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Jessie Jacobson.

Auckland's young scientists top MacDiarmid Awards

Named as outstanding scientists in this year's MacDiarmid Young Scientist of the Year awards are four students from the University, including the overall winner and the runner-up.

Jessie Jacobsen, a PhD student in the Department of Anatomy with Radiology, has been named New Zealand's Young Scientist of the Year for her work on Huntington's Disease.

Jessie studies the progression of Huntington's Disease in sheep, research that will allow scientists to develop better drugs to treat Huntington's and other neurological disorders. As winner of the MacDiarmid Young Scientist of the Year title she will receive a trip to the UK's British Association Festival of Science and \$10,000.

James Russell, runner up in the competition and winner of the Understanding Planet Earth category, has just completed a PhD in Biology and Statistics. His research involves studying the behaviour of rats that invade islands to allow the Department of Conservation to create better biosecurity procedures to protect endangered animals released on island sanctuaries.

Peter Brown, a student of the Maurice Wilkins Centre based at the School of Biological Sciences, is runner up in the Advancing Human Health category to winner Jessie Jacobsen. Peter's research has focused on identifying the structure of the MIOX protein which may provide a new way to treat diabetes.

Engineering student Sarah Cox, winner of the Masters Award, conducts research into anatomically correct virtual buttocks at the Bioengineering Institute. Her research looks at what happens to the buttock muscles when a person sits, to help with the design of office chairs.

Professor Tom Barnes, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), says: "The University is proud to once again be the home of the Young Scientist of the Year."

Last year's winner, Claire French, was also from The University of Auckland.

These awards, presented by the Foundation for Research, Science and Technology, are designed to recognise excellent research, science and technology while also promoting the importance of good science communication. In 2007, 33 of the 120 entries were from University of Auckland students.

Key events

Magic of science

Incredible Science, the one-day extravaganza organised by the Faculty of Science, will take place from 9.30am to 3.30pm on 2 July at the City Campus. The day includes the Chemistry Magic Show, the Wow Physics Show, and a variety of demonstrations and interactive activities. Families will also be able to extend the children's activities by buying a copy of the Incredible Science book. The event is free and there is no need to register. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times. Programmes are available from the Call Centre on 0800 61 62 63 or check out www.science.auckland.ac.nz

Moving still

For the next three Saturdays at 1pm the Gus Fisher Gallery will host discussions about its current exhibition in Gallery One: "Moving Still", an exhibition of contemporary New Zealand and Australian photography. On 23 June, Dr Jan Bryant (Art History) will discuss aspects of movement in "Moving Still". On 2 July Window curator Sarah Hopkinson will talk about the work. On 14 July exhibiting artists will discuss their work and the influence of moving images on still photography.

Punctuation festival

Open to all students or staff who register at the Student Learning Centre is a three-day mid-winter Puncfest designed to demystify the rules of punctuation. Starting and ending with an examination of the grammatical English sentence, the course covers the range of English punctuation marks. The organisers aim to make it fun and high energy as well as imparting the knowledge needed by students at undergraduate, masters and doctoral levels. It will take place at the Student Learning Centre, Level 3, Information Commons on 3, 4 and 5 July from 10am to 1pm. Participants are expected to attend all sessions. Organiser are Dr Susan Carter and Jenny Buxton.

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From the Vice-Chancellor

The Government has recently introduced into the House the Education (Tertiary Reforms) Amendment Bill. While the general aims of the tertiary reforms which the Bill seeks to underpin can be supported, the Bill itself constitutes a significant threat to the autonomy of the universities. Some of the key elements of the Bill, and reasons for our concerns, are as follows:

- The Bill would remove Charters: Charters take a long-term view of the role of the University, and reflect the needs of all stakeholders. They are to be replaced by Investment Plans which have only a three-year focus, and are linked much more strongly to Government priorities.
- The Bill would establish TEC control of all university activities: The Bill provides TEC with control of all of the University's activities, regardless of funding source, and prevents us from undertaking any activity not within an approved Plan.
- The Bill would undermine the duties, rights and powers of Council: The Bill removes the ability of a Council to manage and implement long-term plans. Council will be able to apply its resources only to those activities approved by TEC through an Investment Plan.
- The Bill would open universities up to direct Ministerial intervention: The Bill will provide the Minister with the ability to direct that a Plan (and therefore the university's activities) be approved or not approved, in whole or in parts.
- The Bill is directive and controlling: Despite the stated aims of the Bill being "guidance" and "steering" of the sector, the provisions are directive and controlling.

The tertiary reforms follow a period in which many courses of dubious quality and value were funded in parts of the non-university tertiary sector, and thus have the laudable aims of ensuring a better return on the taxpayer's investment. However, this Bill goes too far, seeking to provide government control over all the activities of tertiary institutions, not just those in which the government invests through the TEC. The University of Auckland will be making strong representations on the Bill through the Select Committee process. I encourage all members of the University community to study this Bill and consider carefully its likely impact on the autonomy of the New Zealand university system.



