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Archaeology in the outback

The activities of the University extend well beyond its campuses, not only electronically but also in reality. Dean of Arts Professor John Morrow describes his visit to an Anthropology field work site in New South Wales, Australia.

It has been said that archaeology is a passion not just an academic discipline.

I could see the truth of this adage when I visited a fieldwork site in the outback of western NSW.

This is one of three overseas projects organised by staff in the Department of Anthropology that provided opportunities for students to work in the field during the mid-year break. The others are in the Solomon Islands and Hawaii.

The New South Wales project, funded by a grant from the Australian Research Council, is directed by Associate Professor Simon Holdaway from Auckland and Dr Patricia Fanning of Macquarie University in Sydney. For the past month they have been leading a team of ten students, one from the University of New England at Armidale, the others from The University of Auckland.

Some are working on these connected with aspects of the ARC programme but most (from both the Archaeology and Egyptology programmes) were there to gain fieldwork experience and, of course, to indulge their passion for archaeology.

The field party, accommodated in picturesque, renovated but uninsulated shearers' quarters, left each day from Monday to Saturday at 8am, returning just before dark. The nine or ten hours in between are packed with strenuous physical activity in rough conditions combined with finely tuned measuring and evaluation tasks calling for considerable patience and technical expertise.

The fieldwork focuses on sites of aboriginal settlement on the edge of the Paroo Darling National Park and on the rich deposits of artifacts there. These artifacts – worked stone dating back three millennia – were once suspended at different levels in several feet of topsoil. Erosion resulting from a century of over-intensive pastoral farming has left these artifacts exposed on the surface.

The researchers assess the geomorphology of the sample sites, map the deposition of the



John Morrow and Simon Holdaway log artifacts.

artifacts, and measure and record their rock-type, size, characteristics and weight. The data is downloaded, checked and then backed up on hard drives back at the base. This task has priority on return from the field each evening.

The data gathered during the three-year project has provided the basis for a range of studies by staff and students which shed light on the behaviour of the countless generations who occupied the site, and their natural environment.

The striking silence of the bush, the burnt orange-red of the soil and the burnished golden light of the early mornings and late afternoons form a distinctive backdrop to the archaeologists' work. The work itself is physically demanding and calls for a range of academic and technical skills. The students showed impressive commitment and expertise in their archaeological work and cheerful application in the range of logistical and domestic contributions expected of them.

As with other field experience, the scale of the project and the quality of the training provided in it is a testimony to the dedication of members of the academic staff. Their standing and skill in framing large-scale research programmes secures funding that makes fieldwork on this scale possible. Their expertise as teachers and supervisors engages the attention of students and fosters in them a passion for archaeology.

Key events

Feeling good

This year's Winter Lecture series is offering the chance to learn about food and drinks and how they affect your health. On 24 July Professor of Food Chemistry Laurie Melton and Professor Mohammed Farid (Chemical and Materials Engineering) will ask (and answer): "Why are they mucking around with our food? Food processing – why do it?" On 31 July Associate Professor Tony Robertson (Biological Sciences) and Professor Iain Martin, Dean of Medical and Health Sciences, will speak about "The human digestive system: Healthy and diseased". Later lectures will address obesity, antioxidants, and the future. Lectures will be held Tuesdays until 21 August, 1pm, Maidment Theatre.

Shaping the city

Aiming to inspire thought and action on the future environment of Auckland is a series of nine public lectures entitled "Auckland: Fast forward". The series, hosted by the School of Architecture and Planning, NICAI, will bring together experts directly involved in shaping the city's built environment with a shared goal of creating sustainable and innovative urban living spaces. The lectures will be held on Monday evenings at 6.30pm in Engineering Theatre 1439, 20 Symonds Street. The first speaker will be R. Francis Jones, FJMT Studio (23 July) and the second will be Pip Cheshire from Cheshire Architects (30 July). For more information phone the School of Architecture and Planning on ext 88134 or visit www.creative.auckland.ac.nz

Investing in a plan

Professor Raewyn Dalziel, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) will host a second round of staff forums on the University's Investment Plan, which will replace the University's Charter and Profile from 2008. Staff are warmly invited to attend the forum, "Investing in a plan", at the Conference Centre, 22 Symonds Street, from 12noon to 1pm on 23 July. For information and updates, see www.auckland.ac.nz/investmentplan

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From the Vice-Chancellor

The 2006 Performance Based Research Fund (PBRF) round has been characterised by controversy over how some institutions manipulated their average quality scores. This has tended to overshadow another important PBRF outcome, its reinforcement of the dominant research role played by the universities in this country. While they had 76 percent of the eligible staff in the PBRF, the universities collectively won 86 percent of the funding based on quality evaluation of staff, 98 percent of the funding based on research degree completions, and over 99 percent of the funding based on external research income. Furthermore, of the 630 A-rated (international quality) researchers in the country, only three were not in a university.

The Education Act states that the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) "shall not consent to the granting of an award that is described as a 'degree' unless it is satisfied that the award recognises the completion of a course of advanced learning that...is taught mainly by people engaged in research". Yet the Government's own analysis via the PBRF demonstrates that research is largely absent outside the universities. It is thus abundantly clear that NZQA has, in approving numerous degrees outside the universities, neglected its obligation to ensure that all degrees offered in New Zealand are taught mainly by people engaged in research.

