Dear alumni and friends,

If you're considering postgraduate studies at the University be sure to check out the following events.

At the end of the month, the National Institute for Creative Arts and Industries is holding a creative research evening and in early October, a one day workshop from the Centre for Continuing Education offers an introduction to postgraduate studies.

Read on for more about these events and other news from around the University.

**Professor Gluckman: It's hard to be a teenager!**

Liggins Institute founder Distinguished Professor Sir Peter Gluckman addressed alumni and friends at our recent Wellington reception on some perils and pitfalls of adolescence, suggesting ways we might smooth the transition to adulthood.

[Read a transcript of the address and view our Wellington photo gallery](#)

**Graham Henry keynote speaker at alumni rugby event**

The Alumni XV Reception on 29 September will be an evening of celebration to recognise and honour alumni who also played rugby for the All Blacks.

We are delighted to be able to announce our MC as renowned sports journalist, Peter Montgomery MBE, who will do a live on-stage interview with keynote personality All Black coach Graham Henry.

[Read more and buy tickets](#)
Engineering students' "historic victory"

Team One Beep left-to-right: Steve Ward, Chanyeol Yoo, Kayo Lakadia and Vinny Kumar, photo from ImagineCup's flickr stream

"The best of the best" is how Microsoft New Zealand has described the Team One Beep project which took out third place at the world finals of the Microsoft Imagine Cup in Poland earlier this year.

In a special event held at The University of Auckland, Scott Wylie, Director of the Developer and Platform Group for Microsoft New Zealand, said making it to third in the world was a huge achievement for Team One Beep, the University and New Zealand.

Read more about Team One Beep's success

Watch an interview with Vinny Kumar on the TVNZ7 website

Alumni "talk science"

The inaugural "Talking Science" alumni event, "Global Warming: Why can't scientists agree?", brought together the University's leading environmental scientists to present their perspectives on the most contentious issue of our generation - climate change.

Read more about Talking Science and view the photo gallery

Register your interest in future Talking Science events

Liggins Institute farewells a scientific hero

Professor Wayne Cutfield, Director of the Liggins Institute, has paid tribute to the man for whom the sex attracted youth

Music Seminar Series: Dr Te Oti Rakena

The identity questions of Korean Chinese in their relationship with South Koreans and Han Chinese: Viewed from post-1990s novels

Computational modelling of the cerebral circulation and aneurysms

15 September

Master of Public Policy seminar series: New Zealand's untapped potential - The innovation agenda

Fast Forward Lecture Series - Christina van Bohemen & Aaron Sills, Sills van Bohemen Architects, Auckland

16 September - 30 September

QS World Grad School Tours in the US and Canada

17 September

Lunchtime Concerts: Strings and Flute Students

Grasping freedom of speech

21 September

Future Proof - Steve Poletti: Future energy issues in NZ

Philosophy lecture: Oysters and opera - How to acquire an 'acquired taste'

22 September

From Myths to the Reality: Perceptions of settlement and language learning among adult immigrants in Australia

Good eyes: Poetry, people and new media

Fast Forward Lecture Series - Thom Craig, Thom Craig Architects, Christchurch

Masterclass: Christoph Henkel (Germany) - Cello

23 September

Film and Media Studies
Institute was named. Sir Graham Liggins, affectionately known by many simply as 'Mont', died in Auckland on 24 August.

"Mont's contributions to modern medicine rank amongst the most significant breakthroughs of the twentieth century," he said.

Read more on the Liggins website

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Creative Research: Postgraduate Study Information Evening - September 30

Find out about postgraduate study with the National Institute of Creative Arts and Industries. This evening offers an opportunity to learn about postgraduate study and research options in Architecture, Planning and Urban Design, Dance Studies, Fine Arts, Music and Sonic Arts.

Read more and register online

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Mayoral hopefuls debate urban environment - listen online

The future for Auckland's urban environment was the focus for a lively debate between mayoral candidates John Banks, Len Brown, Andrew Williams and Simon Prast at the OGGB on 17 August. Journalist and economic commentator Rod Oram was Chair.