Left to right are Sreeni Pathirana, Anoma Ratnayake and Cathy Comber.

Taking off for enhanced careers

Congratulations to staff granted General Staff Professional Development Awards – and a special recognition to the Faculty of Science, where five of the six award-winners are based.

Three of the recipients are from a single department, Chemistry.

Dale-Cormack Pearson, Postgraduate Administrator (Population Health), will visit Massey University's Extramural Studies Department to gain insight into its delivery of distance learning; Stephen Cope, Web Programmer (Statistics), is to attend a three-day interaction design conference in San Francisco; and Carol Wang, Technician (Biological Sciences), intends to present a paper at the Australian Virology meeting on Fraser Island in Queensland.

From the Department of Chemistry, Anoma Ratnayake, Research Technician, will attend the TechNet 2007 Conference at Griffith University, Australia; Jan Robertson, Lab Technician and Vineyard Manager in Wine Science, will travel to Adelaide for the Australian Wine Industry Technical Conference; and Sreeni Pathirana will take part in a course in "Techniques of high performance liquid chromatography" at Queensland University of Technology.

Janine Hale, Staff Development Manager in

Human Resources, says the results reflect not only the calibre of applicants but also the support received from their departments. All applications must be endorsed with a strong statement of support from the applicant's immediate manager. This year some were submitted with endorsements also from HODs and other academic staff.

Cathy Comber, Manager of Chemistry, strongly believes the process of applying for these awards has a value of its own, even apart from winning.

"It helps staff think through what they would like to do and where they want to move to in their careers", says Cathy. "At the same time they are letting their colleagues and managers know they are self-motivated and eager to take their jobs to a higher level." And winning the award, she says, really is a big deal.

"It's something they can tell their family and friends. It helps them feel the University has an interest in them, as individuals."

She also believes the feeling of teamwork will grow in the department when the staff report back and share their experiences.

The grants, awarded twice a year by the Vice-Chancellor, provide a pool of \$30,000 annually to be allocated for work-related professional development. Staff will be able to apply for grants again near the end of October.

Funding boost for Auckland research

The University of Auckland welcomes the Government's decision to invest in three Centres of Research Excellence hosted by the University.

The University will host three of the seven CoREs – the Maurice Wilkins Centre for Molecular Biodiscovery, the National Research Centre for Growth and Development and Nga Pae o te Maramatanga, the National Institute of Research Excellence for Māori Development and Advancement. It is also a partner in the Allan Wilson Centre for Molecular Ecology and Evolution, and the new Riddet Centre CoRE.

Vice Chancellor, Professor Stuart McCutcheon says: "The presence of the CoREs has provided an

environment for New Zealand's researchers to form a strong, collaborative community. We expect this collaboration to continue into the future and provide numerous opportunities to build on the essential work the Centres have undertaken over the past six years."

While the New Zealand Institute of Mathematics and its Applications (NZIMA) has not been selected for future CoRE funding, it will receive three years of phase-out funding on expiry of its current contract in 2008.

Stuart McCutcheon said he was disappointed in the decision not to continue funding for the NZIMA beyond 2011. "Maths underpins many disciplines that support economic transformation. We will be working with our mathematicians to find alternative methods for continuing this important research."

Good showing in Fulbrights

Auckland staff and students figured strongly among those who received Fulbright grants and scholarships, announced and presented at the Beehive on 13 June.

Among staff receiving valuable awards are Dr Shane Reti (General Practice and Primary Health Care) and Dr Rhema Vaithianathan (Economics) who have been awarded Harkness Fellowships in Health Care Policy, valued at up to US\$95,000.

Both will conduct research at Harvard University in the US, Shane on whether medical graduates admitted on affirmative action programmes are more likely to research minority-related health issues, and Rhema on value-based insurance design for the uninsured.

Award-winners in the Fulbright Scholars programme are Dr Melani Anae (Centre for Pacific Studies) who is researching the Samoan diaspora and ethnic identity at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa; and Associate Professor Penny Brothers (Chemistry), who will investigate the use of porphyrins for hydrogen storage and beryllium sensing at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico.

Receiving travel grants are Dr Jacqueline Beggs (Biological Sciences) who will present a paper at the 2007 joint meeting of the Ecological Society of America and the Society for Ecological Restoration International in San Jose, California; and James Russell (Statistics) who presented the findings of his research into the invasion ecology of rats at a conference at the University of Hawai'i.

As the 2007 Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholar in Entrepreneurship, Business School graduate Alex Dunayev will complete an MBA at Stanford University in California. Valued at US\$100,000, plus travel expenses, insurance and a paid internship, this is one of New Zealand's most valuable scholarships to the United States.

