



Growing our future - New Zealand's largest longitudinal study is featured in Auckland Now

Dear alumni and friends,

Research at the University is in the spotlight this month with news of two new publications - *Auckland Now* and *Research Works Wonders* and a feature from the BBC on the fascinating work of Professor Russell Gray and his team.

Read on for more about this and other news and events from around the University.

Research Works Wonders



Professor Stuart McNaughton

The University's new channel on YouTube provides insights into the work of our researchers and how their efforts benefit the whole of society.

The 11 clips currently available include Professor Stuart McNaughton's discussion of the work of the Faculty of Education aimed at improving the literacy levels of our school children, through a scientifically based programme that helps teachers teach more effectively.

[Go to the Research Works Wonders channel](#)
[Support research by making a donation](#)

The Intellectual as Indiana Jones

At our London reception on 10 June, guest speaker Stephen Chan considers the various corporate constraints university scholars have to contend with and whether there is time and opportunity for them to be 'wild academics'. His presentation is informed by his extensive 30 year career in applied international relations.

Join Vice-Chancellor Stuart McCutcheon in London to hear Stephen's talk, be entertained by renowned violinist Stephen Hussey and to network with other alumni and friends.

[Read more and RSVP for the London event](#)

ALUMNI EVENTS

10 June

■ [London Alumni and Friends Reception](#)

14 June

■ [Shanghai New Zealand Universities Alumni Reception](#)

17 June

■ [Beijing Alumni and Friends Reception](#)

■ [Hong Kong Alumni and Friends Reception](#)

UNIVERSITY EVENTS

5 May - 26 May

■ [Peter Gibbons Memorial Lecture Series 2010 - Facing the data mountain](#)

6 May

■ [Graduation Gala Concerto Competition 2010](#)

7 May

■ [Lunchtime Concerts: Guitar & Jazz Students](#)

8 May

■ [Pacific Graduation Dinner](#)

11 May

■ [Communiqué - Lada Hršak: Local Stories](#)

■ [Music Research Seminar Series: Professor Robert Constable](#)

■ [Computational models for drug discovery](#)

■ [Can minority language communities be multicultural?](#)

12 May

■ [360° Auckland Abroad Exchange Fair](#)

13 May - 14 May

■ [Viviane Robinson presents Building Relational Trust: leadership relationships that impact on student outcomes](#)

13 May

■ [Men's interfaculty basketball finals](#)

■ [Lunchtime Organ Concerts: James Tibbles](#)

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Stephen Chan

New publication highlights University's contribution



Susan Morton with three babies enrolled in the Growing Up study

Auckland Now showcases some of the contributions The University of Auckland makes to Auckland, New Zealand and the international community through its teaching, research and community service.

Among the stories featured in the latest issue is a piece on the *Growing Up in New Zealand* study. The study follows some 7,000 children born in New Zealand in 2009, not only to identify problematic outcomes in our newest generation, but also to understand "what works" for our current population.

[Download the first two editions of *Auckland Now*](#)

International alumni events in Asia



Join us for alumni receptions in Shanghai, Hong Kong and Beijing in June.

Vice-Chancellor Stuart McCutcheon will present his vision for New Zealand's future as the "clever country" - a source of innovation for a knowledge-hungry world.

We're also privileged to present guest speakers and fellow alumni Andrew Grant, Philip Turner and Dr Jeffrey Pong.

[Read more about the Shanghai event](#)
[Read more about the Beijing event](#)
[Read more about the Hong Kong event](#)

Benefactors recognised for enduring contribution to New Zealand Arts

University of Auckland benefactors, Gus and Irene

Stand up science

14 May

■ [The limits of evolutionary aesthetics](#)

16 May

■ [Special Event: Karlheinz Company](#)

17 May - 21 May

■ [Postgraduate Information Week](#)

■ [Monday Night Jazz Series: Stomp 'n' Blues](#)

18 May

■ [Communiqué - Peter Robinson: *Snow Ball Blind Time* and other projects](#)

■ [Music Research Seminar Series: Riette Ferreira](#)

■ [Modelling the structure and mechanical properties of skin](#)

■ [Moral panics and rights: Lessons from the past quarter century](#)

■ [Creative PhDs Research Seminar](#)

19 May

■ [Communiqué - Astrid Klein & Mark Dytham: *My Design Life*](#)

20 May

■ [Student Jazz Ensemble Concerts: Large Ensemble Concert](#)

21 May

■ [Is a random triangle acute or obtuse?](#)

22 May

■ [Exhibition talk: Paul Walker on Sir Miles Warren](#)

25 May

■ [Music Research Seminar Series: Aleisha Ward](#)



Irene and Gus Fisher

Fisher, are the recipients of the fifth annual Arts Foundation of New Zealand Award for Patronage. Presented by sponsor, Forsyth Barr, the award honours their significant contribution to the creative arts in New Zealand.

[Read more about the Award](#)

Creative PhDs - Creative Practice Research Seminar Tuesday 18 May, 6-8pm



How can a performance or a painting be research? How can a studio become a laboratory? How can creative practice emerge in a PhD?

In this enlightening seminar, leading creative practice researchers from The University of Auckland will reflect on how art and academia can combine to contribute new knowledge. This introduces The University of Auckland's approach to guiding creative practice PhD research.

[Find out more and register](#)

Exhibition tribute to Architect and Artist



The long and illustrious career of the distinguished and internationally acclaimed architect Sir Miles Warren, one of the most renowned alumni of the School of Architecture and Planning at The University of Auckland, will be celebrated this month with an exhibition at the Gus Fisher Gallery.

Miles: A Life in Architecture runs from 23 April 2010 to 29 May 2010 at the Gus Fisher Gallery.

