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## University marae celebrates 20 years



Rangimārie Rāwiri and Lee Cooper are planning celebrations to mark Waipapa Marae's 20th birthday.

### Waipapa Marae marks its 20th birthday next February with a week of celebrations.

Incorporating the whare whakairo, whare kai and an academic wing, Waipapa Marae was opened at the University on 20 February, 1988. It is named after Waipapa, the landing place of canoes on what is now Beach Road opposite the Railway Station, and acknowledges Ngāti Whatua ki Orakei as the mana whenua of this area.

Planning is under way for a week of festivities from Monday 18 February to Sunday 24 February, with a representative from each faculty on the Rūnanga Celebration sub-committee.

"We've divided celebrations into two parts – internal and public," explains Lee Cooper, Project Manager in the Office of the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Equal Opportunities), who has chaired the celebration sub-committee to date. (Lee is going on leave soon and will be replaced on the sub-committee by Rangimārie Rāwiri, Taurima in the Māori Studies Department).

From Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February celebrations will focus on University staff and students with each faculty allocated a half-day

to hold a function in the wharekai (dining room) or a performance in Tāne-nui-a-Rangi – the whare whakairo (carved meeting house).

Friday night celebrations will extend to the public with a formal pōwhiri from the University, led by the Department of Māori Studies and the iwi of Ngāti Whatua. Saturday will be given over to a Waipapa Gala Day on the marae area and in Wynyard Street. A formal occasion on Saturday night will honour those involved in establishing the marae at the University, including awarding of Waipapa scholarships to Māori students. Celebrations will close with a karakia hakamutunga and breakfast on Sunday 24 February.

"The celebration is an opportunity for Māori alumni and retired staff to return and celebrate the marae's significance in creating a tūrangawaewae (place of belonging) for Māori," says Lee.

Prior to the marae opening, tohunga whakairo (master carver) Dr Pakariki Harrison and wife, tohunga raranga (master weaver) Mrs Hinemoa Harrison spent two years leading teams of carvers and weavers who worked on the whare whakairo.

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## Key events

### Maverick's work dissected

One of the maverick personalities dominating the University's School of Architecture in the mid-twentieth century was a tall Liverpoolian with abundant energy, Vernon Brown.

The contribution of Brown, whose houses epitomised the egalitarian ethos of New Zealand, can be seen in an exhibition which will continue until 24 November at the Gus Fisher Gallery. Curators Jonathan Gibb and Linda Tyler will discuss his work on 10 November at 1pm at the Gus Fisher Gallery.

### Telling you solemnly

When commissioned by Associate Professor Laurence Simmons (Film, Television and Media Studies) to provide a cover image for *Speaking Truth to Power: Public Intellectuals Rethink New Zealand*, John Reynolds had such fun that he produced a complete portfolio of works. These irreverent works are on show now at the Gus Fisher Gallery until 24 November. John Reynolds has also produced a site-specific installation for the foyer in response to the gallery's dramatic architecture. On 17 November at 1pm at the Gus Fisher Gallery he will speak about this work – *I Tell You Solemnly* – which borrows its name and texts from a poem by Anne Kennedy.

### After Darwin

Liggins Institute Director Professor Peter Gluckman will speak at an Auckland Museum Institute Darwin Lecture on the concept that environmental conditions during fetal life have an influence on adult health. Known as fetal programming this phenomenon promotes successful reproduction and survival in potentially adverse conditions. Its implications for biological and population health are now being explored in relation to evolutionary theory. The lecture will take place at the Auditorium at the Auckland Museum at Grafton at 7.30pm on 21 November. The cost is \$10, or \$5 for museum members. Bookings are recommended. Phone 306-7048 or email [bookings@aucklandmuseum.com](mailto:bookings@aucklandmuseum.com)

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## From the Vice-Chancellor

The Education (Tertiary Reforms) Amendment Bill was reported back to the House by the Education and Science Select Committee on 23 October.

As I reported in the 17 August issue of *University of Auckland News* the Bill, as originally drafted, was of considerable concern to the universities. It proposed to remove the requirement for charters as high level governance documents, provided for the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) to give strong direction to the universities and other tertiary institutions, and gave the TEC the ability to approve or reject any university activity, irrespective of whether or not it funded that activity. The Bill was thus seen as a potential threat to the autonomy of institutions as guaranteed by the Education Act. Not surprisingly, the Bill attracted significant comment and submissions from across the tertiary sector, including the New Zealand Vice Chancellors' Committee, The University of Auckland, and The University of Auckland Foundation.

I am pleased to say that many of the objectionable elements of the Bill have been struck out by the Select Committee. The clauses that would have allowed TEC control of all university activities have now been amended to make a clear distinction between those activities the TEC funds and those that the institution must report so as to give TEC an overview of total provision in the sector but over which the government can exert no control. The TEC may propose an amendment to an institution's Profile/Investment Plan, but it must prepare that amendment in consultation with the institution rather than simply imposing it. Language in the original Bill referring to the Crown's "proprietary interests" in the institutions has also been removed.

Our submission for the retention of charters was not accepted. This means that charters will no longer require Ministerial approval, although they may be retained by the institution as one of its own governance documents.

Overall, though, this is a good result and it demonstrates the benefits of engaging with the Select Committee process. The amended Bill, if adopted by the House, will provide an appropriate basis for our ongoing relationship with the TEC and with the new Minister of Tertiary Education, the Hon Pete Hodgson. In an interesting Cabinet reshuffle, Mr Hodgson will also be Minister of Economic Development and of Research, Science and Technology.



## Honour flows both ways



Dr Alan Bollard (left) and Dr Bruce Hadden.