The New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee has argued that, if the Government is serious about its reforms leading to "distinctive contributions of tertiary institutions", then the research role of universities is a distinction which it must maintain. It does not make sense for the Government to allow duplication of research activity in institutions which currently have little or no such capability and which should be concentrating on other contributions. The coupling of the universities' distinctive research role with research-led teaching is a natural extension, and consistent with internationally understood methods and standards of degree-level education. Regrettably, however, it seems that the Government's reforms will not achieve anything so bold as a genuinely distinctive role for the various tertiary sub-sectors. Rather, and despite the very clear evidence provided by the PBRF, we are likely to remain saddled with the present unsatisfactory situation.



High winds test out roofs and trees



The problem.

While rising floods flung the far north into a state of emergency and storm damage throughout the country moved into tens of millions The University of Auckland did not escape entirely unscathed – though no-one suffered any injury on the campuses.

A large eucalyptus tree beside the ClockTower, toppled by high winds on the night of Tuesday 10 July, had the force of its fall broken by a neighbouring tree. Fortunately the collapse caused no serious damage, though the tree needed rapid removal – as shown in the photos by Godfrey Boehnke, Centre for Professional Development.

Other damage, as described by Greg Simpson (Property Services), included a large pane of glass blown out by pressure on the ground floor of 70 Symonds Street, a near loss of the roof of the plant room on the top floor of the University Library on the Tuesday afternoon, a near loss of the 76 Symonds Street roof during the same night: and a sunshade blown off the side of 58 Symonds Street. All were rapidly resecured, and repaired next morning.

"Police came close to closing the whole of



The solution.

Symonds Street on Tuesday evening, because of hazards caused by high winds," says Greg.

Epsom Campus lost the skylight from its gymnasium – which damaged a car in its fall – and suffered damage to many of its trees, with plant debris scattered across roofs and access ways.

While Tamaki Campus was relatively unscathed, Leigh Marine Laboratory lost power from Tuesday afternoon to early Friday morning – disabling both its large sea-pumps and its recirculation pumps – and necessitating resourceful moves to keep fish and marine animals safely supplied with fresh sea water.

Power loss was due to damage to the main line between Matakana and Leigh, with five power poles toppled and power lines strewn across the road.

Arthur Cozens, Manager, Leigh Administration, says the laboratory – normally buzzing with activity, was "like a "ghost ship" in the night, except for people coming and going to check the generators.

Greg Simpson said Property Services expected to have all cleaning up on the City Campus completed by Monday 16 July.

International recognition

New Zealand qualifications are now being recognised under a European Convention: the Lisbon Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European area.

New Zealand's accession to the convention, which assesses and compares international qualifications, was unanimously approved at a meeting in Bucharest on 20 June.

Minister for Tertiary Education, the Hon Dr Michael Cullen, said that someone with a New Zealand qualification will now be able to study or work much more easily overseas because that

qualification will now have equivalent status in each of the 50 Lisbon Convention countries. These include the UK, France, Germany, Italy, USA, Canada and Australia.

Vik Naidoo, Associate Director (International Relations and Policy), Auckland International, says: "Europe has always been a popular employment destination with the University's graduates. Having New Zealand qualifications widely recognised across Europe through the Lisbon Convention is a step in the right direction for New Zealand graduates, and the University welcomes this move."

Students tackle pressing world issues

The presence of Foreign Minister Winston Peters brought a realistic edge to a large conference at the University during the inter-semester break.



From left to right are Matthew Patterson, a final year Law student, Winston Peters, Alexandra Till and Paul Ryan, a student in his final year of BCom (Hons) in Finance.

He was one of several high profile speakers to address the Asia-Pacific Model United Nations Conference (AMUNC), the first of its kind held in New Zealand.

The others were Defence Minister Phil Goff, NZ's former Ambassador to the World Trade Organisation, Tim Groser MP, and New South Wales Senator, Marise Payne.

A committee of local students gained hosting rights for the gathering which attracted 460 delegates – all university students – from 12 countries. Nearly all were New Zealanders (159 from The University of Auckland) and Australians with a handful coming from Brazil, China, France, Japan, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Singapore, the Solomon Islands, South Korea and Venezuela.

Directly imitating the United Nations at work the students debated contemporary global issues in 11 simulated committees. Among the thorny questions confronting them were arms control, climate change, collective security, corruption and the misuse of development assistance, human rights, and the role of multinational corporations in development.

Each student represented a country, advocating its viewpoint towards a final written resolution of the issue.

The journey is the prize

Recipients of the Sonny Riini Scholarships say they are humbled by the mana it bestows.

Named for the now deceased Reverend "Papa Sonny", former kaumatua of Auckland College of Education (now the Faculty of Education), the award is presented to two second-year students in BEC (Teaching): Huarahi Māori pathway (Māori medium pathway) who demonstrate scholastic excellence and are positive role models.

Anna Simpson says the real prize is the jopurey of learning Te Reo Māori. The work of Sonny Riini and his wife Mona lives on, and to be recognised as having some of the personal qualities they valued is a huge honour. Singapore Broughton also feels honoured: "My son was at the ceremony. If I was to wish for something from this scholarship it would be that this in some way inspires him to enter into higher education and especially in Te Reo Māori; that for me would be the ultimate."

