

Dear alumni and friends,



[Incredible Science, July 6](#)

July is shaping up to be a great month for all those wanting to be inside out of the cold with a busy schedule of free lectures at the University.

Our programme caters to a wide range of interests including architecture, history, human-computer interaction, parenting, philosophy and literature plus our annual school holiday science extravaganza.

Please read on to find out more.

Queen's Birthday Honours for alumni and friends



Two prominent supporters of The University of Auckland - Jenny Gibbs and Gus Fisher - are among those of our alumni and friends named in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours.

[Read more about the Queen's Birthday Honours](#)

Interfaculty rugby tournament

The University of Auckland interfaculty rugby tournament brings five of the strongest faculty rugby teams together to compete for the Wilson Whineray Trophy, named in honour of the noted alumnus and the man many regard as the greatest living All Black captain.

The Law Faculty and the School of Medicine will be facing off against the Commerce Cougars, the Property Pirates and the Engineering Eagles in a round robin tournament starting on 15 August.

The tournament is a great chance to see some of the best rugby the University has to offer and to catch up with friends and fellow alumni.

[Read more about the interfaculty rugby tournament](#)

Melbourne and Sydney alumni reception

ALUMNI EVENTS

- 20 July
 - [Melbourne alumni and friends reception](#)
- 21 July
 - [Sydney alumni and friends reception](#)
- 5 August
 - [Tauranga alumni and friends luncheon](#)

UNIVERSITY EVENTS

- 2 July
 - [Visiting Professor Roberto Segre: "Colonial tradition, historicism, and modernism. A particular view of Brazilian architectural heritage"](#)
Public lecture
- 6 July
 - [Incredible Science day](#)
- 7 July
 - ["Can we break our addiction to the screen and keyboard?"](#)
Free public lecture
- 7 July
 - [Visiting Professor Roberto Segre: "New trends in contemporary Latin American Architecture"](#)
Free public lecture
- 8 July
 - ["A DNA story of New Zealand plants"](#)
[2009 Royal Society of New Zealand Leonard Cockayne Memorial Lecture by Professor Peter Lockhart](#)
FRSNZ
- 8 July
 - [Sylvia Ashton-Warner book launch](#)
- 9 July
 - ["Science Life"](#)
[Association of Women in Sciences Auckland Branch seminar by Dr Helen Anderson](#)
- 13 July
 - ["Writers on Monday: An hour with C. K. Stead"](#)
- 16 July
 - [Symposium 2009: "Tax, saving, welfare and retirement: Have we lost our way?"](#)



The Glasshouse,
Sydney

Melbourne and Sydney Alumni and Friends will have plenty of opportunity to hear the latest news from their University at events on 20 and 21 July to be hosted by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Stuart McCutcheon, with the Dean of Business and Economics, Professor Greg Whittred, as guest speaker and the Dean of Engineering, Professor Michael Davies, attending.

[Read more about the Melbourne event](#)

[Read more about the Sydney event](#)

Distinguished Professor Peter Gluckman to speak at Tauranga alumni and friends luncheon



Distinguished Professor Peter Gluckman is the guest speaker at the Tauranga alumni and friends luncheon on 5 August. Professor Gluckman is regarded as one of the world's experts on understanding how events at the beginning of life can determine an individual's life long health and their children's health.

[Read more about the Tauranga alumni and friends luncheon](#)

Legacy Society function honours bequestors

The generosity of alumni and supporters who are contributing to the life of the University by making a bequest will be acknowledged at the University's Inaugural Legacy Society Function on 16 September.

Bequestors are invited to attend a morning tea to be hosted by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Stuart McCutcheon, who is himself a founding member of the Society with his wife, Deborah McCutcheon.

[Read more about the Legacy Society launch](#)

Elam graduate wins Fulbright, place at top US filmmaking programme



One of this year's Fulbright scholars is also the first New Zealander to be accepted into the world-renowned Masters of Fine Arts programme at Stanford University in the United States.