[Read more on the Gus Fisher Gallery website](#)

New focus to an old controversy - Eugenic values, eugenic costs



In a public lecture on 18 May visiting Seelye Fellow Clare Hanson, Professor of Twentieth Century Literature at The University of Southampton, will consider the claims of those who defend the new (or liberal) eugenics and those who challenge its practices and premises.

She will explore the ways in which both literary and popular fiction has responded to eugenic scenarios. Is there something which scientists and medical ethicists can learn from such literary representations of what may

26 May - 12 June

[Auckland Festival of Photography Exhibition](#)

26 May

[Who are you? \(who? who?\): Spatial frequency effects on brain responses to facial images in man and monkey](#)

[Where do virtue and ethics fit in our lives today?](#)

[Staff and Guests in Recital: Songs of These Islands](#)

28 May

[Lunchtime Concerts: Chamber Orchestra Concert](#)

29 May

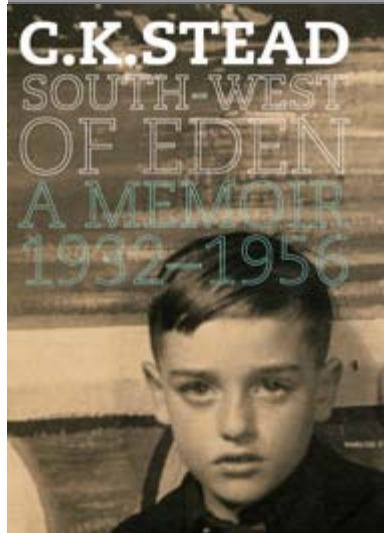
[Exhibition talk: Shannon Joe of Warren and Mahoney](#)

30 May

[Interfaculty soccer - men's and women's finals](#)

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

BOOK OF THE MONTH



South-West of Eden: A Memoir, 1932-1956

Distinguished Alumnus / Emeritus Professor C K Stead, Auckland University Press

Hardback; RRP \$45; UoA alumni price \$38.25

In *South-West of Eden*, a coming-of-age memoir by New Zealand's leading poet, novelist and critic, C K Stead writes of a life 'lived by history' - running wild in Cornwall Park, joining the Labour Party aged seven,

result from advances in biomedicine?

[Read more about the lecture and RSVP](#)

[Read more about the Seelye Trust](#)

Festival atmosphere planned for basketball finals

The finals of the Men's Interfaculty Basketball tournament are almost upon us. Eight of the strongest faculty teams have played through the round robin stages of the competition at the Campus Recreation Centre to get to the playoffs. The competition has been close with Arts and Engineering as the tournament favourites, but they will face strong competition from Law, Property and Education.

This effort culminates on the afternoon of 13 May as the two final teams compete for the title, as well as top points in the interfaculty sports championship. The finals will have a festival atmosphere, with live music and supporters from each faculty helping to showcase the main sports hall as the heart of sport on the Auckland campus.

[Read more about the basketball finals and other sporting events](#)

Sir Peter Blake Leaders' Forum



Aspiring leaders are invited to be part of this inspirational Leadership Week event, hosted at the Business School. Come and hear some fresh opinions and insights on developing effective, action-based leadership from recipients of the prestigious Sir Peter Blake Leadership Awards.

Keynote speakers include Sir Stephen Tindall, Founder and Chair of The Warehouse and Olympic Gold Medallist Sarah Ulmer, Director of Sarah Ulmer Brand.

[Find out more and register](#)

Family Business Forum

The Business School is hosting the inaugural Family Business Forum: Sustaining and Growing New Zealand Family Businesses. This forum will offer family businesses a valuable opportunity to meet international and local experts as well as other like-minded business people.

Speakers include Grant Walsh from the KPMG Centre for Family Business, Canada, David Babich from Babich Wine Estate and father and daughter Euan and Gabrielle Sparrow from the entrepreneurial South Island Sparrow family.

Find out more and register at www.fambiz.auckland.ac.nz

Clever crows on BBC website

Research at the University was highlighted by the BBC recently, with a feature on the work of Professor Russell Gray and his team investigating the use of tools by New Caledonian crows.

A new study by the team has found that the birds are able to use three tools in succession to reach some food. The crows, which use tools in the wild, have also shown other problem-solving behaviour, but this find suggests they are more innovative than was thought.

The feature was one of the five most popular stories of the day on the BBC website.

discovering poetry in a third-form English class and enjoying a newly-wed annus mirabilis on Takapuna Beach.

■ [Read more about *South-West of Eden*](#)

■ [Download the AUP order form](#)

LATEST HEADLINES

28 April

■ [Contemporary Art scoop for *Elam* staff and students](#)

22 April

■ [Dance transcends oppression through centuries](#)

■ [Nonproliferation earns international honour](#)

19 April

■ [NZ-made education website scoops international award](#)

■ [NZ Print History Rediscovered](#)

16 April

■ [Research highlights the potential of e-cigarettes](#)

FEATURED VACANCY

Marae Administrator

Epsom Campus

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Closing date 7 May.

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

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

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[have changed](#)

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Graduation Gala Concerto Competition 2010



Celebrate the achievements of the University's new graduates at a concert on May 6 featuring some of the School of Music's top young musicians.

Set amongst the grandeur of the Auckland Town Hall, three finalists will compete for a grand prize. Performers are supported by The University of Auckland Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Uwe Grodd.

The concert is free and all are welcome. Patrons are strongly advised to arrive early in order to be assured admittance.

[Read more about the concert](#)

From left: Jessica Rodda, Jason Jin-Hyung Bae and Tianyi Lu

Best wishes,
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