For those unable to attend, NICAI has posted a podcast of the debate on their website.

Read more about the debate and listen to the podcast

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Introduction to Postgraduate Studies

Have you thought about returning to study at masters level or even for a PhD?

The Centre for Continuing Education's Introduction to Postgraduate Studies is a one-day workshop that will help you decide whether postgraduate study is for you. You'll explore what this next step really involves and look at possible study options.

Find out more and enrol in the workshop online

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BOOK OF THE MONTH

Dining Out: A History of the Restaurant in New Zealand

Perrin Rowland (UoA alumna and staff)  
Auckland University Press

HB; illus; RRP $59.99; UoA alumni price $50.99

"From 19th century oyster bars to 20th century hotel dining;  
from the grill restaurants following the Yanks based here during World War II, to contemporary restaurants -  
Dining Out's in-depth research is a rich insight to Kiwi dining-out culture." - Foodstyle Review Magazine
2010 New Zealand Aronui Lecture Series - Baroness O'Neill of Bengarve

Baroness O'Neill of Bengarve, Past President of the British Academy and Cambridge Professor of Philosophy will deliver this year's Royal Society Aronui Lectures later this month.

The lectures will cover three topics - "Two Cultures Fifty Years On", "Grasping Freedom of Speech" and "Perverting Trust".

Read more about the lectures and reserve seats

AUEA Annual Alumni Dinner

The AUEA (Auckland University Engineers Association) Faculty of Engineering '...0' Annual Alumni Dinner will be held on Saturday 25 September 6.30pm - Midnight, at the Hyatt Regency Auckland.

Tours of Auckland Campus and Tours of Ardmore and Tamaki will be held on Sat 25 and Sun 26 September.

Tickets to the dinner cost just $105.00 and tours are $25 per person. Don't delay - book your seat now!

Contact Sharon Andersen, External Relations Manager +64 9 373 7599 ext 88225 or s.andersen@auckland.ac.nz

Elam alumni exhibit work at Steel Gallery

CALLING - an exhibition of paintings and photography by Elam graduates Grant Whibley, Shruti Yatri and Jon Carapiet takes place at the New Zealand Steel Gallery Pukekohe 17 September - 19 October.

Read more on the Franklin Arts website

Chinese Alumni Club to strengthen networks
The University of Auckland is inviting Chinese graduates to join in celebrating the launch of the newly-formed Auckland Chinese Alumni Club later this year.

"The Chinese Alumni Club aims to connect, support and celebrate Chinese alumni in ways that are mutually beneficial to the graduates and the University" said Rachel Yang, President of the Chinese Alumni Club. The Club will be officially opened during a ceremony on October 11.

Read more about the club and the launch event

Alumni Host Family Dinner Scheme

The Host Family Dinner Scheme provides the opportunity for international students to be invited into a New Zealand home to enjoy our kiwi hospitality and to share experiences.

56 International students have signed up for the second semester and unfortunately there are not enough host families to accommodate them all. We would dearly love to place all the students with a Host family for dinner so need your help!

Read more on our website or email j.grey@auckland.ac.nz

Auckland Now - latest issue

Read about our new Centre for Brain Research; preserving ancient taonga; creating "healthbots" with Korea and the University's global networks in the latest issue of Auckland Now.

Read Auckland Now

Society gifts $100,000 to Foundation

A $100,000 gift from The University of Auckland Society to The University of Auckland Foundation was marked at a ceremony at University House on 4 August.
University of Auckland Society President
Associate Judge David Abbott (left) and
University of Auckland Foundation
Trustee Peter Hays.

New Zealand dads needed for parenting survey

New Zealand fathers are being sought by The University of Auckland’s Triple P Research Group for a parenting study.

The Triple P-Positive Parenting Research Group, which is based in the Faculty of Education, is running a study to investigate the acceptability and relevance of parenting programmes for dads.

Read more about the survey and how you can take part

Best wishes,
The Alumni Relations Team
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