Dear {FIRST_NAME},

Many congratulations to all our recent graduates. You can view a selection of photographs from the Autumn Graduation ceremonies on the Alumni & Friends website.

**University alumni and staff receive Queen's Birthday Honours**

Our congratulations also go to the University of Auckland alumni and staff who were recognised in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours. They include Dr Melani Anae (pictured) a senior lecturer at the Centre for Pacific Studies who was made a Companion of the Queen's Service Order (QSO).

Read more on the Alumni & Friends website.

**Graduation photo gallery**

A current student has captured the celebratory spirit of Graduation in this photo gallery which contains a selection of photos from each Graduation day.

**Alumni events in London & New York**

The Alumni Relations Office kicked off its international alumni programme with two very special 125th Jubilee alumni and friends events run in London and New York on the 20 and 22 May respectively. Read more about these events and view photo galleries on the Alumni & Friends website.

**Graduation memorabilia still available**

Our range includes 'Moment of Capping' graduation photos, DVDs of your ceremony, certificate frames and Graduation bears.

For more information, visit the Alumni & Friends website.

**Violin virtuoso wins Graduation Gala competition**

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**Upcoming events**

- **22 June**
  - UoA Strings: Russian Serenade concert

- **24 July**
  - Sydney Alumni & Friends reception

- **6 August**
  - Whangarei alumni & friends reception

- **9-10 August**
  - Sylvia Ashton Warner Conference

**Book of the month**

*Everything Talks.* By Sam Sampson (UoA alumnus).

PB; RRP $24.99; Alumni price $21.25

"Sam Sampson is a wonderful discovery. Such a fresh eye and ear, such a keen sense of language. His work is a wake-up call . . . it's also a pleasure just to dive in and lose one's way in these cryptic, sensuous, witty and mysterious poems." - Roger Horrocks

Go to the AUP website

Get the 15% alumni discount

Visit the Gus Fisher Gallery website. The Gallery will host the book and exhibition launch on 13 June; all welcome
Amalia Hall, a violin student at The University of Auckland's School of Music, won the recent Graduation Gala: Concerto Competition at Auckland's Town Hall.

Playing to a mesmerised full-house and supported by the School of Music Orchestra, the 19-year-old performed Saint-Saën's Violin Concerto No 3 in B minor, 1st and 3rd movements.

Read more on the University website

The Face of War exhibition at the Gus Fisher Gallery
An exhibition of compelling photos is running at The Gus Fisher Gallery. The pictures are taken from the Macalister collection and selected by Dr Sandy Callister from her new book The Face of War: New Zealand's Great War Photography, published by Auckland University Press. Read more on The Gus Fisher Gallery website.

Sydney alumni & friends reception
Join us at the Museum of Contemporary Art on 24 July for the Sydney Alumni and Friends reception featuring adventurer/botanist Emeritus Professor Carrick Chambers. Read more here.

The International Sylvia Ashton-Warner Centennial Conference
The Faculty of Arts and The Faculty of Education will mark the centennial of the birth of one of New Zealand's most well-known and controversial writers by hosting this international conference.

The conference is a University of Auckland 125th Jubilee event and will be an opportunity for scholars, writers,
literary critics, teachers and others to celebrate and critique the work of this talented and complex woman.

Keynote Speakers will include Elliot Henderson, Sylvia's eldest son, London and Bob Gottlieb, Knopf Publishing, New York by satellite feed. For a full list of keynote speakers and to register visit the conference website http://www.eenz.com/sa-w08 or contact Eddy van Til, Conference Organiser +64 3 313 2097, eddy@eenz.com. Early Registration closes 1st July.

**Election of one member of the council by the Court of Convocation for The University of Auckland**

An election of one member will be held at 5.00pm on Friday 25 July 2008 at the office of the Registrar of The University, Princes Street, in the City of Auckland.

This election arises out of the resignation of Dan Bidois causing a casual vacancy and is for the balance of his term as councillor ending on the 6th September 2011.

[Click here for more information and to download the nomination form.](#)

Until next month,

The Alumni Relations Team
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