**In an event distinguished by the wit and erudition of its speakers, Chancellor Hugh Fletcher conferred honorary doctorates on two eminent New Zealanders.**

"An honorary doctorate is the highest honour the University awards to an individual who has achieved greatness in his or her field," said the Chancellor. "It is also a two-way honour because the recipient honours the University by accepting, and thereby cementing this intimate connection with The University of Auckland."

Conferred with the degree of Doctor of Laws (Honoris causa) at the Maidment Theatre on 25 October were Dr Alan Bollard and Dr O. Bruce Hadden.

Dr Bollard, a Distinguished Alumnus of The University of Auckland (BA 1972, MA Economics 1974, PhD Economics 1977), has served in New Zealand's most influential economic posts. In 1998 he was appointed Secretary to the Treasury, which manages the Crown's finances and is the Government's principal economic adviser. He has been Governor of the Reserve Bank since 2002.

In the words of Professor Bryce Hool, Head of the Department of Economics, who delivered the eulogy: "It is no exaggeration to say that Alan Bollard's actions affect the lives of every New Zealander."

Alan Bollard is not the first in his family to be honoured by the University. His father Ted, a distinguished scientist (and former University Council member), was conferred with an honorary doctorate in 1983.

Dr Bruce Hadden, an ophthalmologist who has

directly contributed as an eye surgeon to the ocular health of New Zealanders, has also worked throughout his life to achieve the highest standards of professionalism for ophthalmologists.

One of his greatest contributions – according to Professor Charles McGhee (Maurice Paykel Chair of Ophthalmology) who delivered the eulogy – was the creation of the Royal New Zealand and Australian College of Ophthalmologists, an incorporation of the Royal Australian College of Ophthalmologists and the Ophthalmological Society of NZ, to which he was subsequently appointed as the first NZ President.

Dr Hadden's contribution to The University of Auckland has been equally remarkable.

"Bruce Hadden," said Professor McGhee, "has been absolutely fundamental to raising research funding for the Department of Ophthalmology, both in the form of substantial donations from his own benevolent trust, and by encouraging others to consider support of the University department – thus we have created two Chairs in ten years.

"His conviction was that academic ophthalmology would only flourish under a full Chair of Ophthalmology, and I am glad to say that much of his vision has been achieved since we have now grown from a handful of researchers to an extremely active department of 35 staff."

The evening was distinguished not only by the calibre of its speakers but also by the quality of its musical items, performed by Amalia Hall (violin) and John-Paul Muir (piano) from the School of Music.

After the ceremony guests joined Drs Bollard and Hadden for refreshments in the Maidment foyer.

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Unlike meeting houses on tribal marae, the University house is not associated with any one tribe; it represents all major tribes. Its name Tāne-nui-a-Rangi refers to Tāne who ascended to Te Toi-O-Ngā-Rangi to bring back the three kits of knowledge.

"The marae is a metaphor for Te Ao Mārama (a Māori world view) where Māori language, customs, and culture are taught in the institution," says Lee. "It is a place where Māori can stand and be proud as tangata whenua in the institution."

Today the marae is used by most faculties and

community groups for conferences, live-ins, seminars and Māori graduation. It has also been used for book launches, live performances and hui of staff and students.

More information on the 20-year celebrations will be posted this month on the "Māori at the University" link of the University website. Watch too for a blog by Distinguished Professor Dame Anne Salmond and Dr Merimeri Penfold, telling some of the marae's history and inviting participation from readers.

# Valuable scholarship taking Auckland graduate to Oxford



Joel Harrison.

Joel Harrison, a law and arts graduate from The University of Auckland, has won a prestigious Woolf Fisher Scholarship for 2008.

He is the first lawyer to receive the scholarship which will enable him to study for a doctorate at the University of Oxford on the law and religious freedom.

Each year three of the scholarships, worth up to \$100,000 annually, are awarded for up to four years of doctoral study at either Oxford or Cambridge.

Joel, originally from Howick in Auckland, graduated in 2006 with an LLB Honours and a BA majoring in English. He has been Judge's Clerk to Justice Grant Hammond at the Court of Appeal in Wellington for nearly two years, engaged in legal research, opinion writing, editing and analysis. This year, he has also taught legal research and writing at Victoria University of Wellington.

His DPhil thesis will examine the role the law plays in defining religious belief, doctrine and action through the process and principles

governing the regulation of religious speech and conduct.

The two fastest growing religions in the world, Pentecostal Christianity and Islam, seek a fuller role for faith in public life, says Joel. Liberal political thought and the law divide belief and practice yet, to many adherents, acting publicly is central to their faith. For instance, for Muslims, the injunction for women to wear covering can be viewed as an act of duty and public declaration.

"While Christianity in New Zealand is in overall decline, Pentecostals have increased by 60 percent since 1991 and Muslims by 490 percent. As has happened in Britain and Europe, conflicting claims of religious expression and public secularism – over such issues as corporal punishment, hate-speech regulation, and school dress codes – will increasingly arise."

On completing his studies at Oxford, Joel plans to pursue an academic career in New Zealand, teaching, writing and doing opinion work for private bodies and government agencies.

Joel was educated at Macleans College where he was top in English and classical studies in his final year, and gained the senior prizes for drama and debating. As one of the top three law graduates in his year at the Auckland Law School he was a Senior Scholar in Law. He also received the J.P. Campbell Prize for the student with the top grades in his or her final two papers, and the Sir Alexander Johnstone and A.G. Davis Scholarships in Law for academic excellence.

He was a founding member of the Equal Justice Project and is a volunteer at the Wellington Community Law Centre.

The Woolf Fisher Trust was set up in 1960 to advance education through fellowships and scholarships. The scholarships to Oxford and Cambridge were established in 2003.

## NZVCC learning opportunity

Six general staff will experience a week of intensive learning at the 2007 New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee Administrative Course, to be held from 18 to 23 November at Lincoln University.

