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## A proud tradition, a superb collection



*The superb Sir George Grey flame tree, part of the heritage gardens of Old Government House.*

For most academics, what they leave behind is in the hearts and minds of colleagues and of the many students who apply their knowledge in New Zealand and overseas.

However, to walk around almost any part of the University is to experience the legacy Tony Palmer has left for us after 40 years, and to see quite clearly where his time and energy have gone.

Tony's great achievement and creative endeavour as Grounds Superintendent has been to maintain and further develop the physical environment in which we live and work: the University's gardens which he calls "a combination of art and science, that will long outlive me".

"The University has changed out of all recognition," says Tony. "When I started there was no Old Government House as part of the University, no Waipapa Marae, no Colin Maiden Park, no Tamaki Campus and no Leigh Marine Laboratory as we know it now. I have been hugely privileged to have been able to play a major part in the development of them all."

He might have added that he has also, more recently, helped develop the areas around the Student and Information Commons, the Fale

Pasifika and the Owen G Glenn building. The list – and the work of transformation – go on.

Tony's speech at his recent retirement function comprised a series of tributes – to the arborists whose services have been invaluable over the years, especially "in scary moments such as when the superb Sir George Grey flame tree [in front of Old Government House] threatened to blow apart in a storm"; to "the excellent specialist nurseries" which have supplied the "wide variety of rare and interesting plants" comprising the collection; to his "small but dedicated grounds team, without whom [I] could of course achieve very little"; and to the early staff of the University's Botany Department, who played a large part in establishing the collection and the philosophy that underlies its quality.

"The University has a proud tradition," says Tony, "of having in its grounds a superb botanical plant collection which has been extensively used for teaching and research as well as for beautification...when the University took over Old Government House in the late 1960s our collection

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## Key events

### European corporate governance

Simon Deakin, Professor of Law at the University of Cambridge, will discuss recent trends in EU company law and corporate governance at a joint seminar to be held by the New Zealand Governance Centre and the Department of Commercial Law. This will take place on 16 April from 5-6pm in Case Room 1 – Room 005, Level 0, Owen G Glenn Building. For more information contact Tressy Menezes, t.menezes@auckland.ac.nz, ext 82628.

### Reducing the risk

The second of two seminars on preventing sexual violence, led by an international visiting researcher and hosted by the Department of Psychology, will take place on 22 April from 4-5pm in Room 604, Human Sciences Building, Symonds Street, with informal discussion to follow. The presenter is Dr Charlene Senn from the University of Windsor in Canada. This is a free public seminar. No registration is necessary.

### Making Shakespeare

The most famous book in English is the 1623 first edition of William Shakespeare's collected *Comedies, Histories, and Tragedies*. This volume was instrumental in turning Shakespeare into the most powerful brand-name in Anglophone literature. But Shakespeare himself and his fellow actors had nothing to do with the printing or publication of the 1623 volume. The key figure was, instead, a 51-year-old London shopkeeper and small businessman whose name, now, almost no one remembers. Alice Griffin Shakespeare Fellow Professor Gary Taylor, George Matthew Edgar Professor at Cambridge University, will speak about "The man who made Shakespeare" on 30 April at 6pm at the Lecture Theatre at Old Government House. Gary Taylor will be introduced by his coeditor and collaborator, Emeritus Professor Mac Jackson.

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# From the Vice-Chancellor

Understanding how staff members view the University, what we do a good job of and what needs improvement, is important to our success as a University. Indeed, retaining and attracting talented people, and creating an environment that fosters the development and success of those people, is a critical aspect of the University's strategy and requires us to understand what our staff value. With this knowledge in hand we are able to prioritise and develop initiatives that will enhance the engagement of our staff, refine those initiatives that are already contributing to our success and track our progress over time.

In July 2007 we undertook a Pilot Staff Survey as a first exercise in gauging how staff perceive the University. Both the response rate (53 percent) and the feedback we received were very encouraging. We will therefore be running the online survey again from 27 April to 15 May. The Staff Survey 2009 will largely mirror the survey undertaken in 2007, allowing us to measure progress over the last two years. One difference from 2007 is that we will be communicating results, and undertaking action planning, at the faculty/service division level as well as at the University-wide level. The decision to undertake analysis of the results by faculty/service division and report the results to each of those units reflects the feedback of staff and will allow each faculty/service division to consider initiatives that will address the needs of its own staff specifically. It is envisaged that the process of communicating results to staff will commence in July.