Other graduates from the University receiving receiving student scholarships are Tom Algje, who will conduct research into geotechnical earthquake engineering at the University of California, Davis, towards a PhD in engineering at The University of Auckland; Ulric Ferner, who will study for an MSc and PhD in engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; Kyle Lin, who will complete an MSc in engineering at Stanford University in California; Kenji Sumida, who will undertake a PhD in Chemistry at the University of California, Berkeley; Mark Wheldon, who will complete a PhD in Statistics at the University of Washington in Seattle; Andy Wood, who will research new treatments for neuroblastoma at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; Chye-Ching Huang, who will study for a Master of Laws at Columbia University in New York City; and Rachel Liebert, who will complete a PhD in social welfare at Stony Brook University in New York.

Becky Hamner from Rochester, New York, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, will complete an MSc in Biology at The University of Auckland.

Award-winners were hosted by the Rt Hon Winston Peters, Minister of Foreign Affairs; with William McCormick, US Ambassador to New Zealand; Hon. Steve Maharey, Minister of



Left to right are Associate Professor Richard Moyle, Director of the Centre for Pacific Studies, His Honour Judge Tuiloma Neroni Slade, and Dr Tamasailau Suaali'i-Sauni, Deputy Director of the Centre.

Tribute to the 'Father of the Nation'

"We gather in remembrance, at a time of sadness and in national mourning," said His Honour Judge Tuiloma Neroni Slade to 100 staff, students and guests at the Fale Pasifika on 1 June.

Judge Slade, former Attorney General of Samoa, was speaking in tribute to his Highness Malietoa Tanumafili II at an event that combined a memorial service for the Head of State of Samoa with a celebration of Samoa's Day of Independence.

"We gather also at a time of epochal change," Judge Slade continued later in his address.

"Change utterly without precedence, for Samoa has not, in its modern history, known a day of independence without Malietoa Tanumafili II."

Malietoa, as one of three paramount chiefs in Samoa, became joint Head of State of Samoa with Tupua Tamasese Meaole at the time of independence in 1962. The following year, after Tupua Tamasese Maeole died, he was appointed sole Head of State, remaining in this position for 45 years, making him at the time of his passing the oldest world leader and one of the three longest-serving leaders in the world.

"How [the powers of his office] were exercised by Malietoa will be of intense interest to historians and constitutional experts," said Judge Slade.

"His Highness earned his title of 'Father of the Nation' through his longevity, his proven sense of stability, and the strong legacy of Samoan tradition that he provided," says Dr Tamasailau Suaali'i-Sauni, Deputy Director of the Centre for Pacific Studies.

The next leader, to be drawn from among the Members of Parliament of Samoa and the two paramount chiefs outside parliament, will serve for only a five-year term.

"There will be a challenge now," says Tamasailau, "with the passing of His Highness, to begin addressing modern concerns through a different democratic process."

"With Samoa at the beginning of a new era in its constitutional history, this was an appropriate time for the University to take a moment to reflect."

The event began with an 'ava ceremony attended by His Honour, Judge Slade; the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Māori), Jim Peters; the Director of Pacific Studies, Associate Professor Richard Moyle; University staff, students and members of the Pacific community.

Choral singers at the memorial service were from the Wellington Mission choir, who last year won the highly competitive choir section of the Teuila Festival of Samoa, an annual international festival of cultural performances.

Dr Selina Tusitala-Marsh from the English Department read a poem she had composed in tribute to Malietoa Tanumafili II.

The Independence Day celebrations that followed were led by the Auckland University Samoan Students' Association.

Research, Science and Technology; Ruth Harley, Chair of Fulbright New Zealand; and Fulbright New Zealand Executive Director Mele Wendt.

On the way to high-tech future

Alex Dunayev, named as Fulbright-Platinum Triangle Scholar in Entrepreneurship, was a founding member of the Spark Entrepreneurial Challenge, a student-run business plan competition, which encourages university entrepreneurs to develop businesses.

He also received mentoring through the "Vision-to-Business" sessions run for Spark by the Business School, which coaches students on how to turn ideas into viable, world-class businesses.

He set up a fledgling software business while at University, and on graduating moved into the ICEHOUSE, the Business School's start-up business incubator. His company AXI Web Solutions now employs 12 staff and has more than 30 clients.

Alex has a BCom and a BSc from The University of Auckland. After completing his MBA he intends to return to New Zealand to pursue his goal of leading a global high-tech company.

