



Mechatronics Engineering masters student Thomas Hurst shows his supervisor, Dr Kean Aw, his air-muscle robotic hand. From the [2011 Postgraduate Prospectus](#)

Dear alumni and friends,

If you're considering postgraduate studies at the University be sure to check out the following events.

At the end of the month, the National Institute for Creative Arts and Industries is holding a [creative research evening](#) and in early October, a one day workshop from the Centre for Continuing Education offers an [introduction to postgraduate studies](#).

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

Professor Gluckman: It's hard to be a teenager!



Liggins Institute founder Distinguished Professor Sir Peter Gluckman addressed alumni and friends at our recent Wellington reception on some perils and pitfalls of adolescence, suggesting ways we might smooth the transition to adulthood.

[Read a transcript of the address and view our Wellington photo gallery](#)

Graham Henry keynote speaker at alumni rugby event



*Guest speaker
Graham Henry*

The Alumni XV Reception on 29 September will be an evening of celebration to recognise and honour alumni who also played rugby for the All Blacks.

We are delighted to be able to announce our MC as renowned sports journalist, Peter Montgomery MBE, who will do a live on-stage interview with keynote personality All Black coach Graham Henry.

[Read more and buy tickets](#)

ALUMNI EVENTS

- 8 September
 - [Golden Graduates Lunch](#)
- 13 September
 - [New York Alumni and Friends Reception](#)
- 15 September
 - [Boston Alumni and Friends Luncheon 2010](#)
- 29 September
 - [The Alumni XV Reception](#)

UNIVERSITY EVENTS

- 8 September
 - [Contemporary issues in child protection](#)
- 8 - 10 September
 - [Sir Douglas Robb Lectures 2010 by Lord Stern of Brentford](#)
- 9 September
 - [Innovation in Manufacturing and Materials workshop](#)
 - [Rembrandt, Grotius and the Jews: Accepting the 'Other' in the Dutch Republic](#)
 - [An evaluation of motorcycle riding skills from image sequences and an experimental study on audio representation of spatial information](#)
- 10 September
 - [Rethinking welfare for the twenty-first century: Beyond the terms of reference](#)
 - [Decision making in child welfare practice](#)
- 13 September
 - [The Korea-EU Free Trade Agreement and possible implications for New Zealand](#)
 - [Monday Night Jazz Series: Alan Brown Trio](#)
- 14 - 18 September
 - [Dissolving sugar. George Fraser Gallery](#)
- 14 September
 - [The creation of self as a work of art: Truth games, care of the self and same](#)

Engineering students' "historic victory"



Team One Beep left-to-right: Steve Ward, Chanyeol Yoo, Kayo Lakadia and Vinny Kumar, photo from [ImagineCup's flickr stream](#)

"The best of the best" is how Microsoft New Zealand has described the Team One Beep project which took out third place at the world finals of the Microsoft Imagine Cup in Poland earlier this year.

In a special event held at The University of Auckland, Scott Wylie, Director of the Developer and Platform Group for Microsoft New Zealand, said making it to third in the world was a huge achievement for Team One Beep, the University and New Zealand.

[Read more about Team One Beep's success](#)

[Watch an interview with Vinny Kumar on the TVNZ7 website](#)

Alumni "talk science"



The inaugural "Talking Science" alumni event, "Global Warming: Why can't scientists agree?", brought together the University's leading environmental scientists to present their perspectives on the most contentious issue of our generation - climate change.

