Dear {FIRST_NAME},

Our congratulations go to Olympic medal winner and Young Alumnus of the Year 2007, Mahé Drysdale. We would also like to commend the spirited performances and achievements of all our alumni at Beijing. You can read more about our graduates at the games on the Alumni and Friends website.

New alumni representative elected to University Council

Dr Ian Parton was elected to the University Council last month following a Court of Convocation election which featured electronic voting for the first time and broadened eligibility to include all University alumni.

Read more about the Court of Convocation and the election result.

Photo galleries from Whangarei and Sydney

We've uploaded a selection of photos from the recent Alumni and Friends events in Whangarei and Sydney

Click here to view the Sydney gallery.

Click here to view the Whangarei gallery.

Eruption survivor and rescuer look to the future

The eruption of Mt Ruapehu and 13 operations to his legs hasn't stopped William Pike from a career in teaching after graduating from The University of Auckland.

Read more on the alumni and friends website.

Kea New Zealand to find missing overseas voters

New Zealanders living overseas have been vastly under-represented as voters in past General Elections - and so Kea New Zealand has launched a global campaign to encourage them to vote in this year's election.

New Zealand citizens can vote from anywhere in the world if they have visited New Zealand within the previous three years. If you fall into this category, we would encourage you to check your eligibility and enrol online.

Find out more on the Every Vote Counts website.

Making Their Mark: Damian Dempsey in Thailand

Kea Melbourne are hosting their first Business After 5 event featuring Dr Ian Brooks, one of Australasia's foremost authorities on business management and New Zealand's leading business author and speaker.

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Upcoming events

- 8 September Postgraduate roadshow - Wellington
- 9 September Postgraduate roadshow - Christchurch
- 10 September Postgraduate roadshow - Dunedin
- 11 September Kea Melbourne - 10 Steps to Becoming Customer Driven
- 22 September 2008 Robert Chapman Lecture: Polls versus Expectations - Howard's End in Australia and are there lessons for New Zealand?
- 23 September NICAI Postgraduate Information Evening
- 27 September 2008 Engineering Annual Alumni Dinner
- 10 October Hong Kong Alumni & Friends Reception
- 13 October Seoul Alumni & Friends reception 2008
- 15 October Beijing alumni & friends reception 2008
- 17 October Shanghai Alumni & Friends reception 2008

Book of the month

First Catch Your Weka: A Story of New Zealand Cooking
David Veart (UoA alumnus). PB; RRP $49.99; Alumni price $42.49

From Charles Heaphy to the Edmonds Cookery Book, Alison Holst to Allyson Gofton and on to the meal on your plate today, First Catch Your Weka tells the story of what New Zealanders cooked through the recipes we used.

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Theology graduate Damian Dempsey is working with the Marist Mission in Ranong, Thailand. The organisation strives to make life better for the poor and exploited people of the area, with a focus on education, care of persons with HIV-AIDS, and child protection.

Read Damian's profile on the alumni and friends website.

Read more alumni profiles from all over the globe on the Make Your Mark website.

Business School recognitions

The Business School has had two exciting recognitions.

Michael Groves (top left), Graduate School of Enterprise Director of Operations, has been inducted into the TVNZ New Zealand Marketing Hall of Fame.

Peter C. B. Phillips (bottom left), Distinguished Alumnus and Professor in the Department of Economics, has been made a Corresponding Fellow of the British Academy.

Read more on the Business School website.

Former VC recounts career

The University's second and longest-serving Vice-Chancellor, Sir Colin Maiden, has written his autobiography.

An Energetic Life recounts the highlights of a distinguished and varied career.

Read more on the Alumni and Friends website.

Host Families S.O.S.

The Host Families scheme, now in its third year, gives international students the chance to experience Kiwi hospitality.

The International Office has done so well in advertising the scheme this semester that we now have over 50 international students eager to have dinner in a Kiwi home, and not enough families to accommodate them.

We urgently need more host families to help. If you are at all interested and want to find out more please call Judith Grey on 09 373 7599 ext 82309 or email society@auckland.ac.nz.

NICAI Postgraduate Information Evening

This is your opportunity to meet staff and find out more about postgraduate study and research at the National Institute of Creative Arts and Industries.

NICAI offers a full range of Diploma, Masters and Doctoral programmes in Architecture, Planning, Urban Design, Dance Studies, Fine Arts, Music and Sound.
Alumni events planned for four North Asia Cities

Registration to the Alumni and Friends receptions are well under way. For further information to these forthcoming events please click on the links below.

Guest speaker and alumna Associate Professor Manying Ip, from the School of Asian Studies, will talk about the importance of national identity, the tension between nationalism and globalisation and diversity as a strength. Through her research she will show how immigrant groups like the Chinese and Koreans can make a significant impact, contributing to the well-being of both the country of origin and the host nation.

Hong Kong Alumni and Friends Reception 2008
10 October
More details about the Hong Kong event

Seoul Alumni and Friends Reception 2008
13 October
More details about the Seoul event

Beijing Alumni and Friends Reception 2008
15 October
More details about the Beijing event

Shanghai Alumni and Friends Reception 2008
17 October
More about the Shanghai event

Until next month,

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