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*A newsletter for alumni and friends*



## Win tickets to the University of Auckland Festival Forum

The University of Auckland is delighted to again support the Auckland Writers Festival in 2017. Alumni and friends are invited to attend the University of Auckland Festival Forum – The Great Divide – on 17 May.

2016 saw Britons vote to leave the European Union and Americans elect Donald Trump as president, leaving many dumbstruck and locked in an us-and-them tussle across politics, economics, race, gender and geographies. Come along and join the discussion on yawning divides and possible bridges.

All alumni are entitled to a discounted ticket price of \$32 and we have 5 double passes to give away.

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## NASA award-winning alumna to speak on campus

From small-town Putaruru in the Waikato to NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab and beyond. Radar System Engineer Dr Delwyn Moller has made headlines for her award-winning work in remote sensing technology. She has developed technology now being used in multi-national missions to more accurately measure global sea level rise and map the planet for vital fresh water. Dr Moller, who now lives in California, will be speaking about her work to alumni, staff and students on Thursday 20 April.



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## Careers workshop 19 April: Convincing CVs and cover letters

Applying for a new role? Need to polish your CV and cover letter? Our careers workshop will equip you with the skills to enhance your job application.

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## Can we restore our unique natural environment?

George Mason talks about the huge challenge of restoring New Zealand's natural environment and the motivation behind his generous support.

[WATCH VIDEO](#)

## Be in to win an iPhone 7

Go in the draw to win one of five Apple iPhone 7 16GB when you update your details by 31 July 2017.

When your details are current you will be informed about events in your area, keep up to date with news about fellow alumni and the University, and take advantage of benefits and services exclusively for alumni. Make sure you're connected and update your details today.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

- 15 MAY [Seoul Alumni and Friends Reception](#)
- 16 MAY [Beijing Alumni and Friends Reception](#)
- 18 MAY [Shanghai Alumni and Friends Reception](#)



## Raising achievement in writing for Māori, Pasifika and male students

Mainfreight has gifted the Faculty of Education and Social Work \$20,000 to fund a fifth school in a research project which aims to help teachers develop robust ways of raising achievement levels in writing.

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## Graduation Gala Concerto Competition

Join us at the Auckland Town Hall on Thursday 4 May and enjoy stunning performances from three of our top School of Music performers, as they compete for a total prize pool of \$15,000. The Graduation Gala Concerto Competition celebrates our mid-year Graduation ceremonies, and is a highlight on the University Calendar.

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## Photos from Distinguished Alumni Awards and Bright Lights

We've just published galleries of photos from our Distinguished Alumni Award events held last month.

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## University awards honorary degrees to prominent supporters

Two prominent supporters of the University, Julian Robertson KNZM and Roger France ONZM, were awarded honorary doctorates in March, in recognition of their major contributions to the University and wider community.

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## Applications to Fellowship open soon

Alumni who want to build their leadership capabilities are invited to apply for the 2017 University of Auckland Alumni Leadership Fellowship offered by the NZ Leadership Institute and the Alumni Relations Office.

The 2016 recipient Lieutenant Colonel Esther Harrop applied for the fellowship “to develop a different leadership paradigm – learning from those who have leadership experience outside of a military organisation” and has put her newfound skills to use in her deployment to the UN Mission in South Sudan.

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*Pictured above left to right, Fellowship recipients Nathaniel Wilson (2014), Esther Harrop (2016) and Phil Light (2015)*

## New doctorate to explore “serving society”

*Serving Society: Creating Equity, Diversity and Justice* is a unique opportunity to embark on a doctorate where you can constructively critique your organisation’s role in society and explore how it may better serve the principles of equity, diversity and

justice.

The cohort programme starts in July 2017 and will be of special interest for members of public-facing organisations such as education, defence, justice, health, culture and the arts, local government and not-for-profits who are interested in the internal culture of their organisations as well as the interface between those organisations and the wider public.

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