[Read more about Talking Science and view the photo gallery](#)

[Register your interest in future Talking Science events](#)

Liggins Institute farewells a scientific hero

Professor Wayne Cutfield, Director of the Liggins Institute, has paid tribute to the man for whom the

[sex attracted youth](#)

■ [Music Seminar Series: Dr Te Oti Rakena](#)

■ [The identity questions of Korean Chinese in their relationship with South Koreans and Han Chinese: Viewed from post-1990s novels](#)

■ [Computational modelling of the cerebral circulation and aneurysms](#)

15 September

■ [Master of Public Policy seminar series: New Zealand's untapped potential - The innovation agenda](#)

■ [Fast Forward Lecture Series - Christina van Bohemen & Aaron Sills, Sills van Bohemen Architects, Auckland](#)

16 September

■ [Landslide at the north end of town: What is the hazard to Dawson City, Canada?](#)

■ [Studies on semi-global matching in stereo image analysis](#)

16 September - 30 September

■ [OS World Grad School Tours in the US and Canada](#)

17 September

■ [Lunchtime Concerts: Strings and Flute Students](#)

■ [Grasping freedom of speech](#)

21 September

■ [Future Proof - Steve Poletti: Future energy issues in NZ](#)

■ [Philosophy lecture: Oysters and opera - How to acquire an 'acquired taste'](#)

22 September

■ [From Myths to the Reality: Perceptions of settlement and language learning among adult immigrants in Australia](#)

■ [Good eyes: Poetry, people and new media](#)

■ [Fast Forward Lecture Series - Thom Craig, Thom Craig Architects, Christchurch](#)

■ [Masterclass: Christoph Henkel \(Germany\) - Cello](#)

23 September

■ [Film and Media Studies](#)



Sir Graham Liggins FRS 1926-2010

Institute was named. Sir Graham Liggins, affectionately known by many simply as 'Mont', died in Auckland on 24 August.

"Mont's contributions to modern medicine rank amongst the most significant breakthroughs of the twentieth century," he said.

[Read more on the Liggins website](#)

Creative Research: Postgraduate Study Information Evening - September 30



Find out about postgraduate study with the National Institute of Creative Arts and Industries. This evening offers an opportunity to learn about postgraduate study and research options in Architecture, Planning and Urban Design, Dance Studies, Fine Arts, Music and Sonic Arts.

[Read more and register online](#)

Mayoral hopefuls debate urban environment - listen online



Mayoral candidate
Len Brown

The future for Auckland's urban environment was the focus for a lively debate between mayoral candidates John Banks, Len Brown, Andrew Williams and Simon Prast at the OGGB on 17 August. Journalist and economic commentator Rod Oram was Chair.

For those unable to attend, NICA has posted a podcast of the debate on their website.

[Read more about the debate and listen to the podcast](#)

Introduction to Postgraduate Studies

Have you thought about returning to study at masters level or even for a PhD?

The Centre for Continuing Education's Introduction to Postgraduate Studies is a one-day workshop that will help you decide whether postgraduate study is for you. You'll explore what this next step really involves and look at possible study options.

[Find out more and enrol in the workshop online](#)

Employer Panel and Expo

24 September

■ [Lunchtime Concerts: Brass and Woodwind Students](#)

27 September

■ [Women to Watch seminar](#)

28 September

■ [Future Proof - Kit Cuttle: Turning the criteria for lighting design upside down](#)

30 September

■ [Creative Research: Postgraduate Study Information Evening](#)

■ [Japanese film screening: The Girl Who Leapt Through Time](#)

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

BOOK OF THE MONTH



Dining Out: A History of the Restaurant in New Zealand

Perrin Rowland (UoA alumna and staff)

[Auckland University Press](#)

HB; illus; RRP \$59.99; UoA alumni price \$50.99

"From 19th century oyster bars to 20th century hotel dining; from the grill restaurants following the Yanks based here during World War II, to contemporary restaurants - *Dining Out's* in-depth research is a rich insight to Kiwi dining-out culture." - *Foodstyle Review Magazine*

2010 New Zealand Aronui Lecture Series - Baroness O'Neill of Bengarve



Baroness O'Neill of Bengarve, Past President of the British Academy and Cambridge Professor of Philosophy will deliver this year's Royal Society Aronui Lectures later this month.

The lectures will cover three topics - "Two Cultures Fifty Years On", "Grasping Freedom of Speech" and "Perverting Trust".