[Read more about Briar March's Fulbright scholarship](#)

Brazilian architecture and mobile interfaces feature in Seelye lectures

21 July

■ [Winter Lecture: "Taking off the black singlet"](#)
[Free public lecture](#)

21 July

■ ["Positive parenting and the wellbeing of children: What works and what needs to be done?"](#)
[Free public lecture](#)

22 July

■ ["Death, Sex and Evolution - 380 million year old fishes and the origins of the human body plan"](#)
[Free public lecture](#)

23 July

■ ["Love and death"](#)
[Free public lecture](#)

28 July

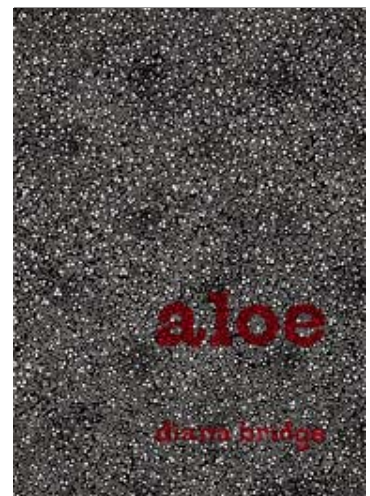
■ ["Winter Lecture: "The Empire comes home: Reconsidering New Zealand culture and the role of Empire"](#)
[Free public lecture](#)

29 July

■ ["The Cousin Marriage Controversy - from Darwin to the US and Modern Britain"](#)
[Free public lecture](#)

■ [View a full list of University events](#)

BOOK OF THE MONTH



Aloe & Other Poems, Diana Bridge (UoA alumna), Auckland University Press, PB; RRP \$24.99; Alumni price \$21.25

Diana Bridge's fine new collection will be launched on 24 July (Montana NZ Poetry Day) by Elizabeth Caffin, who received an honorary doctorate from the University



Roberto Segre

Two very different topics are being presented by visiting Seelye fellows this month.

Professor Roberto Segre, one of the world's pre-eminent scholars of Latin American architecture, heritage and urban planning will deliver a series of public lectures in Auckland and Wellington in July.

Professor Stephen Brewster has been a professor of human-computer interaction in the department of computing science at the University of Glasgow since 2001. His lecture 'Can we break our addiction to the screen and keyboard?' will look at whether we can create new interfaces more suited to mobile devices and their dynamic contexts of use.

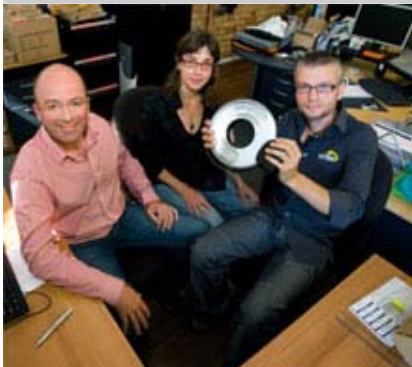
[Read about Roberto Segre's lectures](#)

[Read about Stephen Brewster's lecture](#)



Stephen Brewster

The Icehouse's Andrew Hamilton honoured at the Sir Peter Blake Leadership Awards



Andrew Hamilton, with Naomi Wiggins and James Madelin of Orbis

Andrew Hamilton, CEO of business growth centre The Icehouse, has been named an "emerging leader" at the Sir Peter Blake Leadership Awards, the premier awards for leadership in New Zealand.

Hamilton was one of the six emerging leaders to be honoured in the awards, recognising his contribution to business growth and angel investment funding in New Zealand. Under his leadership The Icehouse has grown to be a leading provider of support for growing businesses.

[Read more about Andrew Hamilton's award](#)

Seasons of Life 2009: Darwin's legacy

The Liggins Institute's public lecture series begins this month. Between July and October five distinguished speakers discuss aspects of Man's evolution - from the origins of the human body plan to our instinctive love of art. All lectures start at 6pm in the Robb Lecture Theatre, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, 85 Park Road Grafton. The lectures are designed for non-scientific audiences and questions are welcomed. They are free and open to the public but bookings are essential.

