Dear alumni and friends,

We have all been deeply touched by the terrible devastation caused by the earthquake in Christchurch at 12.51pm a week ago today. Many of you will have been personally affected by this tragedy, especially those of our Alumni living in Christchurch. Canterbury University and Lincoln University have been impacted significantly, and we are working with them to assist their recovery in any way we can.

I know of many fundraising initiatives which have sprung up across our University, among both staff and students, to assist Christchurch's recovery.

For those living overseas who would like to make their own personal contribution to the Global Appeal Fund announced on Sunday by our Prime Minister, John Key, the contact details are as follows:

New Zealand Government Christchurch Earthquake Appeal
New Zealand Red Cross

If we at the University can be of assistance in any other way, please contact Amanda Lyne in our Alumni Relations Office — a.lyne@auckland.ac.nz

We look forward to keeping alumni informed and to being involved in all other ways we can to assist in what is proving to be a gigantic task.

With best wishes

Stuart McCutcheon
Vice-Chancellor

Research showcased at Auckland Live! event

Interactive displays of cutting edge research will combine with presentations and discussions from leaders in business, politics, medicine, science and law at the University's Auckland Live! event at the Business School on 5 March.

Research on show from Uniservices includes iRobiQ — an advanced entertainment robot, wireless charging for electric vehicles, displays from the Yacht Research Unit and more.

The Wine Science Programme will also provide wine tasting over lunch for $5, with all money raised going to the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal.

Read more about Auckland Live! including the full
Powhiri for new students

Hundreds of new students were welcomed to the University at a powhiri at Waipapa Marae on 22 February.

View the photo gallery

Robb Lectures on empire power shifts

The prominent political commentator and activist Tariq Ali will lecture on "Empire and its futures" at The University of Auckland later this month.

As speaker at the 2011 Sir Douglas Robb Lectures he will deal in turn with three issues: "Islam and its discontents", "US power today: The global hegemon", "The rise of China".

Read more about Tariq Ali's Robb Lectures

Unique events and luxury items in Society Auction

A private concert from renowned pianist John Chen, sculptures by artist Cat Auburn, a week's holiday at Tapu Bay and hire of the foyer of the Gus Fisher Gallery are just some of the items available in the Society's Luxury Upstairs/downstairs auction on 5 April.

The evening is a cocktail function with drinks and canapés and includes entertainment from The University of Auckland Strings and Opera singer Morag McDowell.

The funds raised will enable the continuation of the University of Auckland Strings and engagement of key visiting master teachers to work and perform with the ensemble.

programme of events
More about the research on display
Register for Auckland Live!

consciousness: Do Westies have different brains from the rest of us? (lecture)

17 March - 23 March
Sir Douglas Robb Lectures 2011

18 March
Nutrition in childhood: Whose job is it and does it matter? Changing school food policy in England (seminar)

19 March
Brain Day 2011

22 March
Kidney regeneration in zebrafish (seminar)

6 April
Hollywood left and right: How movie stars changed American politics

15 Mar
Professor Richard Whitington lecture: Open Strategy: "A Long View on a Precarious Profession"

View a full list of University events

BOOK OF THE MONTH

A Micronaut in the Wide World
The Imaginative Life and Times of Graham Percy

Gregory O'Brien
Social aspects of climate change - Talking Science

At this follow-up debate to our 2010 Talking Science event which focused on the physical science of climate change, experts from The University of Auckland will present their perspectives on the social aspects of climate change. Come and join the discussion, argue your opinion, and ask questions of some of New Zealand’s leading social scientists. Spaces are limited so book early.

More about Talking Science

Associate Professor
Niki Harre

Oaths, Threats and War Crimes: Shakespeare's Henry V

Professor John Kerrigan from the University of Cambridge delivers this year’s Alice Griffin Shakespeare lecture.

Professor Kerrigan's lecture puts the play's preoccupation with oaths and vows into context, both in Shakespeare's output and in the culture of his time. It pays particular attention to Irish, Welsh and, to some extent, Scottish elements in and around this pre-emptively 'British' play.

More about the 2011 Alice Griffin Shakespeare lecture

University of Auckland showcases creative talent in Auckland Arts festival

White Night (test image) by Simon Glaister

The prestigious Auckland Arts Festival 2011 will serve as a showcase for the creative talents of The University of Auckland's National Institute of Creative Arts and Industries (NICAI). Members of NICAI also will exhibit their work at the Auckland Art Gallery in a joint exhibition, and the work of NICAI's School of Music will be featured in the festival's opening concert.

A Micronaut in the Wide World: The Imaginative Life and Times of Graham Percy

Gregory O'Brien (UoA Alumnus)

HB; illus; RRP $59.99; UoA alumni price $50.99

Artist, designer, illustrator Graham Percy (1938 - 2008) travelled far and built a career on the closely observed detail. Born in Taranaki, he spent apprentice years in Auckland before moving to London. O'Brien's book includes some of Percy's most compelling drawings and showcases his early design work, vivid children's book illustration and thriving mature art.

Read more about A Micronaut in the Wide World

Download the AUP order form

An exhibition of Graham Percy's work is touring New Zealand 2011 - 2013

LATEST HEADLINES

10 February
- Twelve new professors appointed

14 February
- Project tackling educational inequality to be extended

16 February
- University of Auckland to launch Pacific Heritage Art Residencies

23 February
- New class of anticancer 'stealth' drug proceeds to clinical development

24 February
- Elam welcomes international experimental designer

FEATURED VACANCY

Digital Media Producer
Auckland City Campus

The Digital Media Producer acts
of the faculty's School of Music, Elam School of Fine Arts and Dance Studies Programme will feature alongside international musicians, artists and performers during the Festival, which runs 2-20 March.

More about NICAI at the Auckland Arts festival

Tribute to Emeritus Professor Dame Judith Binney

The University of Auckland has paid tribute to the late Emeritus Professor Dame Judith Binney.

"Dame Judith was the foremost New Zealand historian of her day," the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Stuart McCutcheon, said today. "Her work as an oral historian, particularly of Māori, and chronicler of communal memories broke new ground and left a lasting impact in the wider community."

More of Dame Judith's tribute

Do Westies have different brains from the rest of us?

This tantalising question will be answered by Professor Ian Kirk at a public lecture during Brain Awareness Week. Held at the Auckland Museum, the talk will form part of the Museum's new exhibition on the TV series *Outrageous Fortune*.

Ian will examine the workings of the human brain, looking at what makes us so different from other animals, and whether different 'tribes' of people think differently.

More about Professor Ian Kirk's lecture

More about Brain Awareness week

University sport

The new academic year brings new opportunities for University of Auckland teams to face off against international competition on the sporting field. In March we have matches scheduled against the University of Malaysia in Netball and San Isidro Club (Argentina) in Rugby.

More about University sport

Best wishes,

The Alumni Relations Team

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