Dear alumni and friends,

Research at the University is in the spotlight this month with news of two new publications - Auckland Now and Research Works Wonders and a feature from the BBC on the fascinating work of Professor Russell Gray and his team.

Read on for more about this and other news and events from around the University.

---

**Growing our future - New Zealand's largest longitudinal study is featured in Auckland Now**

**Research Works Wonders**

The University's new channel on YouTube provides insights into the work of our researchers and how their efforts benefit the whole of society.

The 11 clips currently available include Professor Stuart McNaughton's discussion of the work of the Faculty of Education aimed at improving the literacy levels of our school children, through a scientifically based programme that helps teachers teach more effectively.

Go to the Research Works Wonders channel
Support research by making a donation

---

**The Intellectual as Indiana Jones**

At our London reception on 10 June, guest speaker Stephen Chan considers the various corporate constraints university scholars have to contend with and whether there is time and opportunity for them to be 'wild academics'. His presentation is informed by his extensive 30 year career in applied international relations.

Join Vice-Chancellor Stuart McCutcheon in London to hear Stephen's talk, be entertained by renowned violinist Stephen Hussey and to network with other alumni and friends.

Read more and RSVP for the London event

---

**ALUMNI EVENTS**

- **10 June**
  - London Alumni and Friends Reception
- **14 June**
  - Shanghai New Zealand Universities Alumni Reception
- **17 June**
  - Beijing Alumni and Friends Reception
  - Hong Kong Alumni and Friends Reception

**UNIVERSITY EVENTS**

- **5 May - 26 May**
  - Peter Gibbons Memorial Lecture Series 2010 - Facing the data mountain
- **6 May**
  - Graduation Gala Concerto Competition 2010
- **7 May**
  - Lunchtime Concerts: Guitar & Jazz Students
- **8 May**
  - Pacific Graduation Dinner
- **11 May**
  - Communiqué - Lada Hršak: Local Stories
  - Music Research Seminar Series: Professor Robert Constable
  - Computational models for drug discovery
  - Can minority language communities be multicultural?
- **12 May**
  - 360° Auckland Abroad Exchange Fair
- **13 May - 14 May**
  - Viviane Robinson presents Building Relational Trust: leadership relationships that impact on student outcomes
- **13 May**
  - Men's interfaculty basketball finals
  - Lunchtime Organ Concerts: James Tibbles
New publication highlights University's contribution

*Auckland Now* showcases some of the contributions The University of Auckland makes to Auckland, New Zealand and the international community through its teaching, research and community service.

Among the stories featured in the latest issue is a piece on the *Growing Up in New Zealand* study. The study follows some 7,000 children born in New Zealand in 2009, not only to identify problematic outcomes in our newest generation, but also to understand “what works” for our current population.

Download the first two editions of *Auckland Now*

Susan Morton with three babies enrolled in the Growing Up study

International alumni events in Asia

Join us for alumni receptions in Shanghai, Hong Kong and Beijing in June.

Vice-Chancellor Stuart McCutcheon will present his vision for New Zealand’s future as the “clever country” - a source of innovation for a knowledge-hungry world.

We’re also privileged to present guest speakers and fellow alumni Andrew Grant, Philip Turner and Dr Jeffrey Pong.

Read more about the Shanghai event
Read more about the Beijing event
Read more about the Hong Kong event

Benefactors recognised for enduring contribution to New Zealand Arts

University of Auckland benefactors, Gus and Irene
Irene and Gus Fisher

Creative PhDs - Creative Practice Research Seminar
Tuesday 18 May, 6-8pm

How can a performance or a painting be research? How can a studio become a laboratory? How can creative practice emerge in a PhD?

In this enlightening seminar, leading creative practice researchers from The University of Auckland will reflect on how art and academia can combine to contribute new knowledge. This introduces The University of Auckland’s approach to guiding creative practice PhD research.

Find out more and register

Exhibition tribute to Architect and Artist

The long and illustrious career of the distinguished and internationally acclaimed architect Sir Miles Warren, one of the most renowned alumni of the School of Architecture and Planning at The University of Auckland, will be celebrated this month with an exhibition at the Gus Fisher Gallery.

Miles: A Life in Architecture runs from 23 April 2010 to 29 May 2010 at the Gus Fisher Gallery.

Read more on the Gus Fisher Gallery website

New focus to an old controversy - Eugenic values, eugenic costs

In a public lecture on 18 May visiting Seelye Fellow Clare Hanson, Professor of Twentieth Century Literature at The University of Southampton, will consider the claims of those who defend the new (or liberal) eugenics and those who challenge its practices and premises.

She will explore the ways in which both literary and popular fiction has responded to eugenic scenarios. Is there something which scientists and medical ethicists can learn from such literary representations of what may...
result from advances in biomedicine?

Read more about the lecture and RSVP
Read more about the Seelye Trust

Festival atmosphere planned for basketball finals

The finals of the Men's Interfaculty Basketball tournament are almost upon us. Eight of the strongest faculty teams have played through the round robin stages of the competition at the Campus Recreation Centre to get to the playoffs. The competition has been close with Arts and Engineering as the tournament favourites, but they will face strong competition from Law, Property and Education.

This effort culminates on the afternoon of 13 May as the two final teams compete for the title, as well as top points in the interfaculty sports championship. The finals will have a festival atmosphere, with live music and supporters from each faculty helping to showcase the main sports hall as the heart of sport on the Auckland campus.

Read more about the basketball finals and other sporting events

Sir Peter Blake Leaders' Forum

Aspiring leaders are invited to be part of this inspirational Leadership Week event, hosted at the Business School. Come and hear some fresh opinions and insights on developing effective, action-based leadership from recipients of the prestigious Sir Peter Blake Leadership Awards.

Keynote speakers include Sir Stephen Tindall, Founder and Chair of The Warehouse and Olympic Gold Medallist Sarah Ulmer, Director of Sarah Ulmer Brand.

Find out more and register

Family Business Forum

The Business School is hosting the inaugural Family Business Forum: Sustaining and Growing New Zealand Family Businesses. This forum will offer family businesses a valuable opportunity to meet international and local experts as well as other like-minded business people.

Speakers include Grant Walsh from the KPMG Centre for Family Business, Canada, David Babich from Babich Wine Estate and father and daughter Euan and Gabrielle Sparrow from the entrepreneurial South Island Sparrow family.

Find out more and register at www.fambiz.auckland.ac.nz

Clever crows on BBC website

Research at the University was highlighted by the BBC recently, with a feature on the work of Professor Russell Gray and his team investigating the use of tools by New Caledonian crows.

A new study by the team has found that the birds are able to use three tools in succession to reach some food. The crows, which use tools in the wild, have also shown other problem-solving behaviour, but this find suggests they are more innovative than was thought.

The feature was one of the five most popular stories of the day on the BBC website.
Graduation Gala Concerto Competition 2010

Celebrate the achievements of the University's new graduates at a concert on May 6 featuring some of the School of Music's top young musicians.

Set amongst the grandeur of the Auckland Town Hall, three finalists will compete for a grand prize. Performers are supported by The University of Auckland Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Uwe Grodd.

The concert is free and all are welcome. Patrons are strongly advised to arrive early in order to be assured admittance.

Read more about the concert

Best wishes,
The Alumni Relations Team
The University of Auckland
www.alumni.auckland.ac.nz

Subscription Details
This email was sent to: {EMAIL_ADDR}
To change your preferred email address, please update your contact details.
If you don't want to receive @auckland in the future, please unsubscribe here.
If you don't want to receive emails from the University in future please unsubscribe here.