

# THE UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND news

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## Leading the way



Professor Richard Faull.



Professor Innes Asher.

Two Auckland professors have been judged by their peers as deserving the highest honours in New Zealand for science and medical research.

Professor Richard Faull (Anatomy with Radiology) has been awarded the Royal Society of New Zealand's Rutherford Medal, for contribution to the advancement of science or technology, whilst Professor Innes Asher has been conferred with the Health Research Council's Liley Medal, for contribution to medical and health sciences. Both medals were presented at the Royal Society Honours dinner in Dunedin.

Richard Faull is an internationally renowned neuroscientist looking at the genetic and cellular basis of human brain diseases such as Alzheimer's, Huntington's, epilepsy and Parkinson's diseases – and at the process of stem cell repair and new brain cell formation to repair the diseased human brain.

By using tissue donated to the Human Brain Bank, research teams, under Richard's guidance, can analyse the changes that occur in the diseased brain and compare them to the patient's clinical symptoms and genetics to gain a better understanding of how neurological disorders develop and ultimately how they can be treated or prevented.

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## Key events

### Patents to protect research

Here's a chance to learn about patents in the University setting and about how to protect your research and inventions. Auckland UniServices Ltd with Robinson IP and the Department of Chemistry are presenting this session on 23 November to help increase knowledge on intellectual property protection. It will look at when and how to patent; authorship, invention, ownership and the differences between them; patenting and publishing – the potential pitfalls of early disclosure; and the role of UniServices. This will take place from 11am-12.30pm, Seminar Room 407, Department of Chemistry.

### Eating for two

A public lecture by ASB Visiting Professor Lucilla Poston, King's College London School of Medicine, will stimulate wide interest. At the Robb Lecture Theatre, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, at 1pm on 26 November, she will speak on "Eating for two: Can a mother's diet have life-long consequences for her baby?"

### Nobel Laureate to speak

Professor Peter Agre, Nobel Prizewinner in 2003 for his research revealing the molecular basis for the movement of water in and out of cells, will speak on 26 November, 4.30-5.30pm in Lecture Theatre 401.439, School of Engineering. As Vice-Chancellor for Science and Technology at Duke University, he is developing strategies for the future direction of science. Refreshments will follow the lecture. Contact Associate Professor Paul Donaldson (Physiology) on p.donaldson@auckland.ac.nz or ext 84625.

### Taking tea al fresco

Vice-Chancellor Professor Stuart McCutcheon invites general staff to an end-of-year gathering on the lawn of Old Government House at 10am, Friday 7 December. If it rains, morning tea will be served in the OGH Main Lounge at 10am and 10.30am. If the lounge is full at 10am, please return at 10.30am.

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# From the Vice-Chancellor

In the recent Staff Survey, University staff expressed satisfaction with the manner in which they were kept informed about the University's plans and performance, but a lower level of confidence in the Senior Management Team's vision for the future, and a feeling that there was insufficient contact between the Senior Management Team (SMT) and the rest of the University. The high level of "don't know" responses to this part of the survey suggested that many staff are not aware of what the SMT is or what it does.

The SMT comprises the Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellors (Academic, Research), Director of Administration, Registrar, Pro Vice-Chancellors (Equity, Māori, International, Tamaki), Deans, Librarian, Directors of some of the service divisions (External Relations, Finance, Human Resources, ITS, Planning, Property, Student Administration, Systems Development) and the CEO of UniServices. Its role is to advise the Vice-Chancellor on developments that will help the University achieve its strategic aims, as laid out in our Strategic Plan 2005-2012, and to provide a forum for coordinating activities across what is a large and complex organisation.

The SMT typically meets three times a month and in the fourth week a smaller group (VC, Deputies and Deans) meets to consider matters relevant particularly to the faculties.

Each year, we hold a three-day planning meeting which looks at major strategic issues facing the University and reviews the draft Annual Plans of each faculty and service division, and associated units such as the Vice-Chancellor's Office. This year's meeting, held in the second week of November, considered such issues as: the impact of the tertiary reforms, and particularly the EFTS funding cap, on the development of new programmes and admissions into those faculties that currently have open entry; the impact of limiting enrolments across the University on our equity objectives; further actions required to help us achieve our targets for postgraduate completions; preparation for the 2012 PBRF round; and ways of enhancing research funding support in an environment where Government policy seeks to limit the ability of universities to compete for some public research funds.

The workshops designed to formulate actions arising from the Staff Survey have also been completed, with over 200 staff taking part. I am grateful to those staff who contributed to this process. The workshop recommendations will be considered by SMT shortly, with a view to putting in place appropriate actions in the New Year.



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Professor Innes Asher, Head of the Department of Paediatrics and a consultant physician at Starship Children's Hospital, is an authority on allergic disease in children.

She leads the International Study of Asthma and Allergies in Childhood (ISAAC), tracking the occurrence of asthma, rhinitis and eczema by studying over half a million children in 56 countries worldwide. In addition, Innes's team has developed a research model to monitor public health in children throughout the world to inform policy and health service delivery, and which can be

used to evaluate interventions.

Professor Tom Barnes, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) said Richard and Innes are making a "tremendous contribution...to building knowledge of global problems and how to solve them".

Former CEO of UniServices, Dr John Kernohan, was also recognised at the Honours dinner with the presentation of the Thomson Medal for outstanding science management. Dr Kernohan headed the University's commercialisation arm for 16 years until 2004.

## Auckland stays in world top 50

The University of Auckland has again been ranked among the world's top 50 universities in the global rankings published by the *Times Higher Education Supplement*.

