the 1940s *Skin Tight* follows the fierce and passionate love affair between Cantabrian sweethearts Tom and Elizabeth. On an almost bare stage, the two actors wrestle, play, live and love with abandon.

To take advantage of the offer, select 'Groups / Guilds' when purchasing tickets online.

[More about Skin Tight, and how to buy tickets](#)

Engineering Alumni News



The latest edition of *Engineering Alumni News* is available to download, featuring stories about earthquake researchers in Christchurch, Professor Xu's debates with China's political elite and more news from the faculty.

[Download Engineering Alumni News](#)

Major New Criminal Law Journal

The University of Auckland Faculty of Law has had a significant role in the development of a major new criminal law journal, the *Journal of Commonwealth Criminal Law*, a peer reviewed publication designed to promote the flow of ideas on criminal law amongst commonwealth and

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FEATURED VACANCY

Managing Editor - Obstetrics & Gynaecology
Grafton Campus

The University of Auckland, Obstetrics and Gynaecology department is seeking a Managing Editor of the Cochrane Menstrual Disorders and Subfertility Review Group.

We would like to invite applications for this interesting and challenging opportunity to contribute to the publication of Cochrane systematic reviews in the field of menstrual disorders and subfertility.

[Read more about this vacancy](#)



common law jurisdictions.

[More about the *Journal of Commonwealth Criminal Law*](#)

Calling all alumni of the Liggins Institute



This July the Liggins Institute will celebrate 10 years of innovative biomedical research at The University of Auckland. As part of our anniversary activities we aim to reconnect with as many former staff and students as possible and acknowledge their achievements.

Please visit the Liggins Institute website to find out more about our celebrations and to tell us about yourself.

[Liggins Institute alumni information](#)

London alumni event - registration closes today



Join other alumni and friends in London, with guest speaker alumna Julie Maxton, Executive Director of the Royal Society.

[More about the London event](#)

Auckland Chamber choir international tour



The University of Auckland Chamber Choir will this month embark on an inaugural international tour that includes some of the United Kingdom's most historic venues.

[More about the Chamber Choir tour](#)

Allen Curnow - benefit film screening



Join the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of the great New Zealand poet and former University of Auckland lecturer Allen Curnow, at a benefit film screening of *Early Days Yet*.

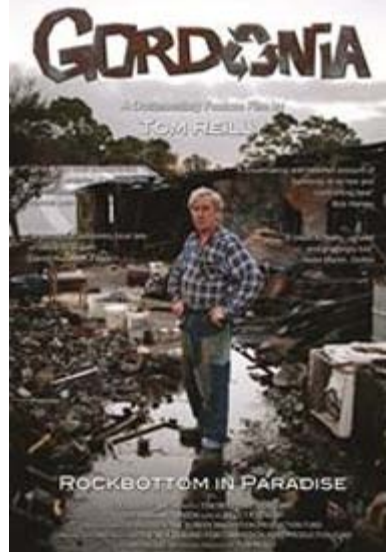
The film is being shown at the Bridgeway Cinema, Northcote Point on June 16.

[More about the benefit screening](#)

[and apply online](#)

[View current vacancies on the University website](#)

GORDONIA DVD



Alumnus Tom Reilly's festival-hit documentary feature film *Gordonia*, with a scorching rock and roll soundtrack by NZ guitar legend Billy TK Senior, is available to buy on DVD.

[Read more about *Gordonia*](#)

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