Following his address on how far national considerations as opposed to international obligations influence foreign policy, Mr Peters faced a barrage of searching questions which he answered with characteristic forthrightness and humour. These covered such topics as the foreshore and seabed legislation, globalisation, multiculturalism, New Zealand's contrasting attitudes to the coups in Fiji and Thailand, the Terrorism Suppression Amendment Bill, Myanmar, East Timor and Darfur.

Phil Goff talked about "The role of defence forces in development", Tim Groser looked at "The role of the ambassador: Strategies of multilateral politics" and Senator Payne gave her views on "The impact of development strategies on human rights".

The liveliest discussion was sparked by Mr Peters' session and a panel discussion on "Whose development? The role of international organisations in development strategy". This involved Professor Jane Kelsey (Law), Brent Burmester (International Business), Associate Professor Steve Hoadley (Political Studies) and Phil Twyford from Oxfam.

NZAID, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the Asia NZ Foundation and The University of Auckland sponsored the conference held from 2-6 July.

Graduates on Council

Nominations are called for the Court of Convocation election to be held on 7 September to elect two of the three graduate representatives on the University Council.

The election is for the positions currently held by John Morris and Justice Lynton Stevens which expire later this year. Those elected will serve for a four-year term. Nominations close on 9 August. Alumni interested in standing or in nominating others can view the nomination instructions and download the form at www.auckland.ac.nz/convocation

Forms are also available from Ruth Taylor: ext 87754, ruth.taylor@auckland.ac.nz

Everyone on the Court of Convocation roll (effectively a graduate of the University) is now entitled to vote. Previously those on the roll lost this right if they failed to vote in consecutive elections and they had to apply formally to vote again.

For the first time voters will have the option of casting their ballot electronically.

... in brief

MBA praised by international assessors

The Business School's MBA Programme has been reaccredited for a further five years by the Association of MBAs, which protects the integrity of MBA programmes worldwide. The MBA provision must pass a rigorous independent assessment against international standards to receive accreditation. The peer review team that assessed Auckland's MBA said the programme exceeded most of its criteria. The assessors praised the high quality of the student body and the qualifications of academics, who brought a strong mix of theoretical and applied research into the classroom. It complimented the programme's links with the local business community; its supportive learning environment; and its rigorous and demanding curriculum structure, which includes two projects – on entrepreneurship and consulting, and on international business.

Fulbright study in the US

Applications for next year's Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Awards close on 1 August. Fulbright New Zealand offers scholarships for postgraduate study and research in the United States, at any institution and in any field of study. For more information see www.fulbright.org.nz/awards or contact Kara Wood: kara@fulbright.org.nz, 04 474 2065.

Authority on ethnicity and human rights

This year's Sir Douglas Robb Lectures 2007 are on "Ethnicity, human rights and democracy". Dr Yash Ghai, a renowned constitutional lawyer from Kenya who has published and advised extensively on human rights and ethnic conflicts, is the speaker. He will analyse problems and dilemmas of the political and social organisation of multi-ethnic states and solutions to deal with them. His three lectures on 2, 4 and 8 October (7pm, B28) are entitled "The emergence of ethnicity as a political force", "The challenge of ethnicity to human rights" and "Designing the state in multi-ethnic states". Dr Ghai served as the Sir YK Pao Professor for 16 years at Hong Kong University from 1989, and has advised many governments and other bodies on constitutional developments. These include troubled nations such as Fiji, Samoa, Bougainville, Iraq, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka and Kenya where ethnicity has been a major issue. Full details of his lectures are on the University website at www.auckland.ac.nz/robb

Recreation Centre Open Day

The University of Auckland Recreation Centre is having an Open Day on Wednesday 25 July, from 10am to 4pm. It is free entry to all, so family, friends and partners are all welcome. There will be lots of activities with some great prizes to be won. Join in the free fitness classes, watch dance demonstrations, take a tour of the centre or have a go at a number of other activities. The Recreation Centre is at 17 Symonds Street, next door to the Information Commons and opposite the School of Engineering. Need to know more? Call 373-7599 extn 84788 or visit www.auckland.ac.nz/recreation

Future students coming on campus

Courses and Careers Day, when prospective students descend on the University en masse, is on Saturday 25 August. The event is open to secondary school pupils, mature students and anyone else interested in university study. Some 160 lectures will be presented along with tours and performances. Three faculties – Business and Economics, Law, Medical and Health Sciences – will be based in the new Owen G. Glenn Building and seven of its lecture theatres will be in action. Free buses will be bringing visitors from Whangarei, Dargaville, Thames, Hamilton, Rotorua and Tauranga as well as from across Greater Auckland. The printed programme is available on request from the Call Centre, ext 82066. There is a PDF version online at www.coursesandcareers.auckland.ac.nz The event is being coordinated by Lynda Ferris in Marketing (ext 85219, l.ferris@auckland.ac.nz).

Tumuaki named Public Health Champion

Associate Professor Paaparangi Reid, Tumuaki at the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, has been named the Public Health Champion of the Year. The award, conferred by the Public Health Association at its annual conference, recognises Dr Reid's activity in raising the profile of Māori health on the national agenda. Dr Reid, who joined the University in 2005, is Associate Dean (Māori) and Head of Department for Māori Health. She is responsible for research and teaching in the Māori Health area, oversees the MAPAS entry and mentoring programmes, including the Certificate in Health Sciences bridging programme for school leavers, and ensures funding proposals from the Faculty appropriately address Māori health issues.