The staff selected to represent the University are Lynda Jones, Department Manager, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Faculty of Engineering; Peter Cattin, Technical Manager, School of Biological Sciences, Faculty of Science; Lynette Herrero-Torres, Administration Manager, Centre for Academic Development; Min-Young Lee, Academic Administrator, Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science; Trish Hiestand, Accounts Administrator, Liggins Institute; and Janet D'Souza, Department Manager, Department of Commercial Law, Faculty of Business and Economics.

The annual NZVCC Administrators' Course provides general staff from universities across Australasia with a unique and challenging opportunity to further their understanding of the

role of tertiary institutions in our society, to develop their current professional strengths and to network with other general staff.

A nomination and selection process is essential, because of the limited number of spaces allocated annually to each university.

During the six-day course participants will attend lectures and workshops, work with case studies and participate in syndicates, preparing a major project that will be presented to all course participants on the final day.

Course objectives are to identify and examine current issues affecting tertiary education; to develop practical strategies for a changing university environment; to develop and practise skills to manage effectively; to build on professional skills in areas of interest; and to provide encouragement for networking and team building.

Congratulations again to the staff selected.

For further information about this annual course, contact the Staff and Organisational Development, Human Resources.

## ... in brief

### Scientists share oceans' secrets

Two hundred of the world's leading marine biologists will gather from 14 to 16 November at the University's Owen G Glenn Building to share latest insights on marine life from the poles to the tropics. This major meeting of a global marine research programme, the Census of Marine Life, is being jointly hosted by the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) and The University of Auckland. The Census is a ten-year initiative to assess and explain the diversity, distribution, and abundance of marine life – past, present, and future. Ending in 2010, it involves a growing global network of nearly 2000 researchers in more than 80 nations, making it the largest ever global-scale marine biology research programme. The Census has discovered more than 5300 new, undescribed marine animals since 2003.

### Contributing to the community

Among staff elected in the recent local body elections are Leila Boyle (Student Learning Centre) and Christine O'Brien (Auckland University Press). Leila was re-elected to the Auckland City Council as the top polling councillor in the Tamaki Maungakiekie Ward, while Christine was elected to the Tamaki Community Board. If other staff have taken office as a result of the local body elections, *University News* would be pleased to hear about them.

### Keen participants wanted for software research

The University's Centre for Software Innovation (CSI) is calling for software companies to take part in a research project to improve their business performance. The project has been made possible by a \$3.4 million grant from the Foundation for Research Science and Technology. Over the next 12 months, the Centre will survey companies on their software process and product improvement, or "SPPI". It will then work with selected companies to improve the quality of their systems and the productivity of their software development. Professor John Grundy, CSI Co-Director, says the Centre's applied research could return significant benefits to participating companies – which must also be willing to invest staff time and to host students. To register for the project visit [www.csi.ac.nz/services/software-process-and-product-improvement](http://www.csi.ac.nz/services/software-process-and-product-improvement) or contact John Grundy at [spipi@csi.ac.nz](mailto:spipi@csi.ac.nz)

# The new science



*Dr Mark Anderson from IBM (foreground) sits in on a Service Science class with Professor Ananth Srinivasan (centre) and Professor Rod Brodie (right).*

A fresh field of study has emerged, hailed by some as a new science.

Service Science is gaining momentum around the world; in 2007 it was introduced to the curriculum at The University of Auckland.

Service Science recognises that the services sector is now dominant in the international economy, in New Zealand making up more than 65 percent of GDP. This means firms increasingly need to consider the service and experience they are providing to customers,

rather than just the product.

The Business School runs a semester-long course in Service Science, which can be taken by any postgraduate student. The first intake marked their completion in October by presenting research projects to a panel of industry experts.

One of those experts, Dr Mark Anderson, Engagement Manager Public Sector, IBM, says the new subject asks "how can we apply a scientific research approach to improving

productivity and services in a business?

"Service Science is very multi-disciplinary. It draws together aspects of computer science, management, engineering, and social sciences. A Service Science system is a practical way to integrate many of the great ideas coming out of the various disciplines."

According to Mark Anderson, there is high industry demand for people trained in Service Science. Because it is multidisciplinary, he says, they can bring a wider range of perspectives to problem solving.

"The service scientist is a new breed of innovator. The industry needs people who are trained in Service Science, and who will have a mix of IT, technology, business and management skills. These are the skills that will be required in a services-led economy."

IBM is a major advocate for the introduction of Service Science to universities around the world.

The first students to complete the course worked in groups to present research projects of major relevance to business managers. Their projects were critiqued by Mark Anderson and Tony Bullen, Managing Director from Stay in Front. The projects covered "The service-oriented hospital"; "The cost of hypo/hyper connectivity to a value network"; and "Intellectual property in a co-created world".

Professor Ananth Srinivasan, Co-Director of the Business School's Centre of Digital Enterprise, says a representative from industry attends and contributes to every Service Science class meeting, ensuring the course maintains a balance between academic rigour and industry relevance.

Visit: [www.code.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.code.auckland.ac.nz)

# Building better connections



*Left to right are Stuart McCutcheon, Brenda Davis, Liz Eglinton, (HR Connect+), Kevin Simpkin (HR Admin Payroll), Katherine Rive (HR Connect+), Associate Professor Larry Murphy (Department of Property, Business School); Sue Cathersides (HR Connect+), Jose Machado (Senior HR Adviser) and Melissa Wright (HR Coordinator).*

Professor Stuart McCutcheon, Vice-Chancellor, took a first hand look at the work of the HR Connect+ team when he visited the project office and joined one of the HR process redesign

workshops which are now under way.

The HR Connect+ project is implementing new HR and payroll software, PeopleSoft v9, for the University.