It also made the top 50 in three subject areas: Arts and Humanities at 32nd (29th in 2006), Life Sciences and Biomedicine at 41st (26th in 2006), and Social Sciences at 35th (33rd in 2006).

The overall university rankings are based on peer review (40 percent), citations per staff member (20 percent), the ratio of staff to students (20 percent), recruiter review (10 percent), and the proportions of international staff (5 percent) and international students (5 percent).

Some 5101 active academics contributed to the peer review, each listing up to 30 universities they regard as the leaders in their academic field. For the recruiter review, 1471 major global and national employers across the public and private sectors were asked which universities they like to hire from.

QS, Quacquarelli Symonds Ltd, a leading careers and education specialist, gathered and processed the data. The methodology has changed from last year but that does not appear to have had a marked effect on The University of Auckland's ranking which was 46th equal in 2006 and is 50th this year.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Stuart McCutcheon, said: "Assessed against the world's best we are very pleased to have maintained our position in the top 50. This ranking is a tribute to the quality and commitment of all our staff.

"Although there is naturally an interest in changes in rankings between years, it is important to understand that changes to the THES-QS

methodology mean that between-year comparisons have only limited validity.

"The University of Auckland was also first among New Zealand universities in the Shanghai Jiao Tong University rankings released earlier this year."

Two other New Zealand universities - Otago (114th equal) and Canterbury (188th equal) - were placed in the top 200 in the THES-QS World University Rankings for 2007.

Harvard University topped the rankings, established in 2004, for the fourth successive year. It is the world's richest university "by some distance, outspending the research budgets of many countries", noted the *THES*.

Cambridge, Oxford and Yale tied for second place with Imperial College London coming fifth. Nine of the next ten places were filled by North American universities.

First in Australia was the Australian National University on 16. Of Auckland's Universitas 21 partners, McGill (12th), Hong Kong (18th), Edinburgh (23rd), Melbourne (27th), British Columbia, Queensland and the National University of Singapore (33rd equal), and New South Wales (44th) did best.

The Asia-Pacific region had 41 entries in the top 200 as against 32 for Britain, 54 for the rest of Europe, and 57 for the United States. The top 200 universities are spread across 28 countries.

According to the *THES* the rankings are "used in many ways by a variety of audiences - from internationally mobile staff and students to university managers wanting a look at the international esteem in which their own and other universities are held, especially in Asia where interest in the rankings is at its highest".

## Holyoake biography launched

Family and political colleagues of Sir Keith Holyoake mingled with University staff at the launch of a definitive biography of the former Prime Minister and Governor-General.

*Kiwi Keith*, published by Auckland University Press, was written by Emeritus Professor Barry Gustafson (Political Studies), author of the best-selling lives of Sir Robert Muldoon and Michael Joseph Savage.

Around 100 people attended the launch at Old Government House on 14 November.

The honours were performed by another

former Prime Minister, the Rt Hon Jim Bolger, a parliamentary and Cabinet colleague of Sir Keith towards the end of his political career. Mr Bolger is currently Chancellor of the University of Waikato.

"This is a great biography of a remarkable New Zealander," he said. "It is a great read."

Staff can buy *Kiwi Keith* from the University Bookshop for \$53.99 (ten percent below the retail price as for all UBS books). There is more about the book on the AUP website: [www.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/aup/forthcoming/forthcoming\\_home.cfm](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/aup/forthcoming/forthcoming_home.cfm)

# Murray Mitchell wins James Cook Fellowship



Murray Mitchell.

Professor Murray Mitchell, Research Director of the Liggins Institute, is one of four New Zealand scientists to receive a 2007 James Cook Fellowship this year.

Murray, an international expert in the hormonal mechanisms that regulate pregnancy and labour,

will use his time as a James Cook Fellow to concentrate on investigating how environmental factors can modify the actions of key genes in the fetus and placenta, to influence not only the course of a pregnancy but the baby's health as an adult.

"Our long-term goal," he says, "is to find new ways to prevent and treat the key diseases of pregnancy and reduce the risk factors that lead to adult disease.

"We'll be taking a coordinated and integrated approach to understanding how spontaneous and environmentally induced changes affect the pathways that control fetal development, particularly at the critical points of implantation and birth.

"We know that these developmental changes can be passed on through future generations, affecting the cardiovascular, immune and neural systems."

Murray is the Deputy Director of the National Research Centre for Growth and Development, which is, with the Liggins Institute, an international leader in the field of epigenetics, the science of how inherited genes can be switched on and off as a result of environmental influences.

Murray has a DSc from Liverpool University and a DPhil from the University of Oxford. He has held positions at Oxford, Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, University of California San Diego, University of Utah and latterly was HOD of Pharmacology and then Associate Dean of Planning and Deputy Dean in the Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences. In 1999 he became a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand.

## Learning about the Marsden Fund



Peter Gilberd.

The Marsden Fund Assistance Strategy for 2007/08 will be launched at the University on 26 November with an information workshop presented by Peter Gilberd, Deputy Manager of the fund.

The fund includes the Fast Start Programme – aimed at helping emerging researchers establish their research careers by providing an opportunity to explore an innovative idea and develop research capability.

Traditionally, The University of Auckland has been very successful in gaining Marsden funding.

In the 2007 funding round, the University was allocated more than \$10 million, totalling 23 percent of the \$44 million fund.