NZUSS seminars

On behalf of the trustees of NZUSS, Mercers will be running seminars to explain changes to the scheme resulting from Kiwisaver legislation. The seminars, open to all staff, will take place on 3 July from 9-10am at Epsom Campus, Building 6EJ, Room J2; from 10.30-11.30am at Tamaki Campus, Building 721, Room 201; from 12noon-1pm at Grafton Campus, 501-313, Henley lecture Theatre; and from 1.30-2.30pm at the City Campus, Library B28.

United Nations delegates of the future

Around 500 university students from the Asia Pacific region will be busy simulating the United Nations at a forthcoming conference at The University of Auckland. The Asia-Pacific Model United Nations Conference (AMUNC), from July 2 to 6, will be the first of its kind to be hosted in New Zealand. In a direct imitation of the United Nations at work the students will debate contemporary global issues in 11 simulated committees. Each student chooses a country to represent and advocates that country's viewpoint towards a final written resolution of the issue. Students from 14 countries in the Pacific, Asia, Africa, South America and Europe are taking part. Guest speakers include Defence Minister, Phil Goff, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Winston Peters, New Zealand's former Ambassador to the World Trade Organisation, Tim Groser and New South Wales Senator, Marise Payne. Australia has hosted the conference for the last 12 years, and this year a student committee from The University of Auckland gained the hosting rights. Sponsors are NZAID, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Asia NZ Foundation, and The University of Auckland. More information is available at www.amunc.net

AUP in Montana finals

Two books published by Auckland University Press – one by a staff member and the other by an alumna – are finalists in the Montana Book Awards. *Chiefs of Industry: Māori Tribal Enterprise in Early Colonial New Zealand* by Dr Hazel Petrie (Business School) is shortlisted in the history category, while *Brief Lives* by Chris Price has been shortlisted in the biography category, and also for best book in the Spectrum Print Design Awards. In *Chiefs of Industry*, Hazel Petrie explores Māori entrepreneurial activity in the early colonial period, focusing on coastal shipping and flourmilling, spectacularly successful in the 1840s and 1850s. *Brief Lives* is an eccentric collection of biographical essays and fictional reflections in which famous figures such as Goethe, Petrarch and Antonin Artaud shouldered with impecunious aristocrats, actors, art historians and fictional characters.

Helping hand in Afghanistan



David Grinlinton with children who benefited from the gift of stationery.

The generosity of Law Faculty staff has equipped two schools in Afghanistan with precious writing materials and stationery.

Their combined donation of \$ 1500 to buy these basic necessities left Associate Professor David Grinlinton (Law) with one of his most satisfying memories of a six-month stint in the strife-torn country.

David, a Naval Reservist, took unpaid leave from the University to serve in central Afghanistan with the New Zealand Provincial Reconstruction Team from October 2006 to April 2007.

Staff at the Law School thought it would be a good idea to "pass the hat around" to support their colleague working so far from home.

One school which benefited from their generosity was a girls' school of some 1200 students just across a small valley from "Kiwi Base" in Bamyan Province. "Girls' schools are often neglected due to cultural and ethnic traditions in this part of the world, so the assistance was greatly appreciated by the students and the teachers."

Another school was in a remote mountain valley in the north-east of the Province. After delivering the items of stationery the patrol collected a large cache of unexploded mortars, bombs and other munitions surrendered by locals.

The Kiwis then had the job of transporting the lethal ordinance back to Kiwi Base for safe disposal – a four-hour drive over "some of the roughest roads imaginable. ... It was the ultimate exchange of 'books for bombs'," says David.

Among the other projects which came to fruition during his deployment was the Bamyan Boys' School, its construction overseen by the New Zealand troops and funded by \$1 million from NZAID. When he revisited three months after the school opened in December 2006, the planned roll had burgeoned from 300 to 1500 students, with tents set up around the perimeter of the building compound and classes run in shifts to meet demand.

"Young Afghans are so hungry for education that aid projects such as this often uncover a whole segment of the population that wants to attend school. Previously these young people would spend their days exclusively on household chores and now they have the opportunity to attend school."

Achievements like this made David's time in Afghanistan deeply rewarding. "We are doing something very worthwhile there and, for our size, we are having a major impact in Bamyan Province.

"I felt very proud to be part of it," he says. The New Zealand contingent, just over 100-strong, was "highly trained, professional and committed – a very good bunch to be with".

David's primary job was as financial and legal adviser for the New Zealand contingent. This was always a challenge with proper banking facilities entirely lacking.

He also worked with government and local agencies, administered contracts for the locally employed civilians and interpreters, and advised on memoranda of understanding and construction contracts for proposed NZAID projects. Like everyone else he did his share of general tasks including work in the kitchen, duty watches, patrols, and fireman for helicopter refuelling operations.

Their remote mountainous region was "generally pretty quiet" and, while they were not directly threatened by the Taleban, they had to remain armed and vigilant at all times. Local warlords, the opium trade and a resurgent Taleban to the south meant the potential dangers could not be ignored.

