Dear alumni & friends,

Congratulations to all our recent graduates. We very much hope you will keep in touch and enjoy the benefits of being a part of our alumni community.

Those of you tempted to raise a glass to celebrate might be encouraged by some new research from The University of Auckland. Dr Maggie Kalev and Professor Matthew During’s recent studies, published in the Journal of Neuroscience, suggest that drinking in moderation may aid the memory.

But for those who over indulge and do something they might regret, the research also contains some sobering warnings about 'drinking to forget'.

You can read more about the research on the University website.

Spring graduation photos
View our selection of informal photographs taken at the recent Spring graduation.
View the photos online

15% discount on Auckland University Press publications
We're pleased to announce that all of our alumni can now enjoy a 15% discount on books and CDs from AUP.
More about the AUP discount

Philippe Antonello exhibition at The Gus Fisher Gallery
An award-winning Italian photographer who has worked on the film sets of such renowned directors as Mel Gibson, Spike Lee and Ridley Scott is a visiting Hood Fellow at The University of Auckland. While in Auckland, Philippe Antonello exhibits his work at The Gus Fisher Gallery 28 September - 6 October.

**Read more about Philippe Antonello's exhibition**

### New Zealand's oceans - prototype for a blue planet?

Exciting world class research is currently being done at the South Pacific Centre for Marine Science to underpin the future sustainable health of our oceans and maintain the tradition of New Zealand as a prototype for a blue planet. Professor John Montgomery will talk about some of the research highlights at the alumni and friends reception in Tauranga. **Read more about the Tauranga event**

### 2007 Keith Sinclair Memorial Lecture: October 16

This year Associate Professor Linda Bryder, DPhil (Oxford), MA will present 'Cartwright Revisited: Medical Research and National Women's Hospital from the 1960s to the 1980s'.

**Lecture details**

### New book explores crisis of academic identity in New Zealand

Nick Tarling writes about a new book he has co-authored with Wilf Malcolm, former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Waikato.

**More about the book**

### Season Two of Seminar Series announced

The Centre for New Zealand Studies at Birkbek College, London has published the programme for Season Two of its Seminar Series. Highlights include a poetry reading from Professor Vincent O'Sullivan and the British premiere of Mark J Gordon's *Her Majesty* which was a finalist in the Sundance Film Festival.

**Season Two details**

Until next month,
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