Peter Gilberd has been at Marsden for eight years, following 25 years' experience in teaching and research. His talk will include changes to the fund for 2008 and information on how to prepare proposals for Marsden. There is no substitute for a great idea and there is no magic formula but there are ways of optimising your chances and Peter's talk will provide tips on how to write high quality proposals. He will be available to speak with potential Fast Start applicants during afternoon tea.

The information workshop also includes focus group sessions centred around the nine Marsden Panels. The workshops are an excellent opportunity for researchers to ask more focused questions and find out more information about the panel they are submitting to.

The Information Workshop is on 26 November, 2- 4.30pm in the Lecture Theatre, Old Government House (102-G36). Further information on the Assistance Strategy can be found at: [www.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/for/staff/research/marsden/](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/for/staff/research/marsden/)

## ... in brief

### University closed over holidays

The University, including its libraries, will close on the afternoon of Friday 21 December and reopen on Thursday 3 January 2008. A skeleton staff will maintain essential services. Mechanical plant which operates continuously will be unaffected. Staff payroll arrangements during this period are detailed on the HR website at [www.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/for/staff/admin\\_services/hr/notices/christmas-payroll-arrangements.cfm](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/for/staff/admin_services/hr/notices/christmas-payroll-arrangements.cfm)

### Food for thought

The Functional Foods annual conference held on 15 November at the Bruce Mason Centre in Takapuna focused on a topical and forward-looking field: the science and business of "wellness food" in New Zealand. The attention of participants was on what is possible and how New Zealand should develop the industry. Research organisations and universities presented on topics such as the performance enhancement potential of sports drinks, how functional foods can be used to treat disease and how certain foods can affect the brain.

### Kids flock to 'Kids' Lab'

German transnational company BASF held its first-ever Kids' Lab at the University on 13 and 14 November. Kids' Lab was introduced in Germany in 1997 and since then has spread to 40 countries with more than 30,000 children participating. Two hundred primary school age children attended the event at the School of Engineering, taking the chance to experience chemistry through safe and enjoyable experiments. The aim was to stimulate interest in chemistry and to advance understanding of innovations built on chemistry.

### Australasian sociologists gather

The Australian Sociological Association (TASA) and the Sociological Association of Aotearoa New Zealand (SAANZ) will hold their joint conference at various University venues from 4 to 7 December. The programme is a showcase of Australasia's leading sociologists and includes international keynote speakers Professor Michael Burawoy from the University of California, Berkeley, author of *Manufacturing Consent*; Professor Barry Smart from the University of Portsmouth in the UK (formerly an associate-professor at Auckland); and Professor Linda Smith, known internationally for her work on research methodology and Māori and indigenous education. The conference will cover a range of themes from policy, work and health, to gender, youth, leisure and indigenous issues, with workshop topics including the sociology of policing; the impact of migration and social disadvantage on Māori and Pacific Islander health in Australia, the gender gap in housework hours, transgenders and health services, and New Zealand youth and deviance.

# New Fellows join the Royal Society

Two University of Auckland researchers have been made Fellows of the Royal Society of New Zealand in this year's awards: Professor Chris Wild (Statistics) and Professor Zoran Salcic (Electrical and Computer Engineering).

The Royal Society of New Zealand has 340 Fellows and 48 Honorary Fellows, who provide expert advice, promote scientific best practice, and disseminate scientific information.

## Professor Zoran Salcic

Professor Zoran Salcic (Computer Systems Engineering) has established an international reputation for his expertise in embedded systems – the technologies that control everyday objects like cars, washing machines and alarm clocks.

These involve the use and integration of ICT (both hardware and software) with sensing, signal processing and automation technologies. He is head of the Embedded Systems Research Group.

Zoran has pioneered work on semiconductor technologies and reconfigurable systems in the form of customisable microprocessors, and on linking electronic semiconductor systems with optical and micromechanical systems. His contributions bridge the gap between digital systems theory and practice, enabling researchers and engineers to develop new, high-performance modern integrated circuits, and resulting in substantial improvements over traditional software approaches, and increased productivity.

He has supervised more than 60 postgraduate students, and his work has been



Zoran Salcic.

published in almost 200 refereed papers, seven books, 20 book chapters, and numerous technical reports. His international reputation has been acknowledged recently with his

appointment by the European Association of Signal, Speech and Image Processing (EURASIP) as editor-in-chief of the new *Journal on Embedded Systems*.

## Professor Chris Wild

Professor Chris Wild (Statistics) has earned a high international reputation for his work in several areas of statistics, and for his important contribution to research in other disciplines.

Theoretical or methodological statistics is a metadiscipline. It exists to provide quantitative tools that will enable researchers in other fields to be more effective. Primarily this is done by providing more effective forms of research study design and more efficient ways of analysing the resulting data.

One strand of his work is concerned with developing methodology for the design and analysis of medical studies. The methods in his landmark 1991 paper "Fitting prospective models to case-control data" have been further developed in a wide variety of directions to enable researchers to use a whole range of new study designs. For example, some of his current work draws on his combined expertise in response-based sampling and frailty modelling to produce efficient methods for handling data from retrospective family studies, a study design that is becoming increasingly important in genetic epidemiology.

A second strand is his work on nonstandard regression methodology, a subject on which his encyclopaedic book *Nonlinear Regression* with George Seber is the authoritative reference.

A third strand of his work, broadly recognised internationally, is his research into the philosophy of statistics and modes of statistical thinking – research targeted towards the development in students of the problem-solving thinking patterns of experts.