The workshop the Vice-Chancellor joined was one of many being run by the HR Connect+ team which is working closely with faculty and service division representatives to improve HR and payroll processes and policies. Workshop attendees are also looking for opportunities to adopt consistent HR frameworks for common processes to standardise the delivery of HR services.

When installed, the new system will provide better reporting and improve the ability of each faculty and service division to administer and manage their "people" processes. In addition, staff with access to PCs will be able to apply for leave and have it approved directly online through the enhanced HR Connect Employee Self Service (ESS) features.

What this means in terms of changing work practices for users of the new HR system is being monitored by the project's change management team. The aim is to effect a smooth transition to new ways of working when the system goes live in September 2008, making sure that everyone who will need to use the new system is identified and trained.

To find out more about the HR Connect+ project contact Liz Meyers on ext 83182 or email [hrconnect@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:hrconnect@auckland.ac.nz)



*Pictured with Vice-Chancellor Professor Stuart McCutcheon (top left) and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Raewyn Dalziel (top right) are Emeritus Professors Jack Woodward (Electrical and Electronic Engineering), Alan Poletti (Physics), John Carman (Anatomy), Barry Welch (Chemicals and Material Engineering) and John Gavin (Pathology).*

*From bottom left are Emeritus Professors Keith Sorrenson (History), Jock Brookfield (Law), Ranginui Walker (Māori Studies), Peter Bartlett (Architecture) and David Cole (Medicine).*

### What collective noun do you use to describe ten emeritus professors?

This was the conundrum at the annual Golden Graduates luncheon held at the Langham Hotel on 29 October.

Among more than 200 senior alumni who attended this year's event – the largest ever – were ten emeritus professors.

Keen to mark this confluence of former academic staff members, John Taylor, Director of External Relations, ran a small competition seeking an appropriate moniker for them. Suggestions included “a cerebrum” of emeritus professors, “a loquacity” and “a pod” but eventually former staff member Associate Professor John Richards’ suggestion of “an emeritocracy” won the day.

## CAD's way of the future

“Virtually there” is the intriguing title of the first two in a series of themed events for the Centre for Academic Development's 2007 Annual Teaching and Learning Showcase.

This year's new format will feature a series of events to be held between 12 and 22 November. These will focus on topical issues for the institution, and bring together expertise from the University and from Ministry of Education-funded initiatives.

“Virtually there” will comprise two sessions, both to be held at CAD, 76 Symonds Street. On 12 November from 2pm to 4pm a demonstration and hands-on session of online collaboration tools will be presented by Iain Doherty and Adam Blake. On 13 November from 9am to 12noon, a series of short presentations will highlight pedagogical uses of today's Web 2.0 technologies, including the virtual university within Second Life.

A session on “Teaching and learning unbound: The internationalisation agenda” will take place on 16 November from 9.30am to 4pm, also at CAD, 76 Symonds Street. Many research-intensive universities, including The University of Auckland, have a broad internationalisation agenda. These ambitions can, at times, seem remote from the teaching role of staff. This one-day event exploring internationalisation in relation to teaching and learning from different angles will be presented by

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) Professor Raewyn Dalziel opened official proceedings at this year's Golden Graduates function with an update on the University, highlighting successes such as the increase in school leaver and postgraduate enrolments and PBRF funding. The New Zealand Trio then performed pieces from Chausson, Turina, Chris Cree Brown and Paul Schoenfield.

After lunch Professor Richard Faull (Anatomy with Radiology) captivated the audience as he explained in detail his work on neurogenesis, illustrating how adult human brains make new cells.

“Keep your brains switched on,” he told alumni. “That's the environment that stimulates new brain cells and is critical for life.”

Barbara Grant and guests.

“What is the point of an ePortfolio?” A panel discussion on the concept and implementation of an electronic portfolio, a new arrival on the education scene, will take place on 22 November from 10am to 12noon in Engineering Lecture Theatre 439, 22 Symonds Street. This will be facilitated by five of New Zealand's leading authorities, offering a 360-degree view of the topic from developer, designer and user perspectives.

The question under discussion on 22 November from 1pm to 3pm in Engineering Lecture Theatre 439 is “eLearning systems: Which way is the future?” Networked Learning Management Systems and Open Educational Resources are one view of the future for elearning. Another view is proprietary systems with carefully managed access safeguarding the intellectual property within. Which of these should universities pursue, and are the options mutually exclusive? This session will be presented by Richard Wyles, co-founder and Director of Flexible Learning Network, steering committee member for Mahara Open Source ePortfolio Project, and founder of EduForge virtual collaborative learning environment.

Further information and registration details can be accessed through [www.cad.auckland.ac.nz/](http://www.cad.auckland.ac.nz/) or by calling CAD Reception on ext 88140.

## Terrorism suppression legislation needs greater scrutiny

The recent media coverage of the Terrorism Suppression Act is long overdue but unfortunately there is no sign yet that it will spark any proper scrutiny or meaningful debate on the underlying issues.

The legislation, which has been in place since 2002, was contentious from the start. Among other things, it allows the Prime Minister to designate an entity as “terrorist” if there are reasonable grounds for believing that it has carried out a “terrorist act”.

Apart from feeding into various criminal provisions in the Act, there are a number of consequences of designation, which primarily involve suspension of property rights, particularly, the freezing of funds. Ultimately, property can be forfeited to the Crown.

There was overwhelming opposition to the provisions at the time based on human rights concerns, the elastic definition of “terrorist” and the lack of procedural safeguards. Nonetheless, the proposals were approved by Parliament and enacted into law.

There are currently over 450 designations in effect in New Zealand.