[Read more about the lectures and reserve seats](#)

[Read more about *Dining Out*](#)

■ [Download the AUP order form](#)

LATEST HEADLINES

26 August

■ [Southern Ocean reveals role in greenhouse gas regulation](#)

■ [New Dean for Auckland Law School](#)

24 August

■ [Prestigious position for education expert](#)

■ [Attractions aplenty for visitors](#)

5 August

■ [University of Auckland lecturer awarded for sustained teaching excellence](#)

FEATURED VACANCY

Early Childhood Educator
Grafton Campus

The University of Auckland is seeking an experienced Early Childhood Educator for our Over 2s Park Ave Centre.

Closing date 24 September.

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

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

IPOD TOUCH DRAW



Our iPod Touch competition closes at the end of this month, so if you've not already connected to our Facebook page, you have until 30 September to be in to win.

■ [Read more about the draw](#)

■ [Visit our new Facebook](#)

AUEA Annual Alumni Dinner



The AUEA (Auckland University Engineers Association) Faculty of Engineering '...0' Annual Alumni Dinner will be held on Saturday 25 September 6.30pm - Midnight, at the Hyatt Regency Auckland.

Tours of Auckland Campus and Tours of Ardmore and Tamaki will be held on Sat 25 and Sun 26 September.

Tickets to the dinner cost just \$105.00 and tours are \$25 per person. Don't delay - book your seat now!

Contact Sharon Andersen, External Relations Manager +64 9 373 7599 ext 88225 or s.andersen@auckland.ac.nz

Elam alumni exhibit work at Steel Gallery



Jon Carapiet - *Untitled* (2008)

CALLING - an exhibition of paintings and photography by Elam graduates Grant Whibley, Shruti Yatri and Jon Carapiet takes place at the New Zealand Steel Gallery Pukekohe 17 September - 19 October.

[Read more on the Franklin Arts website](#)

Chinese Alumni Club to strengthen networks



From left: Kelvin Choi; Phoenix Chun; Alumni Relations Manager Amanda Lyne; Derek Wang; Volunteer Co-ordinator of Auckland University Chinese Alumni Rachel Yang; Bao Yi Liu; Helen Liu; James Huang; Steven Lin; Simon Yuan.

The University of Auckland is inviting Chinese graduates to join in celebrating the launch of the newly-formed Auckland Chinese Alumni Club later this year.

"The Chinese Alumni Club aims to connect, support and celebrate Chinese alumni in ways that are mutually beneficial to the graduates and the University" said Rachel Yang, President of the Chinese Alumni Club. The Club will be officially opened during a ceremony on October 11.

[Read more about the club and the launch event](#)

Alumni Host Family Dinner Scheme

The Host Family Dinner Scheme provides the opportunity for international students to be invited into a New Zealand home to enjoy our kiwi hospitality and to share experiences.

56 International students have signed up for the second semester and unfortunately there are not enough host families to accommodate them all. We would dearly love to place all the students with a Host family for dinner so need your help!

[Read more on our website](#) or email j.grey@auckland.ac.nz

Auckland Now - latest issue



Read about our new Centre for Brain Research; preserving ancient taonga; creating "healthbots" with Korea and the University's global networks in the latest issue of Auckland Now.

[Read Auckland Now](#)

Society gifts \$100,000 to Foundation

A \$100,000 gift from The University of Auckland Society to The University of Auckland Foundation was marked at a ceremony at University House on 4 August.

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Have You Moved?

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Society Executive Committee members and Foundation representatives attended, with the Vice-Chancellor speaking on behalf of the University.

[Read more about the gift ceremony](#)

University of Auckland Society President Associate Judge David Abbott (left) and University of Auckland Foundation Trustee Peter Hays.

New Zealand dads needed for parenting survey

New Zealand fathers are being sought by The University of Auckland's Triple P Research Group for a parenting study.

The Triple P-Positive Parenting Research Group, which is based in the Faculty of Education, is running a study to investigate the acceptability and relevance of parenting programmes for dads.

[Read more about the survey and how you can take part](#)

Best wishes,
The Alumni Relations Team
The University of Auckland
www.alumni.auckland.ac.nz