Based at an altitude of 8500 feet and surrounded by peaks rising to 15,000 feet, the winter rotation endured temperatures as low as minus 27 degrees celsius and snowfalls that often blocked mountain passes and closed airstrips.

The altitude, the cold and the workload –

Unsettling the coast

New Zealand is a coastal nation, not just in terms of its physical environment, but also in terms of human histories and settlement.

Yet, today, large areas of the coast are changing in ways that unsettle many New Zealanders' sense of belonging. Along the seaward margins of our land, the built environment is taking on a bolder, more private appearance. Larger, more lavish buildings speak to a new wave of investment and affluence, while fences and, in some cases, locked gates, speak to a desire to privatise enjoyment of the coast.

Two forms of temporary accommodation have traditionally catered to those seeking leisure and pleasure at the beach: the bach, and the campground. Both forms are now under threat from rapidly escalating real estate prices and the associated development of sumptuous and privatised residences on land fronting (or at least affording views of) sand and water. These new residences are often characterised as "holiday homes", rather than baches – underscoring the change away from relatively affordable, and unobtrusive, forms of coastal accommodation.

Elsewhere, in coastal places still characterised by "wilderness", development plans raise serious questions about the ability of the Resource Management Act to protect outstanding natural landscapes and prevent inappropriate subdivision.

For many objectors, residential development in such areas promises private gain, but public loss. What is lost, it is often argued, is a landscape that is open – not only physically, but also socially. The experience of visiting a beach backed by pasture or trees is very different than the experience of visiting a beach backed by imposing two- and three-storey houses, with windows and balconies offering commanding positions from which to view beach and beachgoers.

We recently analysed coastal property through the lens of real estate advertising. We found that views from private property over the coast are often prioritised, while the coast itself is portrayed as devoid of people. This marketing approach invites viewers to place themselves in the image – as prospective owners – and appeals to the idea of securing a "private" slice of the coast. Advertising for beachfront real estate, we concluded, promotes a way of seeing the coastal landscape that is consistent with an ideology of enclosure rather than inclusiveness.

Are we as a nation settled on how we wish to see the coast, and how we leave it for future generations? We contend that debate is timely and that academic inquiry is needed before some localities see the tide fully turned.

Robin Kearns and Damian Collins
Geography, Geology
and Environmental Science



Afghan girl with donkey collecting water.

there was almost no time off – tested everyone's stamina. "NZDF personnel at Bamyán were encouraged to take in 5000 calories a day, but by the end of the deployment many had lost between five and ten kilograms!" Several weeks after returning in early May, David was still a bit leaner

for the experience.

While peace, stability and a measure of prosperity remain elusive for Afghanistan, David is optimistic. "There is a long hard road to go but the contribution New Zealand and other countries are making there is a step in the right direction."

Eminent line-up of Hood Fellows

An expert in fertility research, a professor of neurobiology, an international relations specialist, a film director and a set photographer will all visit the University this year as Hood Fellows.

Professor Lord Robert Winston from Imperial College, London, is a pioneer in fertility research and one of the best-known science communicators in the world. During his visit to the Liggins Institute in August he will undertake collaborative research in fertility and epigenetics, will deliver a public lecture in the Liggins Institute's "Seasons of life" series, and will participate in a two-day public education forum.

Professor Andrew Matus from the University of Basel in Switzerland is internationally known for his work on neuroscience and conducts research on the molecular basis of behavioural plasticity in the developing and adult brain. Hosted by Biological Sciences and Medical and Health Sciences, he will work with researchers with special interests in synaptic regulation, will deliver a lecture series on "How behaviour has determined the evolution of brains", and will present two seminars and a plenary session to the Auckland Neuroscience Group.

Professor Stephen Chan from the University of London specialises in African politics, development studies, foreign policy and diplomacy and international relations. While hosted by the Department of Political Studies in October and November, he will deliver the Chapman lecture and another public lecture or seminar.

Silvio Soldini, an important Italian filmmaker, and Philippe Antonello, a Swiss set photographer who has worked on the sets of major American and European filmmakers, will visit for a fortnight in September/October. Hosted by the Arts Faculty and NICA;

European Languages and Literatures; Film, Television and Media Studies; and the Centre for New Zealand Art Research and Discovery, these two Hood Fellows will conduct public lectures and seminars together and separately. Soldini will lead a seminar and question and answer session at the showing of his new film at Auckland's Italian Film Festival.

Outgoing Fellows

Travelling overseas from Auckland on Hood Fellowships will be an expert in infectious diseases preventable by vaccine or other means, and a computer scientist specialising in multimedia imaging, computer vision and panoramic imaging.