[Read about the Liggins lecture series](#)

TalkLaw - New consultation website

in April this year.

"It is a rarer pleasure than it should be to read a poet who writes with such evident attentiveness to aesthetic effect." (Hugh Roberts, *New Zealand Listener*)

■ [Go to the AUP website](#)

■ [Download the AUP order form](#)

LATEST HEADLINES

30 June

■ [Manager for Confucius Institute](#)

■ [Eleven new professors appointed](#)

29 June

■ [Three-day event celebrates New Zealand Antarctic research](#)

26 June

■ [University appoints new Deputy Vice-Chancellor \(Academic\)](#)

25 June

■ [University of Auckland Distinguished Alumnus selected for annual writer's in residency](#)

24 June

■ [Week-long feast covers fascinating issues](#)

18 June

■ [Research showcased for Spanish King and Queen](#)

■ [Tongan architecture graduate curates Pacific art exhibition](#)

■ [University of Auckland takes spotlight in NZ International Film Festival](#)

17 June

■ [Wellington wins Brain Bee Challenge](#)

16 June

■ [UN Under-Secretary-General to lecture on climate change](#)

10 June

■ [New poetry collection explores journey from light to darkness and back](#)

■ [University of Auckland dominates health research funding round](#)

8 June

■ [First gene-based test to predict individual lung cancer risk](#)

2 June



The Law Commission has launched an online consultation site called TalkLaw to generate wider public discussion and feedback about law reform projects it is working on. It also plans to establish a presence on FaceBook to attract interest from a younger audience.

[Visit the TalkLaw website](#)

Music events - new School of Music brochure available



The School of Music at The University of Auckland is an exciting and vibrant scene of wonderful music making and a major contributor to Auckland's thriving music community.

The July - November 2009 concert and event brochure is now available and features students, staff and distinguished visiting artists covering classical music, popular music and jazz, as well as seminars and concerts with leading composers and scholars.

To be placed on the mailing list and/or email distribution list to receive the bi-annual concert brochure and special ticket offers, please visit <https://www.forms.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/join-nicai-mailing-list>

Love and death - inaugural Robert C. Solomon Philosophy Lecture by Professor Kathleen Higgins.

This inaugural Robert C. Solomon Memorial Lecture will address two of the topics that concerned Bob Solomon - love and death. Late in his life, Bob took up the topic of grief, arguing that it was a case in which some emotions are obligatory. This position is in keeping with his claim that we are in large measure able to choose our emotions.

[Read about the Robert C. Solomon Philosophy Lecture](#)

Positive parenting and the wellbeing of children: What works and what needs to be done?



Professor Matthew Sanders was appointed as Adjunct Professor in Parenting Studies and Family Psychology at the Faculty of Education at the end of 2008. In this first public lecture with the University, he will speak about the need for population approaches to the implementation of parenting programmes for the enhancement of child and family wellbeing.

[Read more about Professor Sander's lecture](#)

New Liggins Institute Director

- [AUP leads book award field for second year](#)
- [Concern for disadvantaged students making poor NCEA choices](#)

NOTICE

The Association for Women in Science, Auckland branch, presents

"Science Life: Dr Helen Anderson"

CEO Ministry of Research Science and Technology

Thursday 9 July 2009
Networking from 6.00
Talk starts at 6.30pm

Engineering Room 431
University of Auckland, 20
Symonds St

Anyone joining the AWIS on the night will be entered into the prize draw to win a 100 year L'Oreal hamper worth \$450.

[Membership payments by cash only, \$30 full members, \$20 students]

KOWIANA'S KIMCHI AND MARMITE CONFERENCE, JULY 11



The Kowiana Association of New Zealand is excited and proud to present its second conference "Kowis in Action: When Kowis Take Flight". Kowiana has taken the iconic Kiwi bird and added a Kowi twist. A Kowi is a person with a unique Korean and New Zealand fused-identity.