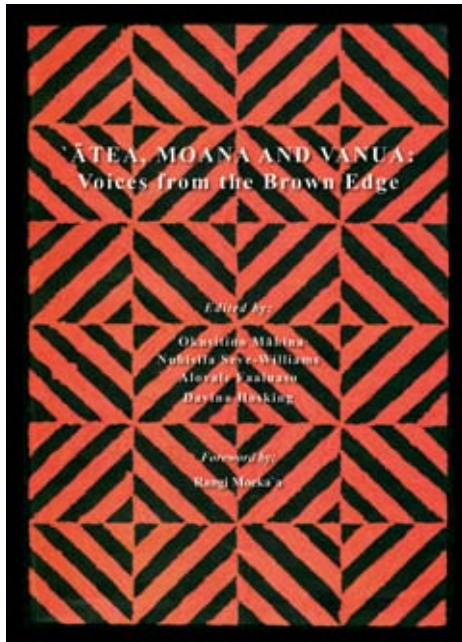
Every one has been put in place because those entities have been designated terrorist by the United Nations Security Council.

A proposed amendment to the legislation is currently before Parliament and, among other things, it will remove much (but, it needs to be noted, not all) of the judicial scrutiny from the designation process. This is a mistake.

Experience from overseas is demonstrating that the Security Council designation process is far from perfect, and that mistakes have been made. Our blind faith in the Security Council is badly misguided. We are removing safeguards from the misuse of executive power at a time when there are increasing calls internationally for greater oversight of the Security Council.

There is no question that some counter-terrorism legislation is required as a matter of practical necessity and as a legal obligation under the United Nations Charter. However, there is also no question that fundamental human rights obligations of New Zealand, in particular the right to due process, cannot and should not be sacrificed on the altar of the “war on terror”.

Treasa Dunworth  
Faculty of Law



## ‘Ātea, Moana and Vanua

Subtitled *Voices from the Brown Edge* this new Pacific book was co-edited by Dr ‘Okusitino Māhina (Anthropology), with three postgraduate students – Nuhisifa Seve-Williams (PhD Education), Alovale Faaiuasoa (MA Pacific Studies) and Davina Hosking (MA Geography) – and with a foreword by Rangī Moeka’a, an arts student at Auckland in the 1960s and later a lecturer in Cook Islands Māori in the Centre for Pacific Studies.

Co-authored by the editors and others, this book was written specifically for the celebrations of the tenth anniversary of the Auckland University Pacific Islands Students Association (AUPISA) Inc, which took place between 18 and 21 October.

The launch of the book was followed by a one-day conference and an evening of community seminars and other activities of educational and social significance. Some events were attended by Vice-Chancellor, Professor Stuart McCutcheon and other senior members of staff.

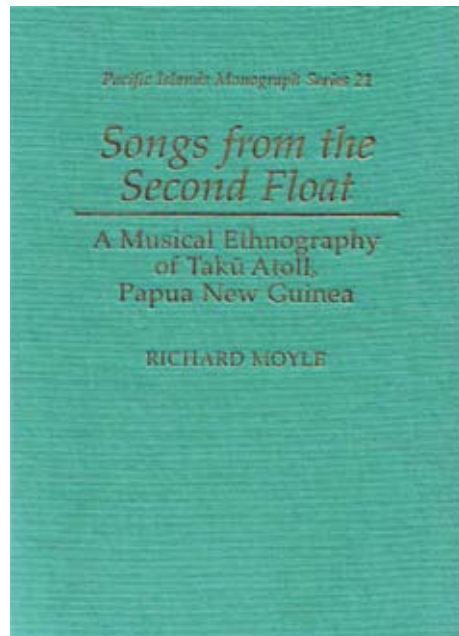
The book records an important epoch in the academic struggle of Pacific peoples at the University. Its title, ‘Ātea, Moana and Vanua, points symbolically to the voyages of their ancestors in the past, to the present journeys of Pacific people and to the educational pathways of the generations yet to come.

The six chapters each represent some of the University’s main Pacific ethnic groups – Cook Islands, Fijian, Niuean, Samoan and Tongan – dating back to the early 1950s when students from a number of Pacific countries began to take up their studies at the University. Each chapter includes critical remarks on Pacific education generally and is followed by a list of graduates up to, and including, 2007.

An emerging Tongan artist Uili Lousi designed the highly abstract cover art, *fata-`o-Tu`i-Tonga*, in red and black colours, derived from customary Tongan *tufunga lalava*, the material art of line-

space intersection, which has been developed in new ways by internationally renowned, New Zealand-based Tongan artist Filipe Tohi

This book is about the growing Pacific academic connection with The University of Auckland, situated in what is known as the largest Pacific city in the world.



## Songs from the Second Float

This is a truly remarkable book, from Associate Professor Richard Moyle, director of Pacific Studies and director of the Archive of Māori and Pacific Music.

Based on a decade of fieldwork, *Songs from the Second Float: A Musical Ethnography of Takū Atoll, Papua New Guinea* gives a comprehensive analysis of the musical life of a unique Polynesian community, whose geographical isolation, together with a local ban on missionaries and churches, combine to allow its 600 members to maintain a level of traditional cultural practices unique to the region.

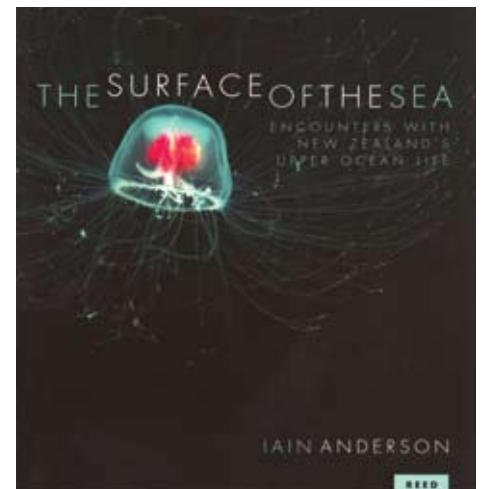
Takū is arguably the only location where traditional Polynesian religion continues to be practised. This book explores the many ways in which spirit activities impact on domestic and ritual life, how group singing and dancing give expression to a variety of religious beliefs, and how spirit mediums relay songs and dances from the recent dead.