Should you like further information our intranet has a page dedicated to the Staff Survey, including Frequently Asked Questions, and the contact details of the Survey Network Representatives for each faculty and service division. Any questions regarding the survey can be addressed to your line manager or by emailing [staffsurvey@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:staffsurvey@auckland.ac.nz).

The knowledge that we gained from the Staff Survey in 2007 has been important to help us develop initiatives over the past two years aimed at improving the employment experience of staff and enhancing staff engagement. I therefore encourage all staff to take up the opportunity to share their views, and so contribute to helping us all create an environment that will ensure the continued success of staff and of the University as a whole.



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Tony and his wife, Jenny, at the farewell.

was added to immensely when we gained a superb heritage garden with many significant heritage trees. In my opinion no individual has the right to radically change the emphases in such an historical and valuable botanical collection, but does have the responsibility to maintain and improve it."

Tributes at the farewell did not flow just one way.

Jack Hobbs, Curator Manager of Auckland Botanical Gardens, said he loved the University grounds and had been amazed at how they had progressed. "I think of these grounds as a botanic gardens and a place of great beauty, largely owing to Tony's efforts. His legacy will carry on."

Associate Professor Mike Pearson (Biological Sciences) spoke of the rich diversity of the collection and of the value of Tony's work not only in creating aesthetically pleasing spaces but also in providing "an important teaching and research resource".

Emmett Mackle (Property Services) spoke of Tony's enormous contribution during four decades of dramatic growth in the University, with an increase in student numbers from around 8,000 to 38,000, almost matched by a four-fold increase in physical space. Tony, he said, has been "protector and guardian of oases away from the CBD. Visitors are amazed that a campus in the city can be so beautiful."

## Momentous time for Planning

**Alumni, staff and University leaders gathered at a gala event to celebrate 50 years of Planning education at the University.**

More than 300 alumni from New Zealand and overseas were there to mark the half-century of a distinctive programme that established Planning as an academic discipline in New Zealand.

Among the distinguished guests were some of the programme's first graduates. These included Bob Riddell, who eventually became Professor and Head of the Department; now Emeritus Professor. Other notables included former staff members Jim Dart, Michael Pritchard, Maurice Taylor, Harry Turbott and Joy Grant, among others.

Ken Tremaine, an early graduate, said that Planning skills learned at University provided a toolkit, investigative acumen, and confidence for tackling the many and varied challenges faced by Planning professionals in their highly varied careers.

Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) Professor Raewyn Dalziel commented that Auckland was the first New Zealand university to offer Planning education and remained its principal provider in New Zealand until 1974.

The first Chair was established in 1957.

An interesting fact, unknown to many staff, about the University's gardens, is the skilful matching of many of its plantings to the focus of scholarship in the buildings nearby. A recent example is the flourishing tropical garden around the Fale Pasifika of palms, gardenias and hibiscus - "all the plants you'd expect in the islands," says Tony, "including bananas, which have already borne fruit".

A major achievement Tony has initiated and overseen has been the establishment of a comprehensive database of the plants in the University's gardens, listing such details as height, width, condition and place of origin, dates of planting (and occasionally, re-planting). This is a highly complex and extendable database with 3,000 possible fields. Tony is also acting as adviser for a similar database now being established for the Auckland Botanical Gardens.

Tony will now enjoy having time to devote to the five acres he shares with his wife, Jenny, at Oratia, with four acres in original bush, mainly kauri and rimu, and the remaining acre cleared for a large vegetable garden, a rock garden and the bulb nursery which forms the base of a "small mail-order business". He will continue with his responsibilities as editor of *Bulbs*, the magazine of the International Bulb Society, and as assistant to the editor of the society's journal *Herbertia*. He will work to support the Green Party, of which he is a member, and will continue his membership of the University's Staff Common Room.

In addition he has just acquired chickens and is supplying eggs to family and friends - hence the University's parting gift of funds towards buying a chicken feeder.

There is one thing Tony intends not to be: a couch potato. "I'd rather grow them," he says.