Sex and gender in 'War on Terror'

A performance-lecture to be delivered by Hood Fellow Associate Professor Coco Fusco stresses, with cutting satire, how a career in military intelligence represents an opportunity for emancipated women of the 21st century to shed their role as victims and become victimisers, wielding significant power and control over "others".

It also focuses on the rationale behind using sexual innuendo as a tactic for extracting information from Islamic fundamentalists.

In developing her latest work – *A Room of One's Own* – the internationally recognised artist underwent a mock interrogation process, confronting first-hand the often torturous, sometimes sadistic practices of military personnel charged with eliciting intelligence from would-be terrorists.

As part of her Hood Fellowship Coco Fusco will stage two performances of this work at the Maiment Theatre on 2 August at 1pm and on 3 August at 7.30pm. The performance is free and tickets can be picked up from the Maiment.

She will also lead an Australasian artists' symposium examining the role of contemporary art practice and performance as a vehicle for social change. The symposium, to take place in Engineering Theatre 439 on 4 August from 9am to 5pm, is also free but registration is required on 84464.

Caroline Vercoe (Art History) says Coco Fusco has developed an impressive profile internationally: "Her visit will provide an opportunity to discuss the ways that art can engage with current social, political and cultural issues, as well as to make connections between



Coco Fusco speaks.

local and international art practice."

The artists' symposium, "Engaging artists: Society, politics and the performative," will comprise discussions and workshops and will be led by Coco Fusco alongside Pasifika transgendered artist Shigeyuki Kihara, Māori artist Tracey Tawhiao, Australian-based Deborah Kelly and Lebanese Australian artist Khaled Sabsabi. The artists will discuss their use of art to help articulate and highlight the complex issues of gender, ethnicity, politics and society.

Kudos for top annual report

A national award for the best annual report by a tertiary education institution has been won by The University of Auckland.

The NZ Institute of Chartered Accountants bestowed the accolade as part of its 2007 Annual Report Awards held in Wellington on 26 June.

The University's win was "well deserved", said the judges. Its 2006 Annual Report had "provided a comprehensive set of information that displayed, in a very readable narration, a clear sense of what the organisation does. Its statements of service performance were well linked to its objectives with a good balance of both qualitative and quantitative information."

The University's Annual Report for 2006 was compiled and co-ordinated through to publication by Diane Spencer, Project Manager at Financial Services. This is the first time that the University has won the award and the first time that Diane, who joined the staff last year, has overseen the report.

Finance Director Marin Matulovic and Registrar Tim Greville accompanied Diane to a gala dinner where they received the award – a handsome perspex trophy and a framed certificate.

Research was a strong focus of the 2006 Annual Report with 16 of its 76 pages devoted to the topic, from a central as well as a faculty perspective (*University News*, issue 8, 2007).

Diane Spencer, Project Manager, Financial Services



New careers website launched



Vice-Chancellor Professor Stuart McCutcheon with Darren Hughes.

A new national vacancies website officially launched at the Fale Pasifika on 28 June represents a great step forward for students and employers.

NZUniCareerHub will give employers potential access to over 200,000 students and is another way universities are working collaboratively with employers to address the skills shortage, said David Trought, Careers Centre Director and Chair of the University Careers Advisers of New Zealand (UCANZ).

Also speaking at the launch were Vice-Chancellor Professor Stuart McCutcheon; Marie Hasler from the Employers and Manufacturers Association (EMA); and Nancy Dunlop, Manager of the Career Centre at AUT.

Among guests at the launch were staff from the New Zealand universities who have collaborated in developing NZUniCareerHub. This national vacancy system is an initiative of UCANZ with the support of seven of the eight New Zealand universities.

The system was demonstrated by Darren Hughes, Business Partner of Visual Eyes Creative, which designed the software.

The University of Auckland hosts NZUniCareerHub, and operates and maintains the system, with the Careers Centre as the first point of contact for employers and others, including other universities.

CareerHub makes it simpler for both employers and university career services to promote vacancies for students and graduates. Employers' information – such as contact details and vacancies – can be added through the website and automatically distributed to all or selected career services in participating universities: AUT, Auckland, Canterbury, Lincoln, Massey, Otago and Victoria.

“What this means for students is more jobs being advertised and more access to employers. It is not just a tool for vacancies but a communication tool between employers and students,” says David Trought.

Registered students can use CareerHub to find job opportunities, internships and the dates of on-campus events such as employer presentations and fairs. It also allows them to save their searches and review career-related articles.

“This collaborative endeavour is a great step forward and will benefit everyone involved,” says David.

For more information see www.nzunicareerhub.ac.nz

Promoted to professor

Eight academic staff members have been promoted to professor in the latest promotion round.

They are Professor Klaus Bosselmann (Law), Professor Pradeep Bansal (Mechanical Engineering), Professor Neil Broom (Chemical and Materials Engineering), Professor Wayne Cutfield (Liggins Institute), Professor Alistair Gunn (Physiology), Professor Philip Harris (Biological Sciences), Professor Annamarie Jagose (Film, Television and Media Studies) and Professor Martin Wild (Anatomy with Radiology).

They will be profiled in the next *News*.