The respect that he commands worldwide is illustrated by his being invited as opening plenary speaker at the 2004 conference of the Royal Statistical Society, and the many invited addresses he has given at meetings of the International Statistical Institute and the American Statistical Association. Chris was head of the Department of Statistics from 2003 to 2007, is a council member of the International Statistical Institute, a past president of the International Association for Statistical Education, a current or former associate editor of four international journals and, in 2003, co-led the first-year Statistics teaching team to The University of Auckland's first national Tertiary Teaching Excellence Award.



Christopher Wild.

# Time to join



Centre Tim Biggs with catering manager, Queeny Guo (left) and chef Jason Boswell.

If there was ever a time to join the Staff Common Room Club, this is probably it.

The home of the Staff Common Room Club since 1969 is Old Government House, the previous residence of New Zealand Governors, Governors-General and their families. Membership of the club is open to all staff on contracts of 12 months or more, and to PhD students. Subscription is \$100 a year plus GST and can be paid by cheque or deducted from salaries at \$4.33 a fortnight.

Privileges of membership include a subsidised bar (The Buttery), magazines available for reading such

as *The New Scientist* and *The Times Literary Supplement*, annual events such as whisky and wine tastings, musical events with champagne and strawberries, and a ten percent discount on food in the café. An active Arts Subcommittee organises a wide variety of exhibitions. Application forms are available in the Buttery or can be downloaded from [www.auckland.ac.nz/uoq/for/staff/admin\\_services/benefits/scr.cfm](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/uoq/for/staff/admin_services/benefits/scr.cfm)

And why is now a good time to join? Because the food has taken a great leap forward, with a café-style lunch menu that changes every day.

# New Chair to fight breast cancer



Peter Lobie (right) with Dr Farhad Shafiei examine breast cancer cells using a fluorescent microscope.

Professor Peter Lobie, a molecular endocrinologist at the University, has been appointed to New Zealand's first Chair of Breast Cancer, funded through the Breast Cancer Research Trust.

The purpose of the Chair, and the Trust's \$1.5 million donation, is to build a team of researchers concentrating on research into breast cancer.

Peter specialises in growth hormones in cancer, particularly the pathways used by cancer at a cellular level and the investigation of how hormones produced by tumour cells differ from normal hormones present in the body.

He says he is honoured to be given the opportunity to take University and New Zealand

research to the next level

The new appointment brings together the cancer research currently being done at the faculty and the specialised endocrine research being conducted in the Liggins Institute.

Alison Taylor, who chairs the Breast Cancer Research Trust, says breast cancer is the most common cancer-related cause of death among women in New Zealand. "By creating a centre of excellence of breast cancer research at The University of Auckland, we can hope to generate and attract further breast cancer researchers and projects, taking us closer to our goal of finding a cure for breast cancer in our lifetime".

Peter Lobie gained a BMedSci (Distinction) and MBBS (first class honours) in 1992 from the University of Queensland in Australia, and completed his PhD and undertook postdoctoral work at the Karolinska Institute in Sweden. He has held faculty positions in Sweden and Singapore and is currently professor and an associate director of the Liggins Institute.

Author of more than 90 publications, he is an international authority on molecular mechanisms of hormone action. He has received multiple local and international awards and most recently has been appointed a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand.

# Viewpoint

## Curriculum reflects democracy

The release of the New Zealand Curriculum early this month is a strong reflection of the democracy in which we live. It is policy about the important stuff that happens in our schools and classrooms. This is a co-constructed policy that represents the views of more than 15,000 New Zealanders, and more than 10,000 submissions were received on the draft document that was released 18 months ago.

We are heartened that as educators, parents and community leaders we all care so deeply about the values and principles that are espoused in our schools, the content of the teaching, the competencies we are trying to develop in our young people and the way that these should be transferred.

So what has changed? This document puts students at the centre of their learning and has the potential to encourage schools to provide learning environments that will prepare students for their future, not ours. The key competencies of managing self, relating to others, participating and contributing, thinking and using language, symbols and text are the capabilities our young people need to live, learn, work and contribute in a rapidly changing world.

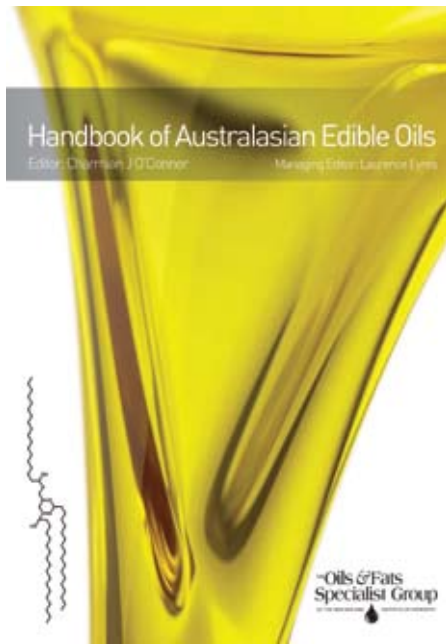
The document also acknowledges that the nature of knowledge has changed. Once it was important to memorise and repeat knowledge. Now it is vital that students can access, process and apply that knowledge.

What makes this curriculum statement even more unique is that it has a partner document *Te Marautanga o Aotearoa* which is not a translation but a unique curriculum for students studying in Māori medium schools.

We now have elegantly designed, world-leading curriculum documents that set the direction for learning for all young people in New Zealand. They provide us with an opportunity to discuss how we shift some of the old transformative ways of teaching that we adults experienced. This is about providing a framework for learning so that schools and classrooms are environments of excellence, integrity and respect that will promote innovation, inquiry and curiosity, value diversity and equity, and encourage parents to become involved in their children's education.