Professor Diana Lennon (Paediatrics) a specialist in infectious diseases who has made major contributions to infectious disease control in New Zealand, will travel in September/October to rheumatic fever sites, and communicate with researchers in Tahiti; at Ankara in Turkey; and at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. She will also visit Anchorage in Alaska, where important research into respiratory syncytial virus bronchiolitis is being undertaken.

Professor Reinhard Klette (Computer Science) will co-chair a workshop on human motion during an International Conference on Computer Vision at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in October; will speak at the second International Conference on Graphic Expression in Engineering and Architecture while at the University of Cordoba, Argentina, in November; and will co-chair the second Pacific Rim Symposium on Image and Video Technology while at the Catholic University of Santiago de Chile in December.



Psychiatry and the Law

Psychiatry and the Law is the first major new work on this high-profile area in Australia and New Zealand in more than a decade.

Written for judges, lawyers, clinicians, and students of forensic psychiatry and law, this book examines issues around intellectually disabled and mentally impaired offenders in a highly practical way. The book is also a resource for politicians, officials, media and others who influence public opinion.

Issues addressed in the book include fitness to plead, insanity, sentencing, disposition, and services for mentally abnormal offenders. It also discusses the evolving models of clinical management and risk assessment; and the changing professional perceptions of the relationship between mental disorder and violence.

In recent years the medico and legal landscape has altered dramatically with far-reaching changes in legislation and case law, and in procedures for regulating the behaviour of mentally impaired offenders. The book captures these changes.

Professor Warren Brookbanks of the Faculty of Law was general editor of the book to which 18 authors, including himself, contributed.

The consulting editor (and also an author) was Dr Sandy Simpson, Director of Regional Psychiatric Services at the Mason Clinic in Auckland and an Honorary Clinical Associate Professor at the University's Department of Psychological Medicine.

Warren's wife, Glenys Brookbanks, produced the artwork for the cover ("Drawer Panel 1").



The Community Participation Toolkit

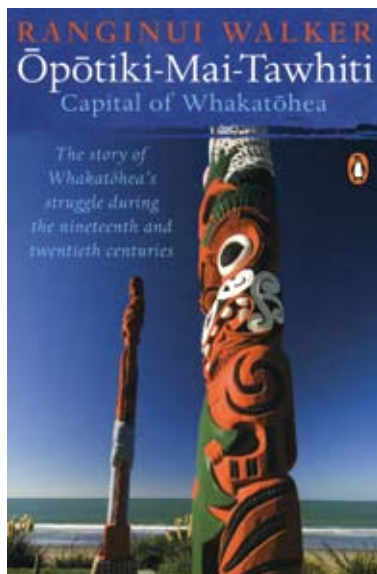
Community participation is at the heart of primary health care.

Primary care providers need to understand and be involved with the wide variety of communities they serve. *Community Participation Toolkit: A resource for primary health organisations* by Dr Pat Neuwelt (Population Health) will assist primary health organisation boards, staff, member organisations and communities to review their levels of participation and their progress over time.

The Toolkit is intended to be of practical use to people at all levels of the health sector. It has a distinctly New Zealand flavour, while taking overseas experience into account, and offers both inspiration and analytical capacity for primary health organisations.

Pat Neuwelt is a Canadian-born New Zealander, a qualified general practitioner and, more recently, a public health physician. She has worked as a GP in both private and not-for-profit settings in New Zealand, as well as in palliative care, and is now a senior lecturer in public health at the School of Population Health. Her professional interests include the application of a health promotion approach to the delivery of health care, and health development for vulnerable groups through primary health care.

For information about ordering the book, email kerry.hurley@otago.ac.nz



Ōpōtiki-Mai-Tawhiti: Capital of Whakatōhea

Written by Emeritus Professor Ranginui Walker (Māori Studies) and published by Penguin New Zealand, this is the tribal history of the author's own iwi, Whakatōhea of Opotiki, with the emphasis placed on the epic events of the nineteenth century and the tribe's subsequent struggle for social justice. It is Ranginui Walker's sixth book.

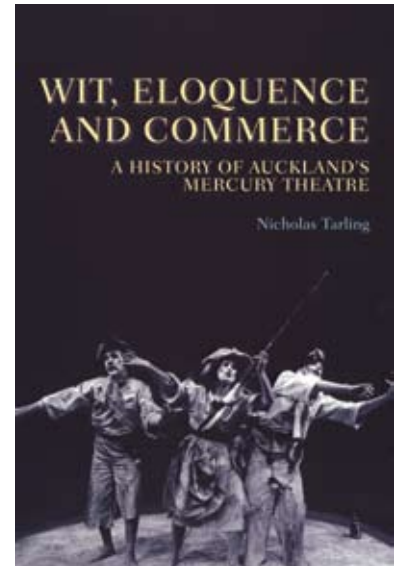
The account of what happened to the tribe in the nineteenth century is challenging and often gripping. Whakatōhea were devastated by the Musket Wars of the 1820s. In fact the town of Opotiki was deserted for a decade. Then in the 1840s and 1850s the tribe enjoyed great economic prosperity, growing crops and owning coastal ships. The Land Wars, however, were a disaster for Whakatōhea following a famous episode called

the Reverend Volkner affair. A large column of imperial troops invaded the iwi's territory. Property was looted and destroyed, the land confiscated.