Viewpoint

Some caution when investing in finance companies

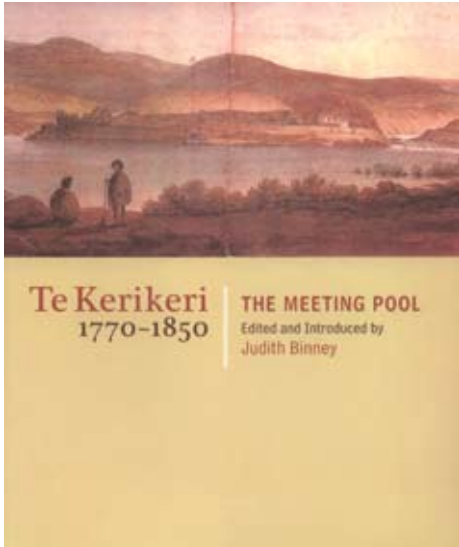
In 2006, three New Zealand finance companies, National Finance 2000 Limited, Provincial Finance Limited, and Western Bay Finance Limited, collapsed owing investors \$390 million. Last month, the Bridgecorp group of companies were placed in receivership owing 18,000 investors about \$550 million.

So what caution should investors take when contemplating investments in finance companies (or any investments for that matter)?

Here are some basic investment fundamentals that investors should consider:

1. Risk is related to return. If a finance company offers you a high return, you can assume it's a risky investment.
2. You should reduce your exposure to risk by having different investments. If one investment turns out to be a disaster, the others are less likely to be so. That is, don't put all your eggs in one basket.
3. Consider the economic conditions. Is the economy slowing down? Is there an increase in mortgagee sales? If so, opt for the safe investments.
4. Conducting financial analysis of finance companies requires academic training and experience. If you have these skills, study the investment's prospectus and the investment statement; if not, seek the advice of independent financial advisers whose income is not dependent on selling the finance companies' securities.
5. Other indicators to watch out for:
 - Consider the quality of management and their track record. Have they been involved in previous corporate failures?
 - Inquire whether the finance company has a strong parent company that is listed in New Zealand or overseas and whether it has institutional shareholders.
 - Examine the governance, the composition of the board, the presence of independent directors with finance industry knowledge and experience, the frequency of board meetings, the independence of the audit and remuneration committees, etc.
 - Take heed of institutional responses; for example, the NZX refused to list Bridgecorp and an Australian regulatory authority barred Bridgecorp from accepting deposits, both telling signs.
 - Search the business media for articles about the finance company you are considering investing in.
 - See if the investment is rated by an internationally recognised and independent credit rating agency like Standard & Poor's. Presently, this is not mandatory in New Zealand so a finance company subjecting itself to a voluntary rating is a positive signal. But you'll also need to assess the rating that is given.
 - Look at the type of businesses that finance companies lend to. Shoebox apartment developments and second-hand imported cars would not be regarded as quality assets.
 - Ask about related party transactions because finance companies could be conduits for projects that management have a financial interest in.
 - Examine the maturity profile of the finance companies' borrowings relative to the maturity of their assets.
 - Read the auditors' report on the financial statements. If the report is qualified, ask a knowledgeable person what the qualification means.
 - Beware of advertisements that use legends to entice you to invest. Provincial Finance's advertisements pictured Colin Meads, an All Black legend but not someone known for his financial prowess. Also, take heed of where and when a finance company advertises. National Finance's advertisements appeared on prime-time television, not something that is congruent with a small finance company.

Professor Jilnaught Wong
Head of the Department of Accounting and Finance



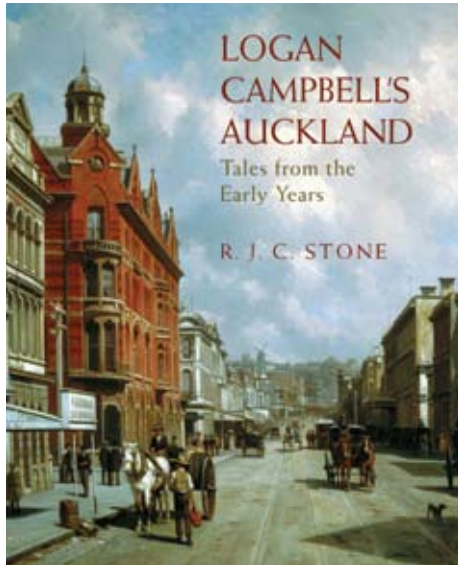
Te Kerikeri 1770-1850: The Meeting Pool

A place of swirling waters: this is a literal translation of Kororipo, the area of the original Kerikeri pa. And the Kerikeri basin became indeed “a place of swirling waters” in March 2007 when two months’ worth of rain fell in one day, and again in the storm of 10 July, highlighting the fragility of this historic area.

Te Kerikeri 1770-1850: The Meeting Pool, edited by Emeritus Professor Judith Binney (History) and co-published by Bridget Williams Books and Craig Potton Publishing, illuminates its significance in this country’s history.

“Kerikeri carries mixed resonances for New Zealand,” says Judith Binney. “The missionaries were not heroes, and nor were Māori, but they influenced each other strongly at Kerikeri... It is a site that marks the very foundation of modern New Zealand society.”