John Langley  
Dean of Education

Camilla Highfield  
Director of School Support  
Faculty of Education



## Handbook of Australasian Edible Oils

Published by the Oils and Fats Specialist Group of the New Zealand Institute of Chemistry, this book presents an Australasian viewpoint on edible oils, bringing together information presented at seminars, conferences and meetings of the group over 25 years.

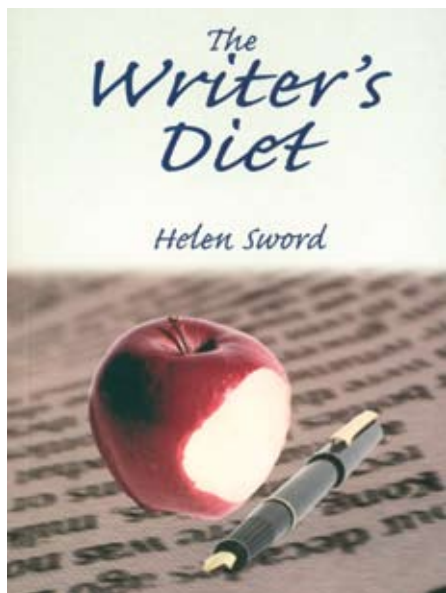
Edited by Emeritus Professor Charmian O'Connor (Chemistry), the book includes five chapters by University of Auckland scientists, including Dr Clare Wall and Professor Lynne Ferguson (Nutrition). The Managing Editor is Dr Laurence Eyres, Business Development Director of Food and Nutrition at the University.

A recent review by Norman Lodge published in *Food NZ* describes the handbook as a "well-organised, up to the minute and informative text that will serve for many years as a valuable reference item ... not only in New Zealand and Australia ... but across the globe".

"It contains chapters dealing individually with analytical methodologies, avocado oil, olive oil and several niche culinary oils such as hemp seed and pumpkin seed oils. The development of the New Zealand extra virgin olive oil industry is given a chapter to itself, as is the setting of quality standards for olive oils. Research and development of marine oils ... is covered and includes value-added products from these oils. Because of the perceived importance of omega-3 acids in our diet, the presence of these PUFAs in New Zealand seafood is afforded a chapter on its own."

Among additional topics covered are the relationship between lipids and cancer, the health benefits of plant oils, the significance of fat in the diets of children, and the processing of oils and fats in New Zealand.

Given the current intense interest in edible plants and oils, this publication is timely.



## The Writer's Diet

This is a book to help you get your sentences in shape.

Author Dr Helen Sword from the Centre for Professional Development draws on her extensive experience as a writer, editor and teacher of academic writing to help readers energise their writing, boost their verbal fitness and strip padding from their prose.

This book does not target only inexperienced writers, but acknowledges that the most intellectually sophisticated authors are often the ones who produce the most unreadable prose. Many academics, for example, lose their sense of perspective over time and come to regard impenetrable prose as normal. Therefore for university teachers as well as their students, this book will provide a reality check and a way of measuring their efforts against those of the best

and worst of their colleagues.

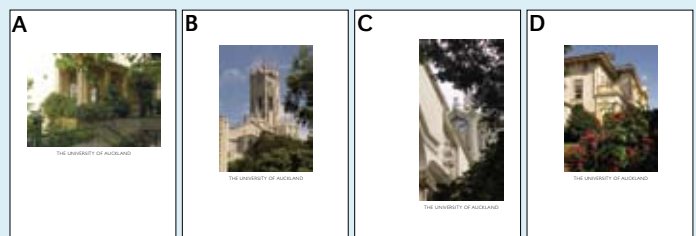
The first step for readers is to take the "waistline test" to diagnose verbal fitness levels in each of five common problem areas. Next, they follow the advice in each chapter to strengthen and tone their verbal muscles.

Readers become familiar with deceptively simple rules for good writing, such as using active verbs where possible, favouring concrete nouns over abstractions, and avoiding long strings of prepositional phrases. Each chapter features a guided tour of some of the world's finest sentences – and some truly dreadful ones.

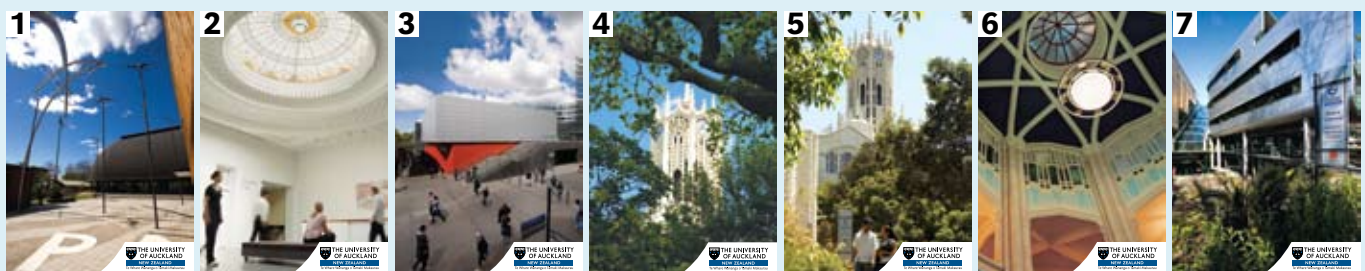
Writers at every level, from students to professionals, will benefit from *The Writer's Diet* workout and enjoy the experience. This small and eminently readable book is published by Pearson Education New Zealand.