Professor Robert Kennedy was appointed to the Chair, retiring in 1969. He was previously chief planning officer in the British Ministry of Town and Country Planning and had been responsible for rebuilding blitzed cities and new towns after World War Two. His son, Philip Kennedy, was able to attend the function on behalf of the Kennedy family. Significant changes have occurred in the student constituency. In 1969 most students were drawn from the built environment professions - architecture, engineering, surveying and property valuation - and were almost exclusively male and part-time. Today the Planning programme embraces both genders with, indeed, noticeably more women than men.

The key issue today is how Planning education in New Zealand will adapt to the current economic crisis, which presents some extraordinary challenges for the profession and its educators. It is a momentous time that has many implications for our urban futures and social conditions. Staff of Planning are confident that the education programmes, which have met the needs of the past, will continue to produce graduates over the next 50 years capable of meeting the needs of the future.

# Exams with a difference

When we think of exam-times, our vision is of students sitting in teaching rooms at The University of Auckland, with signs in adjoining corridors requesting silence from those passing by.

However around 100 students each semester sit their exams outside of Auckland City. Most are studying on distance or flexi-courses and sitting exams in their home towns. However, each semester, several of these out-of-centre exams are for students in exceptional circumstances.

The most common places for international exams are Australia, America, China, and the UK. However, the Examinations Office will also try to organise exams almost anywhere – even once on a naval ship in international waters. Students on military assignments during the exam period have completed exams at United Nations base camps in Kosovo and Belgrade – though one sitting an exam at a naval base in Singapore did have some problems: the military did not want to release the exam script until intelligence officers had checked it for security concerns.

University of Auckland exams have been hosted at universities in Finland, Germany, Norway and Poland. Also called on to invigilate our students have been various schools, consulates and universities in Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam. The University of the South Pacific has supervised exams for us in Fiji, Samoa and Tonga, while other distant spots have included Azerbaijan, Chile, Cuba, Portugal and the Maldives.

Last semester, a student even sat a SAMOAN

101 examination at Scott Base in Antarctica.

This traffic, though, isn't all one-way. The University of Auckland's Examinations Office also plays host to students being examined by other universities and professional organisations across the world. The office has supervised exams for University of the South Pacific students from Niue, Tonga and Tuvalu, and for students from the University of London External System, who sit dozens of exams, three times a year, during their University's exam periods. Hundreds of University of South Africa exams are held on our campuses, in both English and Afrikaans, each semester. The University of Auckland hosts examinations for a wide range of Australian universities and a large number of British universities including Brunel, Durham and Cambridge.

The University has also recently held exams for the University of Texas and the University of California, but the majority of our American exams are for professional and record examinations like the GRE (Graduate Records Examination) test which all students must take before applying for American graduate schools. Other large American tests include the Chartered Financial Analyst and CISA (Certified Information System Auditor) /ASIS professional accreditations and the LSAT (Law School Admissions Test) exams, all of which are held on weekends throughout the year and can have hundreds of external students.

All over the City Campus, small exams are taking place almost every day all the year round.

# Our sea of islands

"Our sea of islands" and "The Ocean in us" are the themes of a display that runs to 15 May in the University Library.

The display brings together material with Pacific content, and is of interest to students doing Pacific Studies courses and to others in the University interested in Pacific perspectives. It also commemorates the late Professor `Epeli Hau'ofa from the University of Hawaii, who died on 11 January.

`Epeli was a friend to many people in the Pacific region and his multidisciplinary interests and talents as mentor, poet, comic writer, scholar, storyteller, musician and composer are shown in his writings which form part of the display.

Books, scholarly articles and reviews, poetry, short stories and audio-visual material inspired by his writings are also included.

Two of `Epeli Hau'ofa's works - *Our Sea of Islands* and *The Ocean in Us* - have changed the course of Pacific studies and scholarship. Migration, navigation and settlement patterns in the Pacific over 3,000 years ago are well documented through ancestral, genealogical, creation stories, Lapita pottery findings, DNA and linguistic evidence. These multiple connections make the ocean an integral part of Pacific peoples' lives, cultures, and how they view the world.

The Foreword to *We are the Ocean, Selected Works* by `Epeli Hau'ofa describes him as a man who explored "new styles and approaches, all the while sustained by a deep sense of Oceanic values.