Judith Binney has brought together leading writers to contribute perspectives on a wide range of topics: early missionaries; individual Māori leaders; Kerikeri’s strategic aspects; tapu and land; missionary architecture; the first writing and publication in the Māori language. Among The University of Auckland contributors are Dr Manuka Henare (Management and Employment Relations), Emeritus Professor Andrew Sharp (Political Studies), Patu Hohepa, a retired professor of Māori language, and Dr Garry Clayton, formerly from the Graduate School of Enterprise.



Logan Campbell’s Auckland

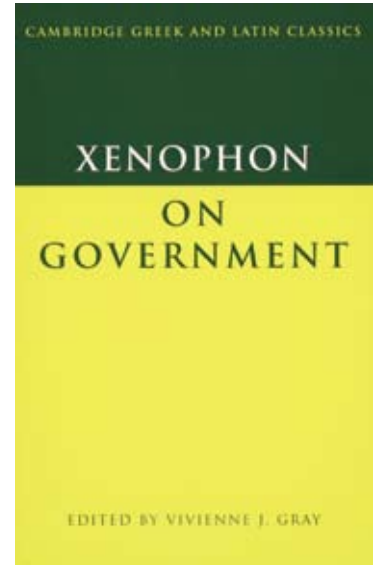
In this charming book *Logan Campbell’s Auckland: Tales from the Early Years*, Emeritus Professor Russell (R.C.J.) Stone, the doyen of Auckland historians, recounts 15 tales from his encyclopaedic knowledge of nineteenth-century Auckland.

These include the stories of the tree on One Tree Hill, of a newspaper printed on a mangle, of two aborted duels, the mystery of a suicide, of the voyage of an early immigrant ship, of the wreck of the *Orpheus*, of how Ngati Whatua became the tangata whenua of the area, and more.

In his characteristically elegant style Russell Stone brings personalities, feuds and dramas brilliantly to life and offers a cosmopolitan city deeply engaged in the business of the twenty-first century revealing glimpses of its past.

Russell Stone ONZM was born in Auckland and still lives there. He is the highly respected author of nine previous books, including two about Logan Campbell, the “Father of Auckland” – *Young Logan Campbell* (Auckland University Press, 1982) and *The Father and His Gift: John Logan Campbell’s Later Years* (AUP, 1987) – as well as other important books such as a history of Auckland up to 1840, *From Tamaki-makau-rau to Auckland* (AUP, 2001). *Logan Campbell’s Auckland* is also published by AUP.

New Zealand Historic Places Trust,
Stone Store, 29 March 2007.



Xenophon on Government

Written by Professor Vivienne Gray of the Department of Classics and Ancient History, *Xenophon on Government* has appeared in the series Cambridge Greek and Latin Classics, whose general editors include two Cambridge Regius Professors of Greek, one of them Emeritus.

It is a commentary for scholars on three Ancient Greek texts, which were chosen for their common focus on government and ancient political thought. They analyse three types of ancient government: the autocratic rule of Hiero over Syracuse, the rule of the laws of Lycurgus in Sparta and the practices of the Athenian democracy.

The main introduction surveys Xenophon’s thought on government in order to establish common principles behind the three works and then reads his life in relation to that thought. The focus on government continues in the separate introductions to each work and the commentaries, which also address as a priority the language and literary manner in which this thought is presented.

A Faculty of Arts Summer Scholarship made it possible to employ Jessica Priestley to check the final draft before publication. A graduate of the department, she is now pursuing a doctorate in Greek at Cambridge University.

New Zealand Historic Places Trust,
Kemp House, 29 March 2007.



From the collection

Hulls of canoes, or waka, are used by Māori to demarcate places of significance.

Outside the Population Health complex at the Tamaki Campus, Palmerston North sculptor Bob Jahnke has created two takere, or freestanding hull forms, in galvanised mild steel and placed them upright at the end of the courtyard. Back to back, the long convex curves of the takere reach up from the brick paving to form the sharp prow which points to the sky.

Born in 1951 at Waipiro Bay, a little coastal settlement about 100km from Gisborne, Bob Jahnke is Ngati Porou and Te Whanau a Rakairoa. He studied for his Bachelor of Fine Arts in Industrial Design and his Master of Fine Arts in Graphic Design at the Elam School of Fine Arts.

As a Māori artist, Bob Jahnke works to bring Māori language and cultural concepts to the fore in his work. In this sculpture for the Tamaki Campus he gives consideration to the original name for Auckland – Tamaki Makaurau – where Tamaki is described as a place desired by many because of its rich resources and accessibility.

Tamaki can also mean an isthmus, a strip of land located between two bodies of water, in this case, the Waitemata and Manukau. Six metres in height, Bob Jahnke's two takere refer to these two mighty harbours which define the geography of Auckland.

Waka imagery is appropriate too, since another name associated with Tamaki signifies the region's sought-after fisheries: *Tamaki kainga ika me nga wheua katoa* (Tamaki where the fish are so succulent you can eat them, bones and all!)

Around Tamaki Makaurau, the fish were not only delicious, but were abundant all year around, so that another name for Tamaki is: *Tamaki herenga waka* (Tamaki - the resting place of many waka)

All of these meanings can act as metaphors for the harvesting of knowledge, and the Tamaki Campus as the gathering place for questing researchers on many missions, fitting the sculpture to its educational setting. Associations with yacht sails are also intentional, with the sculptor deliberately invoking the maritime preoccupation of Auckland as the City of Sails, and also the notion of research as discovery, where new findings can be made when sailing into unknown seas.