After the population was reduced by an introduced epidemic to a mere 11 people in the late nineteenth century, the island was then unwittingly sold to the legendary “Queen” Emma, and the community was forced to live in confinement for 40 years before being allowed to buy back their own land.

Takū’s present population is living testimony to a heritage of courage, determination, and loyalty to traditional practices and forms of social

authority. The atoll community of some 160 adults has more than a thousand songs in its active repertoire, and artistic performances typically occupy more than 20 hours per week, as men and women constantly affirm and celebrate among themselves the twin pillars of Takū society, egalitarianism and reciprocity.

This book allows expert singers and dancers to speak passionately for themselves on subjects they understand intimately. Published in association with the Center for Pacific Islands Studies, University of Hawai’i, it will be of immense value to Pacific studies, and will assume a place among the recognised staples of ethnomusicological research.



## The Surface of the Sea

Dr Iain Anderson is not only a senior lecturer with the Department of Engineering Science and a principal investigator for the Bioengineering Institute but is also an avid underwater photographer and photojournalist.

In his new book, *The Surface of the Sea: Encounters with New Zealand’s Upper Ocean Life*, he takes us into the top ten metres or so of water that is the key to the entire ocean’s great food web, where microscopic bacteria, bus-sized whale sharks, poison-filled eels and a myriad of squid and plants partake in the daily struggle to stay alive.

Iain describes how, through a painful experience with jellyfish, he first became interested in this dynamic and often taken-for-granted part of the ocean. His interest has continued to grow, and in this book he takes readers on a magical adventure into the waters surrounding New Zealand. The combination of accurate and accessible text with Iain’s lavish photographs make this an absorbing ecological experience, unfolding some of the mysteries of how the creatures in this part of the ocean move, breed, feed and survive.

This book is not a comprehensive guide to all things living in the top ten metres of the ocean, but is rather a window into the author’s own love affair with these life forms and the experiences they provide.

Published in Auckland by Reed Publishing Ltd, it is informative, inspiring and a feast for the eyes.

# From the collection

## Art

Seeking escape from the “Tower of Babel” – Auckland’s 1ZB radio station – Rex Fairburn (1904-1957) started printing with hand blocks in October 1946.

His aim was to finance a departure from broadcasting and a return to writing poetry. Using native plant and animal forms including ferns, shells and tuatara, he created a range of fabrics in four colour ways. A display in the window of a furniture shop in Customs Street was quickly removed when the owner was “driven mad by enquiries”. Time to write remained a problem. He wrote to Charles Brasch “My fabric-printing goes along at a trot. [I must] avoid being obsessed by the thought of money every hour of my waking life... little or no verse gets written.”

Later in 1947 fellow artist Theo Schoon (1915-1985) sent him photographs and drawings of the South Island Māori rock art he was cataloguing for the Department of Internal Affairs, urging Fairburn to publicise the designs. Unsure of whether the artists were Māori or Moriori, Fairburn wrote an article first for *Action* magazine in 1948 then for *Home and Building* in 1949 both entitled “Polynesian Cave Drawings”, in which he published Schoon’s photographs and one of his own prints, explaining: “My own interest in these drawings began when Mr Schoon sent me a bundle of photographs and tracings. Before that time I had,

like a good New Zealander, been quite unaware that any such things existed. New Zealanders have not yet awoken to the fact that in these drawings they have a cultural possession of the very highest



value...The aesthetic quality for the student of art is astonishing...”

Fairburn experimented with hand-blocking the motifs in primary colours onto Indian cotton and calico. He sent some to John Male (1913-2003) who was working for the United Nations in New York and 25 of them sold there for US\$75 immediately. Male took them to the editors of *Architectural Forum* and to art dealers in Greenwich Village, and then arranged for the art and craft shop in the lobby of the UN building to stock the designs, and Fairburn was able to sell dozens there at US\$7.50 each.

Despite such success, Fairburn abandoned fabric printing for the greater financial security of a tutoring positing in the English Department at Auckland University College which he took up in March 1948, before becoming a lecturer at the Elam School of Fine Arts in March 1950.

Created after Fairburn’s death in 1957 by his son Hanno, this fabric print was made using the original linoleum blocks. At the centre of the design are two taniwha based on drawings from the roof of a limestone cave near Pleasant Point, on the Opihi River. The tails of the taniwha entwine to form the koru shape seen in kowhaiwhai patterning, and would prove influential for Gordon Walters, who was visiting Theo Schoon in South

Canterbury in 1947. As it was Fairburn’s friend, architect Vernon Brown, who in 1944 suggested that he print fabric for his livelihood, this work has been included in the exhibition “Vernon Brown: From the architecture archive” currently on show at the Gus Fisher Gallery until 24 November.

Linda Tyler

*Arthur Rex Dugard Fairburn (1904-1957)  
Māori Rock Drawings, c. 1940*

*Linoleum print on linen mounted on board, printed by Hanno Fairburn to a design by A.R.D. Fairburn, 632 x 1080. The University of Auckland Art Collection*

## Shelley Taylor, 1964-2007



Shelley Taylor.

Shelley Taylor was a librarian at the University Library for more than 12 years.

She was a much loved friend and colleague, a sociable person full of enthusiasm, offering friendship and sharing her droll humour and her an infectious smile.

Shelley was educated at Selwyn College from 1977 to 1981. She graduated from The University of Auckland, receiving a BA (with majors in French and Spanish) and an MA in French (second class honours, first division). After graduation and before starting her library qualification she took a

summer holiday position at the French International School in Hong Kong in 1986.