## New University greeting cards, blank inside, with matching envelopes

The cards feature striking photos of iconic buildings from around the University. They are suitable for all purposes and are left blank so that senders can write their own messages. The cards are available from Communications and Marketing, Level 10, Fisher Building, 18 Waterloo Quadrant. Please pre-order cards from Te Whetu Thompson, email: [tw.thompson@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:tw.thompson@auckland.ac.nz) \$2.50 per card.



Above, last year's selection, below, 2007 selection.



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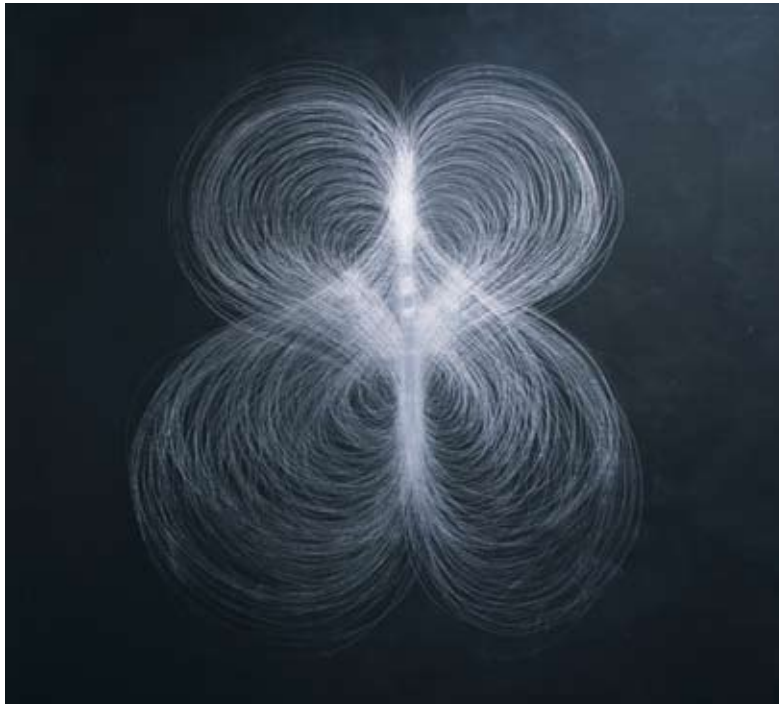
Born in Napier in 1946, Philip Dadson grew up amidst a primal landscape of rocky beaches, crashing waves, and the regular tremors which kept the local community spooked in the aftermath of the 1931 Napier earthquake.

Fascination with planetary rhythms and primal environments is a recurring theme in Dadson's work. In 1971 he staged *Earthworks*, a group performance that took place simultaneously in seven locations around the world on the Spring/Autumn equinox; throughout the 1970s Maungawhau crater became the site for the annual solstice drumming events he organised; his performance group From Scratch presented works about the tectonic plates of the Pacific; and in 2006 he was a finalist in the prestigious Walters Prize for a suite of works based on a 2003 residency he undertook in Antarctica.

In 1987 Dadson staged an exhibition of drawings in the then new Artspace gallery on Federal Street. *Sound Tracks/Ground Plans* consisted mostly of silvery graphite and pencil sketches on large sheets of paper. Several of these – the *Ground Plan* drawings – were explorations of site and movement, used to help structure From Scratch performances. Essentially, these are graphic scores

for musical compositions.

In other drawings, he marked out the gestures and techniques needed to play his invented instruments, sometimes with both hands, to create what he describes as “simple visual representations



of sound and kinetic energy”.

The University of Auckland Art Collection has three *Sound/track* drawings: *Sound/track 3*, *Sound/track 5* and *Sound/track 7*. *Sound/track 7* was

## Art

purchased by Professor Tony Green and now hangs in the School of Architecture and Planning. The other two were purchased for the School of Music's electronic music studios in Symonds Street.

Dadson has had a long association with The University of Auckland, having studied at the Elam School of Fine Arts from 1965-71, extended by some time away in Europe and the United States. Not much later he established the school's Intermedia department, which was initially part of the Sculpture Department before becoming a major in its own right. Many of New Zealand's leading media artists were taught by Dadson, who only retired from full-time teaching at the end of 2001.

In 2001 Dadson was awarded the Arts Foundation Laureate award, and in 2005 was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to the arts. Having worked in one of the coldest, most remote places on earth, Dadson is now undertaking a residency in India, one of the busiest, most temperate locations you could imagine.

Andrew Clifford

*Philip Dadson (b.1946)*  
*Sound/track 5, c. 1987*

*Graphite drawing on heavy black paper, approx 2m x 2m*  
*The University of Auckland Art Collection.*

# Equal opportunities leader returns

The University's first Equal Employment Opportunities Officer was Trudi Naughton, who held this pioneering role from 1989 to 1992.

Now Trudi has returned to the University as Pro Vice-Chancellor (Equal Opportunities), replacing Professor Di McCarthy, who is now chief executive of the Royal Society of New Zealand.

In the meantime Trudi has held a number of influential positions, and brings back a national and international reputation to the University.

As inaugural executive director of the Equal Employment Opportunities Trust from 1992 to 2003, Trudi introduced many employers – public, private and not for profit – to the value of diversity in the workplace. Workplace membership of the EEO Trust increased ten-fold (from 30 at its inception), with members outperforming their peers on a range of benchmarks.

Since 2003 Trudi has been director of Expertise Ltd which provides independent strategic advice on leadership, labour, employment, research and social policy to the private and public sectors.

Now, as Pro Vice-Chancellor (EO) she is charged with fulfilling the University's commitment to equity in employment and education.

