Maverick’s work dissected

One of the maverick personalities dominating the University’s School of Architecture in the mid-twentieth century was a tall Liverpudlian 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
Honour flows both ways

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."

Conferrment began 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 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 McIvor (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 McIvor, “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 Woll 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 Woll 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 Herrera-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.

Concluding the course participants on the final day.

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

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 or contact John Grundy at sppi@csi.ac.nz

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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

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
An emeritocracy or a cerebrum?

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 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/ 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”.

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Books

‘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 Foaiauso (MA Pacific Studies) and Davina Hosking (MA Geography) – and with a foreword by Rangi 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 Lousī designed the highly abstract cover art, fata-‘o-Tu‘i-i-Tonga, in red and black colours, derived from customary Tongan tufunga ilolava, the material art of line-

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, 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.
Shelley Taylor, 1964-2007

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 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.
THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER
Electrical and Computer Engineering one-day seminar series – Virtual instrumentation in engineering education; NI LabVIEW
10:45-3:00pm Rm 1439, School of Engineering, 20 Symonds St. Queries to Dr Waleed Abdulha, w.abdulha@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
HSNO Lab Managers Workshop
9.30am-12.30pm, Workshop Rm 638, Level B, 11-15 St. Lom. For HSNO Exempt Laboratory Managers who are required by the University to attend. Bookings and queries to ext 8570 or je.wilson@auckland.ac.nz

The City Form Project: The influence of urban form on social sustainability and the quality of life
Prof Glen Brian, UoA Foundation Visitor 1.00m ALRS, Bldg 421, Architecture, 26 Symonds St.

TUESDAY 20 NOVEMBER
Bioengineering research seminar
Dr Wim Lammers, Dept of Physiology, AI An, UAE: An overview of high-resolution electrical mapping in gastrointestinal organs. 4.50pm 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, GW 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 8570 or je.wilson@auckland.ac.nz
Auckland University Museum Darwin lecture
Prof Druckman, Director, Liggin Institute, UoA: Darwin and medicine. 7.30pm Auditorium, Auckland Museum, Auckland Domain, Grafton. Email 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 thyme park. 7pm Auditorium, Auckland War Memorial Museum, Auckland Domain, Grafton. Email bookings@aucklandmuseum.com

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