Ranginui Walker says: "...the history of Whakatōhea is a microcosm of the history of New Zealand."

Settlement of the claim before the Waitangi Tribunal is still pending.

Recently, Ranginui Walker was awarded the Tohu o te Maramatanga Award for Research Excellence from Nga Pae o te Maramatanga.



Wit, Eloquence and Commerce

"The idea that I should attempt a history of the Mercury was [Emeritus Professor] Russell Stone's", says Emeritus Professor Nicholas Tarling in his introduction to *Wit, Eloquence and Commerce: A History of Auckland's Mercury Theatre*. "I was also influenced by my vivid memories of its charismatic founding father, John Reid" (a professor of English at the University, who died in 1972).

Published by Connacht Books, Auckland, this book is for those interested in theatre history in New Zealand and elsewhere and, more generally, for those who remember the Mercury Theatre and value the legacy of its professional company.

While it recalls plays and operas, directors and performers, its special focus is on what was done to sustain the theatre in a changing economic, social and political environment. The book is also intended for those involved in or studying arts management and administration. Few books have been written on the performing arts in New Zealand, and little attention has been given to the special problems they have faced and still face.

Nicholas Tarling was for many years Professor of History and Dean of the Faculty of Arts at the University, and for many years was also on the Mercury Board. He has tried to maintain the objectivity of an historian while contributing the perceptions of a participant. This is his 38th book.

The book can be obtained for \$30 plus \$10 for mail order from Egan Reid 09 378 4100 or sam@eganreid.co.nz The street address is Level 2, 38 Ireland Street, Freemans Bay, Auckland.

From the collection

Art

Better known as an art historian than as an artist, Gordon Brown began working in photography in 1950 after attending Wellington Technical College.



Gordon H. Brown (born 1931) Partridge Street. Colin McCahon full face. 1968 b/w photograph.

Evident aesthetic ability pointed to a career as an artist, and Brown travelled south to study in Christchurch at Canterbury College in the mid 1950s, where he met the Dunedin-trained painter Colin McCahon. For 34 years they remained friends, with McCahon designing the cover of *An Introduction to New Zealand Painting 1839-1967*,

written by Brown with Hamish Keith in 1969, and Brown later publishing the major study of McCahon's work, *Colin McCahon, Artist*, in 1984.

Brown's first publication, though, was not about painting but photography. His *Photograph as a Document*, published by the New Zealand Library School in 1960, inaugurated a standard

for conservation and storage of photographs. Opportunities in art in the late 1950s in New Zealand were few, so Brown's training as a librarian led him to pioneering work at the Alexander Turnbull, Elam and Auckland City Art Gallery libraries in the 1960s. During this same period, McCahon's reputation as one of New Zealand's foremost modernist painters was consolidated, and he became Keeper at the Gallery until 1964 when he joined the staff of The University of Auckland as Painting Lecturer at Elam School of Fine Arts.

In March 1960, the McCahon family shifted from Titirangi to 10 Partridge Street in Arch Hill, a wooden Victorian house where McCahon painted in a shed in the back yard. He was immensely stimulated by the new view of an urban environment. A sash window forms the backdrop for this portrait showing the defiantly urban artist in his prime, nearly 50 years old and looking like a jockey in his favourite yellow and black chequered winter jersey. Trademark reflections in the panes of glass give a glimpse of the view that inspired McCahon, who wrote in 1969: "a whole lot of paintings, believe it or not, [were] based on the landscape I saw through the bedroom window."

This photograph is on display until 14 July at the Gus Fisher Gallery along with Gordon Brown's *Hotel North America* photographic exhibition.

Linda Tyler

Chooks go global

News of collaborative research on chickens flew not just across the road but around the world, attracting attention from media in Asia, Australia, Europe, the US, the Middle East and elsewhere.

When chicken bones were discovered at an ancient archaeological site in Chile, PhD student Alice Storey from The University of Auckland, along with Associate Professor Lisa Matisoo-Smith (Anthropology) and Chilean collaborators Jose Miguel Ramirez and Daniel Quiroz, identified the origins of the bones, using carbon-dating and DNA analysis.

The results of this research, providing the first conclusive evidence of the Polynesian presence in South America prior to the arrival of European explorers, appeared in the 4-8 June issue of the prestigious journal, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)*.

