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A newsletter for alumni and friends



Join us in Wellington

If you are currently living in or around Wellington, we'd love to catch up with you at our Alumni and Friends Reception on Wednesday 8 August.

Join Associate Professor Maurice Curtis as he explores the question "Can we unlock the secrets of brain disease?".

This is a wonderful opportunity to build your neural and social connections and catch up with fellow alumni.

[Find out more and register](#)



Is NZ still a great place to bring up children?

The University of Auckland Society is delighted to announce the first Society Salon for 2018 on Monday 6 August.

Join Associate Professor Susan Morton, Dr Teuila Percival and Viviana Becker for an insightful look at growing up in New Zealand today, followed by an audience Q&A session.

[Find out more](#)



Samoa Alumni and Friends Reception 2018

Samoa, we're coming to visit on Thursday 2 August!

Join us to catch up with other graduates based in Samoa, hear a University update from Deputy Vice-Chancellor Jenny Dixon and celebrate the launch of Toeolesulusulu's new

book: *Pacific alumni*.

[Find out more](#)



20 talks, 10 bars, 1 night!

Following on from the smash hit 2017 event, we are delighted to bring Raising the Bar 2018 to Auckland on Tuesday 28 August.

[More about Raising the Bar](#)



A legacy for the future – and students in need

An anonymous donor has pledged to donate \$1,000 to the University's Student Emergency Fund for each notification of a new bequest intention before 30 September 2018, up to \$100,000.

[Read more](#)



Congratulations to the recipients of Queen's Birthday Honours

Congratulations to alumni, staff and friends of the University who received Queen's

Birthday Honours in 2018.

[View honours list](#)

One of those recipients was leading educator and researcher Emeritus Professor Charmian O'Connor, who was named a Dame Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit. Professor Dame O'Connor spent more than 50 years teaching and mentoring students in what was then known as the Department of Chemistry at the University of Auckland.

[Read more](#)



World class New Zealanders celebrated

Members of the University of Auckland community have been recognised at last month's prestigious 2018 Kea World Class New Zealand Awards as Kiwis making an outstanding impact on the world stage.

Pictured above: Jennifer Flay

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Looking back on 50 years

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Medical School at the University of Auckland, now the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences.

A celebration will be held in Auckland on the weekend of 5 - 7 October.

[Find out more](#)

To mark the occasion, some of the founding students shared their stories with Ingenio magazine.

[Read Ingenio article](#)



Juliet Gerrard appointed new Science advisor

Professor Juliet Gerrard says she is honoured and delighted to take up the role of Prime Minister's Chief Science Advisor.

[Read more](#)



Aotearoa in 2030

What will our rivers, oceans and cities look like in 2030? Predictions about the changes that Aotearoa/New Zealand is likely to encounter in the next dozen years is the topic of the 2018 Winter Lecture Series, taking place at the University of Auckland through July and August.

[Winter Lecture Series](#)



New Innovation website launches

A new innovation website showcasing revolutionary research, projects and ideas at the University of Auckland has been launched. The website profiles students who are pushing boundaries in an effort to effect positive change locally and internationally.

[Find out more](#)



Dreaming of a better future for New Zealand communities

Naomi Simon-Kumar is passionate about seizing opportunities when they arise, and after being named the recipient of the Provost's Scholarship, she is thrilled to be travelling to Worcester College, University of Oxford.

[Read more](#)



Celebrating 30 years of bringing ideas to life

The University's knowledge transfer company, Auckland UniServices Limited, turns 30 this month.

UniServices works alongside researchers and academic staff at the University of Auckland to share world-class knowledge and technology with existing companies and start-ups.

[More about UniServices](#)



Showcasing scientific greatness at the 2018 International Film Festival

A documentary feature-film produced and directed by alumna Shirley Horrocks is set to showcase New Zealand science great Sir Paul Callaghan's extraordinary life at the 2018 International Film Festival.

[Read more](#)



Suffrage 125 panel discussion

A special panel discussion marking 125 years of women's suffrage in New Zealand will take place on Friday 20 July.

Chair Eve de Castro-Robinson will be joined by a panel of prominent female musicians including Victoria Kelly, Maria Grenfell and renowned NZ choral conductor Karen Grylls.

[Find out more](#)

Alumni events calendar

2 August

[Samoa Alumni and Friends Reception 2018](#)

6 August

[Society Salon: Is New Zealand Still a Great Place to Bring up Children?](#)

8 August

[Wellington Alumni & Friends Reception 2018](#)

28 August

[Raising the Bar 2018](#)

30 August

[FMHS 50th Anniversary Alumni Reunion Reception, London](#)

In brief



Women in IT
Conference 2018
Monday 3 September

Women in IT Conference

Join the University of Auckland and AUT on Monday 3 September for inspirational speakers, hands-on learning workshops, interactive panel discussions and career development.

[Find out more](#)

Storytelling – the oxygen of



leadership

Short course *The Leader's Guide to Storytelling* with Dr Lester Levy will show you how to inject oxygen into your leadership.

[Find out more](#)



2018 New Voices Emerging Poets Competition

If you're an aspiring poet, check out the New Voices Emerging Poets Competition for a chance to gain exposure for your craft.

[Find out more](#)



Doctoral spotlight

After reading research that ignited a spark within him, Tayaza Fadason reached out to the author of the paper. This simple act started his own journey towards receiving a scholarship to study a PhD at the University.

[Read Tayaza's story](#)



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