

Dear alumni and friends, in this issue...  
FMHS Reunion  
Short Story Competition  
Alice Griffen Shakespeare Lecture



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## Thinking of Postgraduate study?

Meet us at one of our Postgraduate Information Evenings in August and get answers to your postgraduate study and research questions.

We're visiting Hamilton, Wellington and Dunedin.

[More about the Postgraduate Information Evenings](#)

[Read about the Bioengineering Institute's Postgraduate evening in Auckland](#)



## Events Calendar

**18 - 19 Jul:** [Engineering Receptions in Australia](#)

**15 Aug:** [Wellington Alumni and Friends Reception](#)



Join Dr Peter Lee, Chief Executive Uniservices at our Wellington Reception in the Executive Wing of the Beehive.

**23 Aug:** [Golden Graduates Luncheon](#)

**4 Sep:** [New York Alumni and Friends Reception](#)

**6 Sep:** [Boston Alumni and Friends Reception](#)

[View other alumni events](#)  
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## Short story competition

There's still time to enter the inaugural *Ingenio* short story competition.

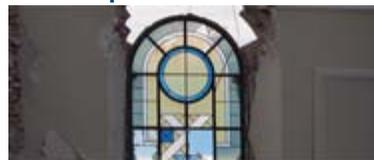
Entries must be submitted by 15 July.

[More about the competition](#)



*First prize includes a personalised two-hour coaching session with NZ author Emily Perkins.*

## Hazards, disasters, risks and responses



This year's Winter Lecture Series explores New Zealand's disasters - the risks we face and the responses we make to those risks.

Experts and scholars share their knowledge and skills on a selection of topics from geology and engineering to media and education.

[More about the lectures](#)

## The impact of giving

Professor Charles McGhee and researcher Stacey D'Mello spoke about the importance of philanthropy and the impact it has had on their own careers at an event at University House last month.

[More about the event](#)

[Listen to the presentations](#)



## A lively reunion



The new spacious atrium of the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences was buzzing with joy and laughter as alumni arrived from all over New Zealand and even from overseas to be reunited with former class-mates.

[Read more and view the photo gallery](#)

### ***Len Lye the opera***

*LEN LYE the opera* premieres in Auckland from 5-8 September and promises to be a multimedia extravaganza featuring a jazz-influenced score and an original mix of music, film, dance and spectacle.

[More about the opera](#)



### **Meet the Lampyridae**



Bioluminescence enthusiast Siouxsie Wiles PhD takes genes from fireflies to make bacteria glow in the dark, in an effort to understand and combat infectious diseases.

[View a short animation about Siouxsie's work](#)

[Read Siouxsie's blog](#)

### **The Work of the Dead**

This talk by Professor Thomas W. Laqueur is part of a forthcoming book examining the relationship between death and modernity. This project is motivated by a question that lies at the core of what it is to be human: what work do the dead do in making civilization?

[More about the lecture](#)



### **Writers week**



Indulge yourself in a week of inspiring writing workshops. Discover your unique voice as you develop your writing skills, learn new techniques and receive constructive feedback.

[More about Writers Week](#)

### Vice-Chancellors Lecture Series: Exercise is Medicine

Physical inactivity is one of the greatest health problems of the 21st century.

Although research indicates benefits from exercise in disease prevention and treatment, compliance is poor.

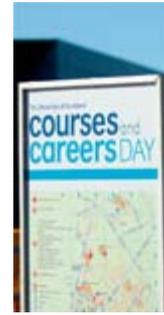
These lectures by scientists, an epidemiologist, and physicians will enlighten and engage the issues that confront physical inactivity when 'Exercise is Medicine'.

[More about Exercise is Medicine](#)

### Courses and Careers Day

This year's Courses and Careers Day programme is now available.

[Read more about Courses and Careers Day](#)



### Book of the month *Athfield Architects*

Julia Gatley (Architecture & Planning)

Published by Auckland University Press, HB, illustrations, \$75; UoA Alumni Price \$63.75

Distinguished alumnus and iconic New Zealand architect Ian Athfield is the subject of this landmark volume by modern architecture guru Julia Gatley.

[More about Athfield Architects](#)

[Download the AUP discount form](#)



### Circumstances in Romeo and Juliet

Professor Lorna Hutson gives this year's Alice Griffen Shakespeare lecture, arguing that Shakespeares characters seem worthy of our continuing exploration because of the circumstantial design of the plots into which they are written.

[More about the lecture](#)



### Engineering Receptions in Australia

The Faculty of Engineering is hosting cocktail evenings for alumni and friends in Brisbane and Melbourne later this month

[More about the cocktail evenings](#)