

Dear alumni and friends,

Our congratulations to Young Alumnus of the Year 2007 Mahe Drysdale for his recent inspiring world title win. Sport at the University is highlighted this month, with an update on the Interfaculty Rugby Tournament and news of a reception to celebrate the John Drake Memorial Scholarship.

High quality rugby at interfaculty tournament



With two matchdays played, the Interfaculty Rugby Tournament has proven to be a great success both on and off the field. All five teams competing have shown the high quality of rugby that has previously been synonymous with the sport at the University.

At this point in the tournament, the Commerce Cougars are the form team, notching convincing wins over the Property Pirates and Martelli McKegg Law.

[Read more about the tournament](#)

[View our online photo gallery](#)

Rugby enthusiasts invited to John Drake Memorial Scholarship reception



John Hart, guest speaker

Some of the great names in New Zealand sport will come together for an event on October 9 to highlight the John Drake Memorial Scholarship, created in memory of the late All Black and alumnus who died in December 2008.

Members of the Auckland University Rugby Club and alumni and staff rugby enthusiasts are invited to attend the reception, to be held in the Alumni Marquee in the grounds of Old Government House.

[Read more about the event and RSVP](#)

Secrets of the Egyptian desert to be unearthed for Hamilton alumni

ALUMNI EVENTS

- 16 September
 - [Golden Graduates Day](#)
- 9 October
 - [John Drake Memorial Scholarship Reception](#)
- 15 October
 - [Hamilton Alumni and Friends Reception](#)
- 20 October
 - [Singapore Alumni and Friends Reception](#)
- 21 October
 - [Kuala Lumpur Alumni and Friends Reception](#)

UNIVERSITY EVENTS

- 8 September
 - [Moa's Ark Revisited Public forum with David Bellamy](#)
- 11 September
 - [New Zealand Drug Discovery Symposium](#)
- 12 September
 - [Education for emancipation Public lecture by Emory Douglas](#)
- 13 September
 - [Panther Rapp at the Going West Books & Writers Festival](#)
- 14 September
 - [Monday Night Jazz Series: Lance Su'a Quintet](#)
- 15 September
 - [Inaugural Lecture 2009: Consumers in a branded world Public lecture by Professor Cristel Russell](#)
- 16 September
 - [Darwin and medicine Public lecture by Distinguished Professor Sir Peter Gluckman](#)
- 17 September
 - [Inaugural Lecture 2009: Drilling earthquakes for love and energy: Alpine Fault, San Andreas Fault, and geothermal power Public lecture by Professor Peter Malin](#)
- 21 September
 - [Beyond the battlefield: New Zealand and its Allies 1939-1945](#)
- 22 September
 - [Inaugural Lecture 2009:](#)

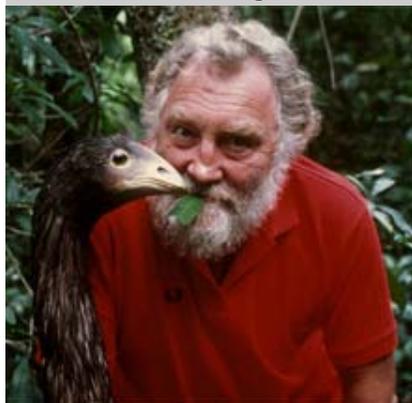


Secrets of the Egyptian desert will be unearthed in a presentation by the head of the Department of Anthropology in the Faculty of Arts, Professor Simon Holdaway, at an alumni and friends reception to be held in Hamilton on 15 October.

Dubbed by the event organisers as "the University's answer to Indiana Jones", Professor Holdaway, with his team of post-graduate students, has unearthed artefacts, animal bones and plant remains from the ancient shoreline of Lake Qarun, in the Fayum desert, about 80km south of Giza, in an effort to see how the people inhabiting northern Egypt dealt with vast environmental change.

[Read more about the Hamilton event](#)

David Bellamy revisits Moa's Ark



Internationally renowned environmentalist David Bellamy returns to New Zealand in September and will speak at a public forum organised by Nexus Sustainability, a student group based at the University.