Linda Tyler



Robert H.G. Jahnke (born 1951)
Nga Takerenui a Tamaki 2006
Galvanised mild steel.

Significance of Black Rainbow

Omitted from Kiri David's contribution to the "From the collection" series in the *University News* Vol. 37, Issue 9, were the circumstances in which Ralph Hotere's *Black Rainbow* became part of The University of Auckland Art Collection. The painting was presented to the Department of Māori Studies by staff of the English Department, to whom the artist had made it available under very generous terms, to mark the inauguration of the new Waipapa Marae complex in 1987. A brass plaque attached to the art work records the circumstances of the work's acquisition and its significance within the collection.

Michael Davies at Emmanuel College

Professor Michael Davies attended Emmanuel College, Cambridge, not Christ's College, Cambridge, as reported on page 6 of the *University News*, Issue 12, 2007.

Clarification

The MacDiarmid Young Scientist of the Year Award is presented by the Foundation for Research, Science and Technology not the Royal Society of New Zealand, as reported on page 2, paragraph 1 of the *University News*, Issue 12, 2007.



Pierre Quenneville at the Fale Pasifika.

New chair in timber design

The University has created a new professorship in Timber Design to help increase the use of wood in commercial structures through innovation and development.

Professor Pierre Quenneville has joined the University from the Royal Military College of Canada to take up the chair. He will lead the new Excellence in Timber Design Programme in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. This represents a major increase in education and research in timber structural design at the University, and is expected to result in a substantial increase in the use of timber for structures in New Zealand.

Dr Quenneville will work with the School of Architecture and Planning and the Centre for Advanced Composite Materials, as well as with Canterbury University's Chair in Timber Structures appointed late last year.

The Chair has been established as a result of a Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry initiative to enhance education and research in timber structural design. The Government is providing substantial seed funding to support the position.

Dr Quenneville was the head of the Civil Engineering Department at the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario, and was a committee member of the Canadian Wood Council. His research focuses on the resistance and behaviour of connections in timber structures.

He gave his first public address at the Timber Design Seminar: Sustainability in Commercial Building held at the Fale Pasifika on 4 July.

What's on

MONDAY 23 JULY

One-day autism workshop

Dr Gina Green, BCBA, former president, Association for Behaviour Analysis; Fellow, American Psychological Association; Council for Scientific Medicine and Mental Health: *Evidence-based strategies for learners with Autism: Building communication, cognitive and adaptive skills.* 9am-4pm Tamaki Campus. Queries to Sue O'Shea, ext 86886 or s.oshea@auckland.ac.nz

Investing in a plan - staff forum

12-1pm Conference Centre, 22 Symonds St. Prof Raewyn Dalziel will be hosting a second round of staff forums on the University's Investment Plan. Come along and learn more about the development of this important document which replaces the University's Charter and Profile from 2008. All staff are warmly invited to attend. View www.auckland.ac.nz/investmentplan

Teaching portfolios at UoA.

Prof Lorraine Stefani, CAD. 12.30-2.30pm CAD Seminar Rm, 5th Floor, 76 Symonds St. This workshop will explore the contents of a teaching archive and introduce the (recently defined) compact Teaching Profile required for promotion and continuation purposes at UoA. Register to cadreception@auckland.ac.nz

CAD forum for departmental graduate advisors and coordinators

Malcolm Campbell, Tim Tenbenschel, Jennifer Curtin: *The induction and support of graduate research students within their academic community.* 3-5pm SLC Seminar Rm, Level 3, Kate Edger Commons. Facilitator: Barbara Grant, and colleagues, CAD. Register to cadreception@auckland.ac.nz

Centre for Lacanian Analysis seminar

Albert Refiti: *Heart of glass: Identity, fantasy and progress in the architecture of Te Papa.* 6.15-8pm ALR2, 26 Symonds St. Queries to la.holmes@auckland.ac.nz

School of Architecture and Planning public lecture

R. Francis Jones, FJMT Studio: *Auckland: Fast forward.* 6.30pm Rm 1.439, School of Engineering.

TUESDAY 24 JULY

Investing in a plan - staff forum

12.30-1.30pm Rm 733-231, Tamaki Campus. Prof Raewyn Dalziel will be hosting a second round of staff forums on the University's Investment Plan. Come along and learn more about the development of this important document which replaces the University's Charter and Profile from 2008. All staff are warmly invited to attend. View www.auckland.ac.nz/investmentplan

Winter lecture 2007: Your food your health

Prof Laurie Melton and Prof Mohammed Farid, UoA: *Why are they mucking around with our food? Food processing, why do it?* 1pm Maidment Theatre.

WEDNESDAY 25 JULY

Auckland Branch of Society for Legal and Social Philosophy meeting

Dr Jonathan McKeown-Green, Philosophy Department, UoA: *Intellectual progeny: A patent cure?* 6pm Small Lecture Theatre, 1st Floor, Bldg 803, Law School.