On her return to New Zealand she went on to graduate with a Diploma of Librarianship from Victoria University of Wellington while working as a Library Assistant at the National Library of New Zealand.

Shelley had a passion for things French, and in 1988-1989 she went to Paris to teach at the Lycée la Fontaine and the Institut des Langues Occidentales.

On her return she joined The University of Auckland Library as an Overseas Interloans Librarian, before leaving to work at the National Library of New Zealand as Primary Reference Librarian. Shelley returned to The University of Auckland Library in 1995 to take up the position of Information Services Manager and subsequently Arts Information Services Manager.

During her time as Subject Librarian Shelley met many graduate students and offered her advice unstintingly. Over the years she offered tutorials in the library, and supported the research of staff and students in the School of European Languages and Literatures. She had a vast knowledge of the research resources available for European languages. Shelley’s enthusiasm for helping staff and students extended to all Arts disciplines. She was very pleased with the library

web pages she created and her work was greatly appreciated by the students.

The Latin American Studies Programme expressed “its deepest appreciation for Shelley Taylor’s magnificent contribution to the establishment of the country’s most comprehensive collection in this field. The loss of Shelley’s expertise, dedication, diligence, guidance and warmth will be irreplaceable for us. She will be greatly missed.”

One of her favourite expressions was “moving right along” and she looked to the future with hope. Shelley was always excited by challenges. She was delighted with the new digital resources that have become available over the last few years, and frequently emailed colleagues with help, hints, and suggestions.

Shelley was diagnosed with cancer a few years ago, which she faced with unflinching fortitude and optimism. Despite her illness Shelley looked forward to working with her colleagues. She was dedicated to her career and continued working up to early October.

Shelley was a devoted aunt, proudly displaying pictures of her nephews and their art. Our sympathy goes to her parents Elva and John, to her sister Carley, and her extended family.

She will be greatly missed.

Arts Information Services

# What's on

## FRIDAY 9 NOVEMBER

### CAD workshop

Dr Rachel Spronken-Smith, University of Otago: *Strengthening research-teaching links through inquiry approaches*.

9.30am-12.30pm CAD Seminar Rm, Fifth floor, 76 Symonds St. Register at [cadreception@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:cadreception@auckland.ac.nz)

Queries to [bm.grant@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:bm.grant@auckland.ac.nz)

**Planning and affordability workshop**  
Prof Glen Bramley, UoA Foundation Visitor. 9.30am-12.30pm East Studio, Level 6, School of Architecture.

### 2007 Bruce Jesson Lecture

Laila Harre, National Secretary, National Distribution Union: *Union relevance in Aotearoa in the 21st century*. 6.30pm Maidment Theatre. The bar will be open from 5.30pm. A collection for donations to the Bruce Jesson Trust will be taken.

## SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER

### Elam Open Days 2007

10am-6pm (today and Sunday) 20 Whitaker Place and 9 Mount St. An annual weekend-long art extravaganza showcasing the works of more than 120 final-year undergraduates and post-graduates. Phone 373-7599 ext 88000. View [www.creative.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.creative.auckland.ac.nz)

## MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER

### SBS research seminar

Richard Newcomb, (PhD) Molecular Olfaction, HortResearch: *Aphrodisiac pheromones: The other half of the insect sex pheromone story*. 1-2pm BLT 100. Queries to Mark Hauber on ext 89436, or [m.hauber@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:m.hauber@auckland.ac.nz)

### University of Auckland Foundation Visitor seminar

Prof Glen Bramley: *Better neighbourhoods, better schools and services*. 3-4.30pm HSB 429.

## TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER

### Business School/Dept of ISOM seminar

Prof Basie von Solms, World President of the International Federation for Information Processing: *The IT Risk and Compliance Management System, University of Johannesburg*. 12.30-1.30pm Case Room 1, (Rm 260-005), Owen G. Glenn Bldg, Business School, 12 Grafton Rd. Queries to H. Braddock, ext 84518 or [h.braddock@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:h.braddock@auckland.ac.nz)

## WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER

### Census of Marine Life Symposium

Until 16 Nov. Owen G. Glenn Bldg, UoA. Hosted by (NIWA) and UoA. Visit [www.coml.org/](http://www.coml.org/)

### Orientation to doctoral education policy and process at UoA

Dr Barbara Grant, CAD and Prof Gregor Coster, Dean of Graduate Studies. 9.30-11.30am Seminar Rm, Graduate Centre, East wing, ClockTower. Queries to [cadreception@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:cadreception@auckland.ac.nz)

### The art of graduate research supervision

Barbara Grant, CAD. 1-4.30pm CAD Seminar Rm, Fifth Floor, 76 Symonds St. Queries to [cadreception@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:cadreception@auckland.ac.nz)

## THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER

### Electrical and Computer Engineering one-day seminar series – Virtual instrumentation in engineering education; NI LabVIEW

10am-4.30pm Rm 1.439, School of Engineering, 20 Symonds St. Queries to Dr Waleed Abdulla, [w.abdulla@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:w.abdulla@auckland.ac.nz)

## FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER

### Second International Symposium on the Law of Remedies: Advancing the common law of remedies: Praxis and pedagogy throughout the Commonwealth

Hyatt Regency, Auckland. Over 20 leading specialists from around the world will write and lead interactive discussions. Queries/RSVP visit [www.uwindsor.ca/law/remedies](http://www.uwindsor.ca/law/remedies)

### HSNO Lab Managers Workshop

9.30am-12.30pm, Workshop Rm 838, Level 8, 1-11 Short St. For HSNO Exempt Laboratory Managers who are required by the University to attend. Bookings and queries to ext 85070 or [je.wilson@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:je.wilson@auckland.ac.nz)

### The City Form Project: The influence of urban form on social sustainability and the quality of life

Prof Glen Bramley, UoA Foundation Visitor. 11am ALR5, Bldg 421, Architecture, 26 Symonds St.

## TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER

### Bioengineering research seminar

Dr Wim Lammers, Dept of Physiology, Al Ain, UAE: *An overview of high-resolution electrical mapping in gastro-intestinal organs*. 4-5pm 2nd Floor Seminar Rm (439.201), Dept of Engineering Science.

## WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER

### Orientation to The University of Auckland for new staff

9am-12.30pm, FGW Rm, OGH. For new staff employed for more than 20 hours a week on permanent contracts or fixed term contracts of at least 12 months. Bookings and queries to ext 85070 or [je.wilson@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:je.wilson@auckland.ac.nz)

### Auckland Museum Institute Darwin lecture

Prof PD Gluckman, Director, Liggins Institute, UoA: *Darwin and medicine*. 7.30pm Auditorium, Auckland Museum, Auckland Domain, Grafton. Email [bookings@aucklandmuseum.com](mailto:bookings@aucklandmuseum.com)

## THURSDAY 22 NOVEMBER

### Royal Society of NZ and Auckland Museum Institute lecture

Prof Paul Callaghan, FRS FRSNZ: *Beyond the farm and the theme park*. 7pm Auditorium, Auckland War Memorial Museum, Auckland Domain, Grafton. Email [bookings@aucklandmuseum.com](mailto:bookings@aucklandmuseum.com)

# Classifieds

## ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

### Auckland Central, Remuera.

Need holiday accommodation? Between homes? Attending Summer School? Fully-furnished flat available from 10 Dec 2007 until 31 March 2008. Two bdrms, completely self-contained, quiet, sunny, leafy. Suit 1 or 2 mature professionals,

n/s. Refs please. Stay long or short period. \$170 pw includes rates, lawns, phone rental. Enquiries to (027) 310-4652.

**Devonport.** Very spacious, sunny, furnished, one-bdrm character flat in Devonport. Close to the beach, park, ferry, and village. Available from December until June. Phone 445-7289.

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**London house swap.** Delightful sunny, warm contemporary new house in Barnes, London, for swap in early 2008 to careful and attentive single person or couple. Dates/period flexible, up to 2-3 months. Suitable for 1-2 adults. 2 bdrms, garden, private, detached. Free secure parking, car swap. I am a retired NZ woman professional looking for a house/apartment in one of the older inner suburbs of Auckland including Devonport/Takapuna/St Heliers. References required and supplied. Contact Anna Sanders, 020 8748-1669 or email [annasanders2004@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annasanders2004@yahoo.co.uk)

**Point Chevalier:** three-bdrm family home. Modern kitchen and bathroom. Separate toilet. Dble carport. Osp for another car. Available late Jan/Feb 2008. Owners overseas 12-13 months. Furnished is negotiable if required. Handy to public transport, ten minutes to CBD. Ph (09) 849-3110 or email [tonylindquist1@hotmail.com](mailto:tonylindquist1@hotmail.com)

**Short-term rental,** Princes Wharf. Furnished, one-room apartment literally on water. Near free bus to city locations every ten minutes, which are no more than ten minutes walk anyway. Available from this Dec to next March (neg). \$290 pw. Economy price, business facility. Contact Shane (021) 163-8348 or [shane.yushen@gmail.com](mailto:shane.yushen@gmail.com)

**Two bedroom apartment in Parliament St** (opposite the High Court). Separate kitchen, lounge, bthrm and terrace. \$325 pw. Phone (0274) 749-741 or 444-5348.

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## ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

**Female lecturer.** Available for house-sitting or furnished one- or two-bdrm apartment to rent February 2008 for 6-13 months (or longer). Email [m.inoue@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:m.inoue@auckland.ac.nz) or phone (09) 623-3738.

**Professional married couple from Vancouver,** Canada, seek rental accommodation from 5 Feb-28 March 2008. They would prefer close to the city core – Parnell, Ponsonby, Grey Lynn

etc. This query is on behalf of my NZ-born nephew and his wife. Please email [v.parslow@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:v.parslow@auckland.ac.nz) or phone 373-7599 ext 89054.

**Writer available to housesit** mid to late December for up to two months. Good gardener. Please ring Marian on (04) 385-9540 or [eudemonix@gmail.com](mailto:eudemonix@gmail.com)

## HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

**Onemana/Whangamata** available from 27 December onwards. Three bdrms, sleeps 6-8 from \$150 p/n. Good views, close to beach, no pets and n/s preferred. Contact Loretta Roberts on (06) 757-4794 or (027) 441-9727 or [loretta.imac@xtra.co.nz](mailto:loretta.imac@xtra.co.nz)

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**Nautilus NR1000 Recumbent cycle.** Selling as I'm moving out of Auckland. In almost new condition. Purchased ten months ago from Elite Fitness. Has ten-year frame and one-year parts warranty. \$1694 RRP but only \$950 asking price. Contact Monique on extension 48391 or [m.esplin@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:m.esplin@auckland.ac.nz)

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**Psychoanalytic-psychotherapy.** A wide variety of problems may lead someone to consider psychoanalytic treatment. These include depression, anxiety, relationship problems, phobias, eating disorders, drug addiction, and trauma. I am a psychoanalytic-psychotherapist working in central Auckland. I work with adults, adolescents and children. Contact Dr Lucy Holmes on (021) 298-2951. **Women mentors needed for the YWCA Future Leaders mentoring programme.** Future Leaders aims to strengthen communities by providing young women aged 14-18 with positive role models who will encourage them to reach their full potential. It's a great chance to give back! Email [mentors@akywca.org.nz](mailto:mentors@akywca.org.nz) or phone (09) 375-9248.

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