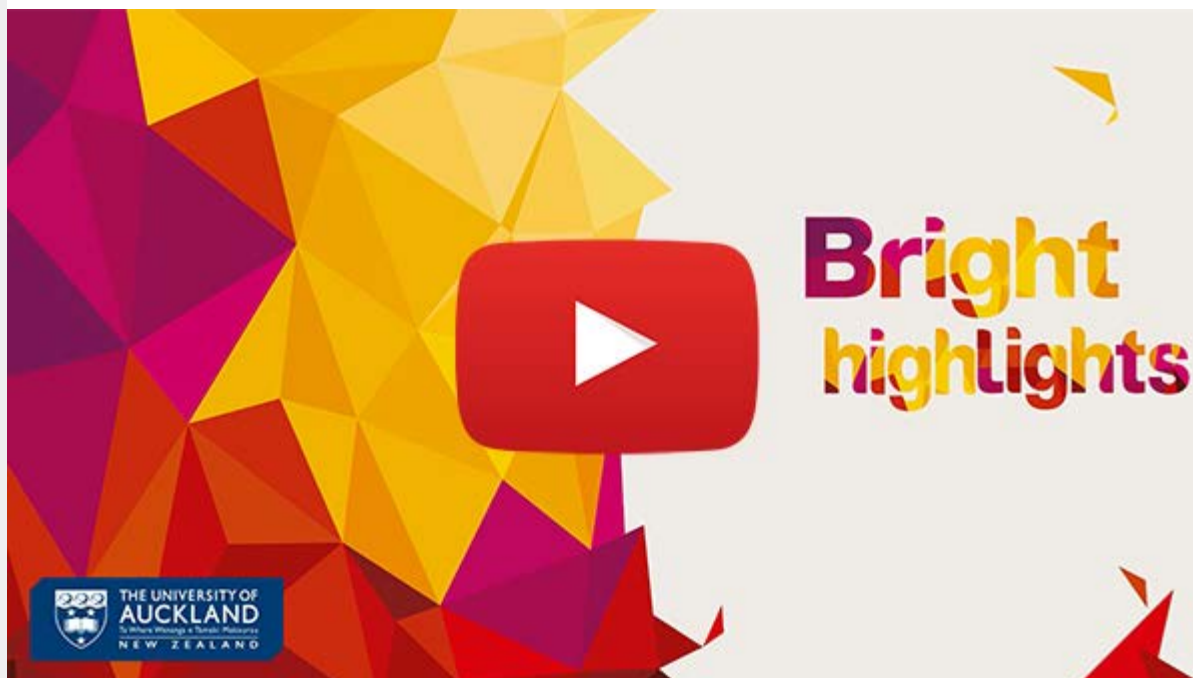




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A newsletter for alumni and friends



Join us at Bright Lights 2018

We are excited to invite you to join our Distinguished Alumni Award winners at Bright Lights 2018.

This candid chat show style event is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the winners. Hosted by writer, editor and publisher Finlay Macdonald, last year's event sold out so [be sure to get your tickets early](#).

The speakers are:

- **Jan Beagle** – High-ranked diplomat in the United Nations
- **Jennifer Gill ONZM** – Leading figure in philanthropy in New Zealand
- **Robert McLeod** – Esteemed business leader and tax expert
- **William (Bill) Robertson ONZM** – World-renowned surveyor and mapper
- **Luke Willis Thompson (pictured)** – Notable global artist

Bright Lights will be held on 8 March at the Grand Millennium Ballroom from 6pm. Check out our video of past highlights to get a taste of the evening.

WATCH VIDEO



Empowering young refugees

As a former refugee and first in her family to attend university, Rez Gardi faced a number of challenges along the way to earning her degree.

Now, she is part of the Empower programme that helps high school students apply for, and make the most out of their university experience.

She sat down with us to tell us how the programme helps students with a refugee background and what alumni can do to help assist future students.

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Share your insights with young international students

Are you a graduate with up to 20 years' experience in the workforce post-graduation? We need alumni volunteers for our [NZ Workplace Insights programme!](#)

The programme groups alumni in the workforce with international students, helping them gain a deeper understanding of the New Zealand work environment. If you have a couple of hours to serve as a role model and give an insight into your career journey, please get in touch.

[REGISTER YOUR INTEREST](#)



Alumni receive New Year Honours

Congratulations to all the alumni, staff and friends of the University who received New Year Honours in 2018. They include 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award winner Lisa Reihana (pictured), whose video installation *In Pursuit of Venus [infected]* represented New Zealand at the 2017 Venice Biennale.

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Faculty of Medical and Health Science Open Day 2018

Come and celebrate our faculty's 50th anniversary at the Grafton campus on Saturday 17 March. This carnival-like event will feature live entertainment, children's activities, games, campus tours, medical wonders, Med Talks, wacky science and robots throughout the day.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)



How to fix our global economic future

Join one of the world's most influential economists, Professor Kotlikoff, as he discusses the global economy's demographic, fiscal, technological, and climatological development over the course of this century.

His talk at the Business School will raise four of the most pressing problems in our current economic climate and discuss what can be done to address them.

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Creative experts to lecture at gallery

Five of our academics will explore creativity and the creative process in a free lecture series at the Auckland Art Gallery throughout February. Learn about your own creativity through the lenses of neuroscience, education, dance, creative writing and the visual arts in association with the University's Creative Thinking Project.

The Creative Thinking Project aims to promote an understanding of the creative process and apply it to individual and community development.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

- 16 Feb [Whangarei Alumni and Friends Reception](#)
- 22 Feb [Los Angeles Alumni Informal Get-together](#)
- 28 Feb [Kiwi Contacts event in Tokyo](#)
- 8 Mar [Bright Lights](#)
- 9 Mar [Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner](#)

IN BRIEF



Announcing our competition winners

A big "thank you" to all who entered our alumni Christmas and Update Your Details competitions at the end of last year.

If there were any competitions that you particularly enjoyed or would like to see in this year's offers [we'd love to hear from you](#).

[SEE COMPETITION WINNERS](#)



Celebrating women

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women.

Join us to celebrate International Women's Day through a variety of events hosted by the Business School.

[FIND OUT MORE](#)



Master of Teaching (Primary) Information Evening

Have you thought about using your expertise to inspire the next generation of young learners? At this information session, you can find out how to broaden your career options through gaining a masters in teaching, what the programme is like and the difference you can make in young people's learning and lives.

[MORE INFORMATION](#)



Master of Legal Studies now available to professionals

Suited to professionals who encounter legal matters and legislation in their role, the 180 point Master of Legal Studies is a flexible degree that allows you to study law without an undergraduate degree in the subject.

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Building better business processes

At first glance, creative thinking seems an unlikely tool to use for the improvement of business process efficiency and quality. Not so, says University of Auckland Executive Education facilitator LK Lim, who is a certified Six Sigma Master Black Belt with over 20 years' experience working in quality system and business process improvement in Australia and South East Asia.

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Germany & Austria: In the Footsteps of Beethoven

Join us on a 12-day guided tour as we travel through Bonn, Munich, Salzburg and Vienna on a musical journey following in "the footsteps of Beethoven". This tour runs from 10 July – 21 July 2018.

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Seeking single men

Researchers at the School of Psychology are currently seeking single male volunteers to discuss their experiences in individual or group interviews.

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Achieving childhood immunisation

In this upcoming lecture, visiting Hood Fellow Professor Reingold will provide a wide-ranging discussion around childhood immunisation and how medical professionals can best promote immunisation while reducing or combatting "vaccine hesitancy".

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