THURSDAY 26 JULY

Faculty of Education research seminar

Catherine Cook, PhD student, School of Social and Policy Studies: *Innovative data generation using email correspondence to interview health professionals and women living with viral sexually transmitted infections (STIs): The 'virtual voice' in the production of knowledge(s) and experience.* 4.30-5.30pm J2 Lecture Theatre, Epsom Campus. Queries to g.beston@auckland.ac.nz

Financial planning workshop

4.30-7.30pm Rm 420, Kate Edger Information Commons, City Campus. To assist staff in their decisions about whether to join a superannuation scheme following the introduction of Kiwi Saver. Queries to ext 85070 or je.wilson@auckland.ac.nz

FRIDAY 27 JULY

Investing in a plan - staff forum

12-1pm J2 Lecture Theatre, Epsom Campus. Prof Raewyn Dalziel will be hosting a second round of staff forums on the University's Investment Plan. Come along and learn more about the development of this important document which replaces the University's Charter and Profile from 2008. All staff are warmly invited to attend. View www.auckland.ac.nz/investmentplan

Legal Research Conference: Rights and freedoms in NZ: The Bill of Rights Act comes of age

8.30am-5.30pm until 28 July, Stamford Plaza. Email info@legalresearch.org.nz View www.legalresearch.org.nz

MONDAY 30 JULY

Getting the most from your General Staff Development Review

9-11am, Workshop Rm, Level 8, Bldg 810, 1-11 Short St, City Campus. Contact Jemimah Wilson, HR ext 85070 or je.wilson@auckland.ac.nz

CAD seminar

Barbara Grant and Susan Carter with guests Peter Davis and another tba: *Supervising interdisciplinary research projects.* 3.30-5pm Seminar Rm, 5th Floor, CAD, 76 Symonds St. To enrol email m.kearns@auckland.ac.nz Website: www.cad.auckland.ac.nz

School of Architecture and Planning public lecture

Pip Cheshire, Cheshire Architects: *Auckland: Fast forward.* 6.30pm Rm 1.439, School of Engineering.

TUESDAY 31 JULY

Winter lecture 2007: Your food your health

Assoc-Prof Tony Robertson and Prof Iain Martin, UoA: *The human digestive system: Healthy and diseased.* 1pm Maidment Theatre.

WEDNESDAY 1 AUGUST

Investing in a plan - staff forum

12-1pm Cole Lecture Theatre, Grafton Campus. Prof Raewyn Dalziel will be hosting a second round of staff forums on the University's Investment Plan.

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School of Theology public lecture

Prof James Haire: *A Latin captivity of the Church? Violence and public theology in the praxis of the Church in Asia.* 6-7.30pm Lecture Theatre 102-G36, OGH. RSVP to ext 86676 or audrea.warner@auckland.ac.nz

THURSDAY 2 AUGUST

Conducting a General Staff Development Review with your staff

9-11am. Graduate Centre meeting rm, East wing, ClockTower. Contact Jemimah Wilson, HR ext 85070 or je.wilson@auckland.ac.nz

Faculty of Arts Hood Fellow performance/lecture

Coco Fusco, New York-based Cuban-American performance artist and writer: *A room of one's own: Women and power in the new America.* 1pm Maidment Theatre. Tickets from the Maidment. For further information phone 308-2383.

Classifieds

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Spacious, quiet home in vibrant area. Handy to University, city centre, buses. Two large dble bdrms, living-room with French doors to patio garden, assigned OSP. Available now for 3-6 months. \$400 pw, includes water rates and whiteware. Phone 624-0938 or (027) 678-1416.

Mount Albert,

very large open plan, warm studio/living with view of city. Suit quiet, friendly person, 15 minutes drive or bus to CBD, direct bus 007 to Tamaki Campus. Self-contained, own entrance, some furnishing. New bthrm, shower only. Minimal cooking. \$200 pw includes most expenses. Leave message at 373-7599 ext 87645 or j.hand@auckland.ac.nz or ph 846-9345.

North Shore house,

North-facing with direct access to estuary. Four bdrms, two bthrms and extensive decking. Perfect summer house with kayaks and barbecue. Available five months from September to end of January. Require very careful tenants. Reduced rental \$400 pw. Contact (09) 483-5074 or c.during@xtra.co.nz

Parnell.

Flatmate wanted for a fully-furnished large, sunny room - share house. Short or long-term. Would be ideal for visiting academic or mature person. One garage space available. \$190 pw. Contact 379-8334 or email

dory.m@xtra.co.nz

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ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

Englishman (30).

Professional, working at the UoA. I'm quiet, friendly, outgoing, tidy, n/s (allergic to cats). I'm looking for a room to rent, in a house share, near the ClockTower. Would need somewhere starting from the first week of September 2007. Email r.lafferty@auckland.ac.nz

Professional couple and newborn

available for house-sitting mid-Nov 2007 to late January 2008 or possibly later. We're renovating our house and need to vacate. References available. Email jonathanandsarah@xtra.co.nz or call Sarah on (021) 424-196.

MISCELLANEOUS

Applying for permanent residency?

Avoid delays and problems. Keep your application on track with an easy-to-follow action plan tailored to your situation. For a free no-obligation quote contact Glenys at GVL Faculty Migration & Settlement. Email glenys@gvl.co.nz Ph (027) 476-8771 or view www.gvl.co.nz

China tour

for up to six women led by NZ historian, experienced Mandarin speaker. The itinerary can be crafted to suit special interests of participants. Approximately 18 days, departure mid-October. Phone 445-2435 or 445-3862. Email roh35@hotmail.com

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