Its publication caused an instant flurry in the general media around the world, with staff in Communications and Marketing and in the Department of Anthropology fielding many calls from the UK, the US, Australia and Canada. Among media outlets featuring the story were *The Times* and *The Independent* (London), *The Age* (Melbourne), *The Los Angeles Times*, the *Vancouver Sun*, CBS, FOXNews and ABC News.



What's on

FRIDAY 22 JUNE

Neuroethology across the Tasman minisymposium

9.45am-5pm Mac1, Old Biology Bldg, 5 Symonds St. Visit www.health.auckland.ac.nz/neurosci-net/

SATURDAY 23 JUNE

In Response

1pm Gallery One, Gus Fisher Gallery, 74 Shortland St. Dr Jan Bryant, UoA discusses aspects of movement in the exhibition *Moving Still* and her accompanying catalogue essay. Queries to gusfishergallery@auckland.ac.nz

MONDAY 25 JUNE

ISOM seminar

Assoc-Prof Tava Olsen, Olin School of Business, Washington University, St Louis: *Supply chain co-ordination and contracting: Overview and current research*. 12.30-1.30pm Rm 1.40a, First Floor, OCH. Queries to Anson Li, ext 83730 or akt.li@auckland.ac.nz

TUESDAY 26 JUNE

Lunchtime HR clinic

Hiring a new employee? What employment agreement should you use? 12-1.30pm, Council Rm, ClockTower. Free to UoA staff. Contact Jemimah Wilson, HR, ext 85070 or je.wilson@auckland.ac.nz

WEDNESDAY 27 JUNE

Department of Physics seminar

Antonio Garcia-Garcia, Princeton University: *Universality in quantum chaos, localisation and the one parameter scaling theory*. 11.15am 4th Floor Seminar Rm 426. Preceded by morning tea at 11am, 7th Floor Common Rm.

Liggins Institute seminar on Darwinian medicine

Professor Marlene Zuk, Hood Fellow, evolutionary biologist, University of California: *Why doctors need Darwin*. 4-5pm Liggins Institute, 6 Park Ave, Grafton. Queries to m.hauber@auckland.ac.nz

THURSDAY 28 JUNE

The art of minute taking

Free to UoA staff. Contact Jemimah Wilson, HR, ext 85070 or je.wilson@auckland.ac.nz

School of Theology public lecture

Kathryn Turner, Professor of Theology, University of Chicago Divinity School: *The Trinity and politics*. 6-7.30pm LawSmall, Law Bldg, Eden Cres. RSVP to ext 86676 or audrea.warner@auckland.ac.nz

MONDAY 2 JULY

Building KAREN communities for collaboration forum

Until 5 July, UoA. Nine experts including Ian Foster and Larry Smarr will present the latest developments in eResearch across a range of disciplines. View www.karen.net.nz/forum-programme/
Incredible Science
One-day science extravaganza organised by the Faculty of Science. 9.30am-3.30pm City Campus. Visit www.science.auckland.ac.nz

WEDNESDAY 4 JULY

School of Biological Sciences research seminar

Prof Marlene Zuk, Hood Fellow, evolutionary biologist, University of California: *Sexual selections: What we can and cannot learn from animals about human behaviour*. 1-2pm BLT 204. Queries to m.hauber@auckland.ac.nz

THURSDAY 5 JULY

Orientation for new general staff

(part one). 9am-12.30pm Rm 838, Level 8, Bldg 810, 1-11 Short St. Contact Jemimah Wilson, HR, ext 85070 or je.wilson@auckland.ac.nz

The Crucible

By Arthur Miller. Presented by ATC. Until 28 July, 8pm Maidment Theatre. Bookings phone (09) 308-2383. Ask about staff discounts.

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Mt Albert. Private three-bdrm house, fully-furnished available for short-term rental from mid-Aug to mid-Oct. Excellent bus and train links to City Campus. Rent neg. Contact John on 849-7036 or ja.taylor@auckland.ac.nz

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ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

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I'm a first-year PhD student (Arts) looking for a house-sharing or -sitting arrangement near UoA - ie Parnell, Newmarket, Remuera, Mount Eden, Sandringham, Ponsonby, Grey Lynn, Pt Chevalier, Westmere - from July through November (and perhaps December). N/s, quiet accommodation only please. References available. \$150-\$175 pw, laundry, (preferably) furnished. Email zach@confutation.com

Professional couple and newborn available for house-sitting October 2007 to January 2008. We are renovating our house and need to vacate. Refs avail. Email s.haigh@auckland.ac.nz or phone Sarah on (021) 424-196.

Short-term rental. Academic and wife, arriving late August, wish to rent furnished, fully-equipped house or apartment for up to six months. Mature, responsible, quiet n/s couple will take good care of your property. Prefer close to University or with good bus service. Please contact brian.e.carpenter@gmail.com

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