The conference will include inspirational speakers and interactive workshops to



Professor Wayne Cutfield has been appointed Director of the Liggins Institute from 1 July 2009, succeeding Professor Peter Gluckman who takes up the newly created part time role of Chief Science Advisor to the Prime Minister from that date. Professor Cutfield is a graduate of The University of Auckland's School of Medicine and was formerly Deputy Director of the Institute.

Professor Gluckman will continue with his research and other interests in the Liggins Institute.

[Read more about Professor Cutfield's appointment](#)

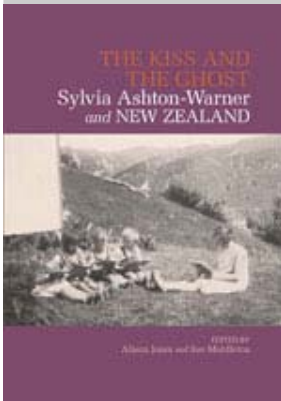
Writing New Zealand History in the 21st Century

The publication of Keith Sinclair's *History of New Zealand* (1959) was a key event in the articulation of New Zealand's national identity. In the early 21st century though, a number of historians are questioning the nation's identity and culture and wondering to what extent the cultural nationalism of the 20th century was a construct.

A series of six free public lectures will explore the ways the country's history has been written and understood, suggesting a number of ways that we might rewrite New Zealand in the 21st century.

[Read about the New Zealand History lectures](#)

Fresh perspectives on Sylvia Ashton-Warner



A new book offers a fascinating range of never-before published perspectives on the teacher and novelist Sylvia Ashton-Warner, and in particular her complex relationship with New Zealand. The *kiss and the ghost: Sylvia Ashton-Warner and New Zealand* crosses boundaries of biography, fiction and educational theory in a fresh exploration of Sylvia Ashton-Warner's life and work.

The book is edited by well-known New Zealand educationists Alison Jones and Sue Middleton and is being launched in Auckland on Wednesday 8 July at the Women's Bookshop, 105 Ponsonby Road, Ponsonby. To RSVP, please email Maureen Tizard - m.tizard@auckland.ac.nz

[Read more about the book](#)

"Rising Dragons, Soaring Bananas" Conference, 17th - 19th July

The Alumni Relations Office and the Business School, along with NZ Post, will sponsor the "Rising Dragons, Soaring Bananas" Conference to be held on 17 to 19 July at the Fale Pasifika and the Business School.

The Conference is set to challenge perceptions of what it means to be Chinese and peel open the journeys, stories and identities of leading Chinese personalities making an impact in New Zealand and on the global stage.

[Read more about Rising Dragons, Soaring Bananas](#)

"Dirty Weekends" - new Roger Hall production

facilitate discussions about embracing the Kowiri identity and employ this to take action in becoming a successful Kowiri in diverse field.

[Read more on the Kowiri website](#)

FEATURED VACANCY

Technician - Ecology

Full time, Auckland City Campus

The School of Biological Sciences and the Centre for Biodiversity and Biosecurity seek to appoint a Research Technician to support laboratory and field-based ecological research and teaching.

[Read more about this vacancy and apply online](#)

Whether you are an academic seeking new challenges, a professional wanting to hone your skills, or a manager looking for change, you will find plenty of employment opportunities at The University of Auckland.

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

IN EVERY ISSUE

Want to share with a friend? Have You Moved?

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We welcome your feedback

- [Tell us what you think of @Auckland](#)



Alumni, family and friends are invited to enjoy a piece of Kiwi entertainment - "Dirty Weekends", by prolific playwright Roger Hall - at a production co-choreographed by two fellow alumni and showing at the Playhouse Theatre in Glen Eden this month.

[Read more about Dirty Weekends and buy tickets](#)

Until next month,
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