Trudi has a long association with the University. She gained a BA and MA with first class honours

in English and helped research the University's centennial history published in 1983, before becoming its first Equal Employment Opportunities Officer.

Among her areas of focus were staff with family responsibilities, part-time and general staff. She developed the University's first EEO policy and plan.

Her continuing involvement with the University has included lecturing to the women leaders' course and acting as an independent project adviser.

Trudi co-founded neighbourhood support groups during the 1980s (for which she was awarded the QSM) and has edited collections of New Zealand fiction.

She serves on the Human Rights Review Tribunal, the Career Services Board and the National Advisory Council on the Employment of Women, and has been on numerous other public and private advisory and governance bodies.

In her new position she will maintain some of her responsibilities outside the University.

Trudi says that equal opportunities in education and employment are fundamental to New Zealand's social and economic success, and that she looks forward to helping the University attract and retain talented staff and students who reflect its communities.



Trudi McNaughton.

# What's on

## FRIDAY 23 NOVEMBER

### National Energy Research Institute Conference

Day two. Owen G Glenn Bldg, Grafton Rd. Visit [www.neri2007.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.neri2007.auckland.ac.nz)

## SATURDAY 24 NOVEMBER

### The Group Architects

Bill McKay, School of Architecture and Planning, UoA discusses the influential Group Architects, who followed Vernon Brown in pioneering a vernacular style of architecture. 1pm Gus Fisher Gallery, Shortland St. Queries to [gusfishergallery@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:gusfishergallery@auckland.ac.nz)

### Doctoral recital

Fei Tang on piano. 7.30pm Music Theatre, School of Music, 6 Symonds St. Queries to Catherine Syme-Parmenter on ext 87409, email [c.syme@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:c.syme@auckland.ac.nz)

## WEDNESDAY 28 NOVEMBER

### Doctoral recital

Melody Lin on flute. 6.30pm Music Theatre, School of Music, 6 Symonds St. Contact: Queries to Catherine Syme-Parmenter on ext 87409, email [c.syme@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:c.syme@auckland.ac.nz)

## THURSDAY 29 NOVEMBER

### Climate change support/action group meeting

4pm Rm 426, Arts 1. For anyone on campus interested in starting a support/action group to raise awareness of climate change. All welcome. Enquiries to [r.lovell-smith@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:r.lovell-smith@auckland.ac.nz)

### CODE seminar

Prof Jonathan E. Schroeder, University of Exeter: *Imaging identity: Technology and the body in marketing communications*. 5.30-6.30pm Rm 260-009, Owen G. Glenn Bldg, Grafton Rd followed by drinks and nibbles. Queries to Helen Braddock, [h.braddock@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:h.braddock@auckland.ac.nz) For further information on Professor Jonathan Schroeder, visit [www.code.auckland.ac.nz/](http://www.code.auckland.ac.nz/) [comwebcontent/c\\_currentevents.aspx](http://comwebcontent/c_currentevents.aspx)

## WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER

### Department of Psychology seminar

Dr Gina Grimshaw, Dept of Psychology, Victoria University of Wellington: *Once more with feeling: How emotional prosody influences hemispheric specialisation for linguistic processing*. 1pm HSB 604. Queries to [m.corballis@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:m.corballis@auckland.ac.nz)

# Classifieds

## ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

**A large one-bedroom flat** in best part of Epsom is available for rent, from Jan 2008 for 6-7 months (with some flexibility). It has large sitting room, polished floor, very clean and partly furnished. \$220 pw. Ph 631-7246 or email [nasimwilson@yahoo.com](mailto:nasimwilson@yahoo.com)  
**Devonport house**, fully-furnished, for approximately five weeks. Two bdrms, two lounges, study. Walk to Cheltenham Beach, ferry, shops. Suit mature university visitor or for summer holiday. N/s. Available 16 December

to 24 January. \$550pw includes local calls, water, gas, electric and linen. Refs required. Email [r.raine@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:r.raine@auckland.ac.nz) or [hamilton\\_robby@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:hamilton_robby@yahoo.co.nz)

### Flatmate wanted for a sunny

**Titirangi house**, very close to the Village. Cafes, bush walks and beaches all in close proximity. Large house with open fire, spare office, great outdoor living area, bath, lots of space, veggie garden, views and sun. We are sociable and easy-going and are looking for someone in their late 20s upwards who would like to live in a friendly mature environment, cook the odd meal, and enjoy living with some interesting people. \$125 pw + exps. Phone Tanya on (0274) 322-379, 970-8917 (wk) or 817-5611 (hm).

**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. \$530 pw. Phone (09) 849-3110 or email [tonylindquist1@hotmail.com](mailto:tonylindquist1@hotmail.com)

**Remuera**: large family home available for rent from 10 December to late January while we are away on sabbatical leave. It is very handy to Newmarket shops, parks, the University, Medical School and Hospital. Call (09) 524-0830 or [cjariegrant@hotmail.com](mailto:cjariegrant@hotmail.com)

**Two-bedroom apartment at the City Garden Building**, 76 Albert St. It's 58 square meters, five-minute walk to SkyCity, Westfield Downtown and Queen St. Beautiful view of the Skytower. It's \$390 wk. It's furnished with beds, whitewares, TV. Free gym, huge common area. Car park can be arranged. Available from 3 December 2007, long-term or short-term. Contact (021) 0704-701 or 309-5709 or email [adu002@ec.auckland.ac.nz](mailto:adu002@ec.auckland.ac.nz)

**Westmere**: We have cheerful and roomy, unfurnished, two-bdrm flat to let. Dishwasher, new stove. Garden to share for summer. Cafes, dairy, green-grocer, chemist, doctors, butcher, bus-stops and bar at the end of the street. Five minutes to park, and beach. Sorry, no osp. \$340 pw. Phone owners at 378-7616 with your details.

