



Dear {FIRST_NAME},

We've just finalised the dates of a series of alumni events in North Asia. Details are available on the [alumni and friends website](#). We have our [first event in Whangarei](#) on Wednesday 6th, and other events in the near future include [public lectures and conferences at the university](#), the [2008 Engineering Annual Alumni Dinner](#), [postgraduate roadshow events](#) around New Zealand and [the annual Society debate](#).

We hope that you'll take the opportunity to join us at one or more of these occasions.



From the Vice-Chancellor's desk

Vice Chancellor Stuart McCutcheon writes about the importance of a new long term plan for the development of the University campuses. Views are being sought on a series of principles that might underpin the plan and all alumni and friends are encouraged to take part in the consultation.

[Click here to read more.](#)



University of Auckland alumna wins Montana Book Award

University of Auckland alumna and former literary fellow Janet Charman has won the 2008 Montana New Zealand Book Award for Poetry and \$5,000 for her collection *Cold Snack*, published by Auckland University Press.

[Read more on the alumni and friends website.](#)



Alumni making their mark

A new website *Make Your Mark* demonstrates how a qualification from the University of Auckland can take graduates wherever they want to go. Our alumni are making their mark all over the globe, whether that's engineering software in New York, reporting news in Sweden, heading their own enterprises or helping our communities in New Zealand.

[Visit the Make Your Mark website.](#)

→ Upcoming events

6 August
[Whangarei alumni & friends reception](#)

7 August
[FTVMS Seminar Series - Queer Animation](#)

9-10 August
[Sylvia Ashton Warner Conference](#)

12 August
[The University of Auckland Society presents... yet another Great Tertiary Debate](#)

12 August
[City Life: The Sociologist and the 'Livable' City](#)

12 August
[Winter lecture series: Opportunities and challenges of international research collaboration](#)

14 August
[On Loneliness](#)

15 August
[New Zealand Governance Centre - Inaugural Conference](#)

19 August
[Winter lecture series: Challenges facing graduate researchers](#)

26 August
[Cross cultural research dynamics](#)

30 August
[Courses and Careers Day 2008](#)

27 September
[2008 Engineering Annual Alumni Dinner](#)

10 October
[Hong Kong Alumni & Friends Reception](#)

13 October
[Seoul Alumni & Friends](#)

The University of Auckland Society presents... yet another Great Tertiary Debate

The General Election will be upon us very soon. This is your chance to come along and hear the Hon. Pete Hodgson (Labour), Minister for Tertiary Education, Dail Jones (NZ First), Tertiary Education Spokesperson and Dr. Paul Hutchison, National spokesperson for tertiary education expand on tertiary policy for their respective parties.

[Read more on the Society website.](#)



A life in service of education

Penelope Frost, writer at the Faculty of Education, interviews Pembroke Bird, inaugural Dean of Māori Education at the Faculty of Education and principal of Te Kura Kaupapa Motuhake o Tawhiuau School. Mr. Bird recently received a Queen's Service Medal (QSM) for his services to education.

[Click here to read the article.](#)

Jubilee theme for 2008 Engineering Annual Alumni Dinner

The 2008 Engineering Annual Alumni Dinner takes place on Saturday September 27. A new venue has been arranged to mark the significance of the 2008 Jubilee year. Guests will be hosted in the marquee on the grounds of the Old Government House, instead of the usual location of the Engineering building. This event will be a formal black tie affair.

[Click here for more details and to register.](#)

University House reception for Fulbright Scholars



Last month, some of the University's top students met at University House to celebrate their recent success as Fulbright scholars. In the final stages of their preparations to leave New Zealand's shores to pursue postgraduate studies and research in the US later this year, our Fulbright Scholars were looking forward to the promise of

[reception 2008](#)

15 October
[Beijing alumni & friends reception 2008](#)

17 October
[Shanghai Alumni & Friends reception 2008](#)

→ Book of the month



Cold Snack, Janet Charman (UoA alumna) Paperback; RRP \$24.99; Alumni price \$21.25.

WINNER, Montana NZ Book Award for Poetry 2008

'In her highly economical writing, words act as gestures, indicating with small movements things much larger than themselves . . . These poems are accomplished, perceptive, humorous and generous.' - Montana NZ Book Awards Judges' Report

[Go to the AUP website](#)

[Get the 15% alumni discount](#)

[Janet Charman's author page at the nz electronic poetry centre](#)

→ Latest headlines

4 August
[Balancing immigration controls and human rights](#)

4 August
[Annual Shakespeare lecture to explore tragedy in his time and ours](#)

new adventure and new challenges.

[Read more on the alumni and friends website.](#)



Postgraduate roadshows in September

The University of Auckland will be holding postgraduate information events in Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. Come along and hear more about how you can make your mark on the world with postgraduate study from New Zealand's leading research university.

[Read more.](#)

New York alumni and friends "happy hour" function

Around 40 alumni and friends gathered for an informal "Happy Hour" function in New York on Wednesday 16 July. The function was held in a semi-private room of the suave bar/restaurant PUBLIC, known for its Antipodean accented fine cuisine and wine.

[Read more on the alumni and friends website](#)

Henrietta and Lola Anne Tunbridge Watercolour Scholarship 2008 Finalist Show



The \$10,000 scholarship is awarded each year to an Elam student who excels in the exploration of contemporary themes in watercolour. The exhibition runs at the George Fraser Gallery from 21-30 August.

[Visit the George Fraser Gallery website.](#)

Alumni & Friends reception in Sydney - event report

140 alumni of all ages gathered for the Sydney Alumni & Friends event held on 24 July at the Museum of Contemporary Art. Vice-Chancellor Stuart McCutcheon took guests on an abridged version of the last 125 years of the University and guest speaker Emeritus Professor Carrick Chambers gave an inspiring talk on the discovery of the Wollemi Pine.

[Read more on the alumni and friends website.](#)

Lectures on research challenges

1 August

[Wine is product of yeast survival](#)

29 July

[National centre for eye research launched](#)

28 July

[Toddler nutrition may be key to reducing infection](#)

25 July

[AUP author wins Best First Book Award](#)

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[International recognition for Distinguished Professor](#)

23 July

[Making treatment available for osteoporosis](#)



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"Challenges for research in modern academia" is the theme of the annual Winter Lectures at the university. The lectures, in the Maidment Theatre from 1-2pm, run on successive Tuesdays until August 26th.

[Full details on the University website](#)

Professor Adrian Franklin lectures

The Faculty of Arts are hosting two lectures by Professor Adrian Franklin, Professor of Sociology in the School of Sociology and Social Work, at the University of Tasmania. His research interests include: urban life, human-animal relations, nature and social theory, and tourism.

City Life: The Sociologist and the 'Livable' City is on August 12, followed by *On Loneliness* on August 14.

[Read more details on the Faculty of Arts website](#)

Until next month,

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