Dear alumni and friends,

One of the most rewarding services we offer is putting old University friends back in touch with each other.

If you've lost contact with a fellow graduate and would like to renew your friendship, **fill in the Reconnect form on the Alumni website** and we'll do our best to reunite you.

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**From the Vice Chancellor's desk**

In a hard hitting opinion piece, Vice-Chancellor Professor Stuart McCutcheon raises some serious concerns with the latest round of tertiary "reforms". [Full report](#)

**Constitutional fix-it man lecturing in Auckland**

Alumni and friends are invited to attend this year's Sir Douglas Robb lecture on "Ethnicity, human rights and democracy". Dr Yash Ghai, the speaker, is a renowned constitutional lawyer from Kenya. He will analyse problems and dilemmas of the political and social organisation of multi-ethnic states and solutions to deal with them. [Click here for dates and more details](#)

**Pacific alumni forum in October**

We're pleased to announce that the Auckland University Pacific Islands Students Association Inc (AUPISA) is considering the re-formation of a Pacific alumni organization. All Pacific graduates are invited to attend a forum in October to help shape the new organization. [More details](#)

**Sylvia Ashton-Warner Centennial 2008**

The Faculty of Education and The Faculty of Arts will mark the centennial of the birth of one of New Zealand's most well-known and controversial writers by hosting an international conference in 2008. This conference will be an opportunity for scholars, writers, literary critics and others to celebrate and critique the work of this complex and talented woman.

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**Upcoming events**

- **7-9 September**
  - AUEA '.../7' Reunion Weekend and Annual Alumni Dinner

- **14 September**
  - Boston alumni reception

- **2,4,8 October**
  - Sir Douglas Robb Lectures: Ethnicity, Human Rights & Democracy

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**In our own words**

Are you considering postgraduate study to enhance your career or pursue a research interest? Hear what our current students and supervisors have to say about doing a masters degree or doctorate at New Zealand's leading research university "in our own words".

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**Any news?**

We're always interested in finding out what our alumni

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For further information or to register your interest to attend please contact Maureen Tizard at m.tizard@auckland.ac.nz

Until next month,

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are up to. If you have any news stories you'd like to share with your fellow graduates and friends through this newsletter, email the details to Dave Taylor at the Alumni Relations team.