**Karekare retreat**. Simple but stylish fully furnished home, 14 acres mature bush with sea views and sun. Available for 6 months in 2008 April-Nov. 45 minutes to University. Suit single person or couple. Good rent negotiable for considerate tenant. Contact Lisa at [mannon@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mannon@xtra.co.nz) or phone 09 4458894

## ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

**Professional couple with young baby seek housesit** from Jan 2008 for 2-6 months. We are renovating our own house and need to vacate. We are careful and reliable housesitters and can provide references. Contact Sarah on (021) 424-196 or email [jonathanandsarah@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jonathanandsarah@xtra.co.nz)

**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.

### Shared accommodation wanted

**In Auckland near University**. I am Barbara Trichereau, a 22-year-old PhD student from Bordeaux. Arriving on 25 January 2008 and staying six months for an internship. I'm looking for a quiet and smoke-free environment near the University. My email address [barbara.trichereau@etu.u-bordeaux1.fr](mailto:barbara.trichereau@etu.u-bordeaux1.fr)

**University faculty visiting from the US needs rental** from Jan-July 2008. We wish to rent a two or three-bdrm house or apartment partially or fully-furnished. Prefer Kohimarama, St Heliers, Glendowie, Meadowbank, or Epsom area. In the range of \$300-\$450 pw. Email Ben at [bbyson@memphis.edu](mailto:bbyson@memphis.edu)

**Visiting academic from Iceland** (plus partner and two children) requires flat/house in Auckland from early February 2008 until end of 2009. Furnished or semi-furnished, 3-4 bdrms. Email Orri Vésteinnsson at [orri@hi.is](mailto:orri@hi.is)

**Visiting scientist on sabbatical** from Seattle USA, looking for house for family of five mid-January through June 2008. Responsible n/s family would love to look after your house and garden (plus we love animals). West Auckland or East Coast Bays area preferred, as near to family. Email Deborah at [deborahdonnell@comcast.net](mailto:deborahdonnell@comcast.net)

**Young married couple** (doctoral students at the University), seeking furnished accommodation beginning in February, preferably long term. Close proximity to campus would be ideal. Rental or house-sit. Excellent references can be provided. We are n/s, with no children and no pets. Please contact Andrea on (07) 864-8645 or email [egan.andrea@gmail.com](mailto:egan.andrea@gmail.com) Please let us know how to take care of payment.

**Responsible and thoughtful**, 39-year-old, non-smoker available for house-minding or caring for your pets while you are away. Any location within easy access to University of Auckland is good. Available now until 9 February. Contact Amanda on 0210 344 396.

## 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)

**Wanted**: Bach on Gulf island (not Waiheke), Kawau preferred. We are open to all options, up to \$150 p/n for 3 University staff and 3 kids for one week. Anytime in January from the 7th. Careful, tidy, responsible visitors. Email [petalproductions@ww.co.nz](mailto:petalproductions@ww.co.nz)

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Applying for permanent residency?** Avoid delays and problems. Keep your application on track with an easy-to-follow action plan tailored to your situation. For a free no-obligation quote contact Glenys at GVL Faculty Migration

& Settlement. Email [glenys@gvl.co.nz](mailto:glenys@gvl.co.nz) Ph (027) 476-8771 or view [www.gvl.co.nz](http://www.gvl.co.nz)  
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**International travel insurance**. The AUS recommends that members use Uni-Care insurance for sabbatical, other study and very long-term travel overseas. Uni-Care offers 15% off standard rates for travel out of NZ to all university staff, full-time tertiary students and their families. Uniquely, we can maintain cover for greatly extended periods overseas. Uni-Care International Insurance Service, PO Box 32-167, Devonport, ph (09) 446-1166, fax (09) 445-8832, email [insure@uni-care.org](mailto:insure@uni-care.org), website [www.uni-care.org](http://www.uni-care.org) (secure online application facility).

**Lessons in Modern Greek**. All stages with attention to detail. Please call (09) 521-0311 or email [nidarg@gmail.com](mailto:nidarg@gmail.com)  
**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.

**Relocation following parental separation**. The Children's Issues Centre and the Faculty of Law are looking for families to take part in a study about what happens when a parent wants to move with their children following separation or divorce - either within NZ or overseas. Parents may have resolved this relocation issue by themselves, with lawyers or through the Family Court - either currently or in the past. Parents who take part would have an interview about their experiences. We would also like to speak with children aged 7+ years (with the consent of the parent/s and the child). All information will be treated with the strictest of confidence. For more information contact Megan Gollop, Freephone 0800 080088 or [megan.gollop@otago.ac.nz](mailto:megan.gollop@otago.ac.nz) or Pauline Tapp, [pe.tapp@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:pe.tapp@auckland.ac.nz)

**Staff and UoA students** can use the UoA Microsoft Select Agreement to purchase Microsoft perpetual licences at very reasonable rates (ie Microsoft Office 2007 \$104, Project Professional 2007 \$215, Vista Business Upgrade \$122). This software is available from the UoA's Microsoft Select supplier Cyclone Computers, from their online store. Go to [www.lapshop.co.nz](http://www.lapshop.co.nz) for details and to make your purchase.

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