"David has done heaps to promote the taonga (treasure) of our homeland Aotearoa NZ, so it is with great aroha and our deepest respect that we welcome this tall totara back on his 'Moa's Ark Revisited' tour in September 2009," said Yuyi Shi from Nexus.

[Read more about the event](#)

Photo kindly provided by [Natural History New Zealand](#)

Alumni to join fellow alumni in Annual Appeal 2009

The University's 2009 Annual Appeal was sent to 73,000 alumni at the end of August to encourage them to join with fellow alumni in supporting scholarships, research projects and other initiatives.

[Read more about the Annual Appeal](#)

Course for wine lovers



The Wine Science Programme at the University of Auckland invites you to immerse yourself in the aromas, tastes and language of wine with internationally renowned lecturers Dr Laura Nicolau and Randy Weaver.

These University-level wine tasting classes are being taught at the University's Tamaki Campus in two half day sessions on 3 and 4 October.

[Read more about the wine course](#)

Dr Laura Nicolau, course presenter

Alumni winner at Rising Dragons, Soaring Bananas

[The political currency of art in Aotearoa New Zealand](#)
Public lecture by Professor Jonathan Mane-Wheoki

22 September
 ■ [Understanding celebrity culture](#)
Hood Fellow lecture by Professor Chris Rojek

22 September
 ■ [Staff and Guests in Recital: Fazal Qureshi - tabla](#)

23 September
 ■ [The global financial crisis and the modern theory of the state](#)
2009 Chapman Lecture by Professor Gregory Claeys

24 September
 ■ [What does free time mean in the twenty first century?](#)
Hood Fellow lecture by Professor Chris Rojek

24 September
 ■ [Inaugural Lecture 2009: Neo-Gricean pragmatics: From anaphora through the square of opposition to relationship breakdown](#)
Public lecture by Professor Yan Huang

29 September
 ■ [The University of Auckland Songwriter of the Year Grand Final](#)

30 September
 ■ [A sustainable future for the aerospace industry: Cleared for take-off or flight of fancy?](#)
Cafe Scientifique seminar by Karen Willcox, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

30 September
 ■ [Staff and Guests in Recital: small talk - Fritz Hauser](#)

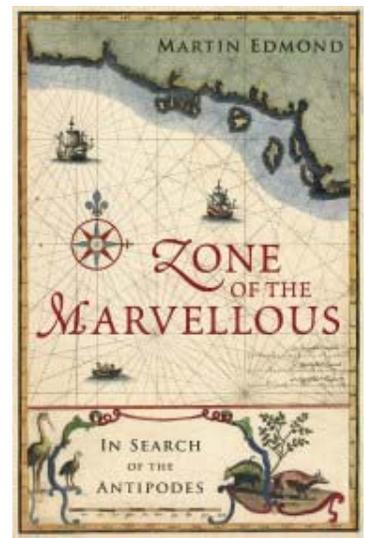
■ [View a full list of University events](#)

BOOK OF THE MONTH



Mr Ron Sang was the lucky winner of the alumni 'update your details' competition at the recent Rising Dragons, Soaring Bananas Conference. He received two top selling books by Professor Manying Ip and a limited edition ceramic ClockTower.

[Read more about the competition](#)
[Update your details](#)



Zone of the Marvellous

Martin Edmond (UoA Alumnus and former Literary Fellow)
 Auckland University Press, PB;
 \$34.99

New Zealand and Australia were imagined thousands of years before they became real; travellers, writers, map-makers, charlatans and rogues dreamed of other worlds at the back of the sun. Here, Martin Edmond recounts the fantastic history of the Antipodes in the Western imagination.

"He's constantly demonstrating that the natural world is as splendiferous as any fable" - *NY Times*

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LATEST HEADLINES

Vice-Chancellor to host Singapore and KL events



The Arts House, Singapore

Alumni and friends in Singapore and Kuala Lumpur will have the opportunity to meet the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Stuart McCutcheon, when he hosts receptions on 20 and 21 October during a visit to Asia.

Each of the events will provide networking opportunities. Each will also feature an alumni speaker, both of whom believe their student days at Auckland shaped their future career paths.

[Read more about the Singapore Reception](#)
[Read more about the Kuala Lumpur Reception](#)

Visiting Hood Fellows lecture on celebrity, free time and global financial crisis

Two visiting Hood Fellows will give free public lectures at the University this month.

Chris Rojek, Professor of Sociology and Culture at Brunel University West London will deliver two lectures. "Understanding Celebrity Culture" on 22 September will examine the social reasons for celebrity. Professor Rojek's lecture on 24 September will address the question "What does free time mean in the 21st Century?"

Gregory Claeys is Professor of History of Political Thought in the History Department at Royal Holloway University of London. His lecture, "The global financial crisis and the modern theory of the state" is on 23 September.

[Read more about Professor Rojek's lectures](#)
[Read more about Professor Claeys' lecture](#)
[Read more about the Hood Fund](#)

Spirit of the People: New Melanesian Art



Artwork: Ellie Fa'amauri Urban
 Connection - Acrylic on Canvas 920 x

Artist, curator and Auckland alumnus Giles Peterson is presenting the first exhibition of contemporary Melanesian art with a region wide focus to show in Auckland.

"Spirit of the People: New Melanesian Art" is at Corbans Art Estate Henderson, Waitakere City until 27 September.

[Visit the Arts Centre website for more details](#)

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Darwin and Medicine



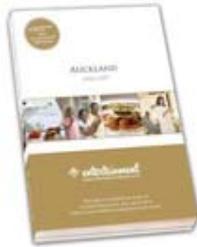
The Liggins Institute's popular lecture series continues this month as Distinguished Professor Sir Peter Gluckman explains that while evolution by natural selection may have ensured human survival, it has left 21st Century Man vulnerable to diseases that were unforeseen in earlier times.

16 September at 6pm
Seasons of Life 2009: Darwin's legacy
Lecture 4: Darwin and Medicine
Robb Lecture Theatre, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, 85 Park Road Grafton.

The lectures in this series are designed for non-scientific audiences and questions are welcomed. They are free and open to the public but bookings are essential.

[Read more about the Seasons of Life series](#)

Entertainment Books - a great Father's Day gift



With Father's Day fast approaching, those searching for a last minute gift should look no further than the latest Entertainment Book. Each Book is packed with discount vouchers for a wide variety of entertainment activities - from bungy jumping off the Sky Tower to half price dining at a number of restaurants. What's more, every copy sold raises funds for the alumni office.

Note that Entertainment Books will only be available for purchase until the end of September.

[Read more about the Entertainment Books and place an order](#)

Official call for University Council nominations

The Court of Convocation is an official body that allows all graduates to elect their representatives at University Council, which is the University's governing body. An election of one Council member by the Court of Convocation is due to take place in October this year.

We are currently accepting nominations for candidates. Nominations must be made no later than 5.00pm Thursday 24 September 2009.

[Read more about the Court of Convocation and how to make a nomination](#)

Until next month,
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28 August
[Brazilian troupe brings international theatre production to NICAI](#)

28 August
[Award-winning research unravels the genetics of fruit colour](#)

25 August
[Campus abuzz with future students](#)

[Professor honoured for contribution to French culture in the Pacific](#)

20 August
[Unique New Zealand wine yeasts discovered](#)

19 August
[Internationally respected designer joins University of Auckland](#)

18 August
[Taranaki doctor receives inaugural Newmarket Rotary Oncology Award](#)

[Chief Social Worker takes academic post at University](#)

17 August
[Children "playing dead" good for learning](#)

[Computer whiz wins world programming competition](#)

[Eminent law professor's death](#)

13 August
[Engineering students show-off Formula SAE car at Te Papa](#)

12 August
[When art meets engineering](#)

FEATURED VACANCY

Library Manager - Law
Full time, Auckland City Campus

The Law Library Manager is responsible for overall leadership, management and development of the Davis Law Library services, staff and collections, including teaching programmes.

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