As he moved between his island homeland[s] and more arid academic circles, he developed a keen sense of... the contradictions that mark points of intersection between these worlds. Using a variety of disciplinary practices, from the ethnographer's eye to the satirist's pen, he manages to disturb conventional realities and illuminate what is at stake in Oceania and in the world today."

On 30 April the University of Auckland Pacific Islands Students Association (AUPISA) will hold a seminar focused on the same themes as the display.

# Pacific celebration

The Pacific Graduation dinner will take place on 9 May from 6.30-10.30pm at the Manhattan Functions Centre at Mount Roskill. Tickets are \$35, which includes a buffet dinner and live band. For tickets or for further information please contact Marilyn Gabriel on m.gabriel@auckland.ac.nz or ext 85893.

# ... in brief

## Call for nominations

The Ministry of Health is seeking nominations for two vacancies on the Family Violence Death Review Committee (FVDR). The FVDR reviews and reports to the Minister on family violence deaths, develops strategic plans and methodologies designed to reduce their incidence and advises on related matters. The Committee has eight members appointed by the Minister, all of whom must have knowledge or expertise in family violence issues. The Ministry is now seeking two members with experience as social workers, knowledge of service provision or operational policy in the social sector, or experience in working with Māori families affected by family violence. To apply, complete the online application form at [www.moh.govt.nz/statutorybodies](http://www.moh.govt.nz/statutorybodies) or send nominations to the Secretariat, Family Violence Death Review Committee, Ministry of Health, PO Box 5013, Wellington. Applications must be received by 1 May.

## New chair named

Emeritus Professor Noeline Alcorn is appointed chair of the panel that selects New Zealand's top tertiary teachers in the annual national Tertiary Teaching Excellence Awards. She replaces Emeritus Professor Graeme Fraser who retired from the role last year. Professor Alcorn directed the Centre for Continuing Education at The University of Auckland before becoming principal and dean of the School of Education at the University of Waikato. She has been a member of the New Zealand Polytechnics Programmes Committee and Chair of the New Zealand Council for Educational Research and in 2006 she chaired the Education Panel for the Performance Based Research Fund Quality Evaluation.

## Sparking it off

Spark, the student-led entrepreneurship initiative, has four events coming up. On 21 April from 6pm to 7.30pm at the Owen G Glenn Building (OGGB4) Andy Hamilton, CEO of the ICEHOUSE, will speak of obtaining funding, support and resources for start-up ventures. On 23 April at 6pm Ray Avery, recent recipient of the prestigious KEA World Class Award in Biotechnology, will speak of social entrepreneurship (check [www.spark.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.spark.auckland.ac.nz) for location). On 28 April from 6pm-7.30pm (also at OGGB4) you have the chance to learn, in a session called "Building a winning venture team", how to identify and engage partners, alliances and networks. On 30 April entrepreneurial engineers will have the chance to hear guest speaker Glenn "Rocket Man" Martin, founder of the Martin Jet Pack, also from 6-7.30pm, at the Engineering Building, in Symonds Street, Lecture Theatre Eng 3.404.

For more information check [www.spark.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.spark.auckland.ac.nz) or email [v2b@spark-challenge.com](mailto:v2b@spark-challenge.com)



## Fulbright scholarships

Fulbright New Zealand invites applications for the International Fulbright Science and Technology Awards. Valued at over NZ\$350,000 each, these are for promising graduate students to undertake fully-funded PhD study in science, technology or engineering at top American universities. Approximately 40 awards are offered each year to graduate students from around the world who demonstrate unique aptitude and innovation in scientific fields, leadership potential and the ability to be a cultural ambassador for their country. Closing date for applications to Fulbright New Zealand is 1 May 2009. See [www.fulbright.org.nz/awards/nz-iftst.html](http://www.fulbright.org.nz/awards/nz-iftst.html) or contact Kara Wood for further information on [kara@fulbright.org.nz](mailto:kara@fulbright.org.nz)

## School of Music excels

It was a musical clean sweep for the School of Music at the recent 42nd National Concerto Competition, with all three finalists in the hotly-contested piano competition students at the School. John-Paul Muir, who is completing his masters this year, took first place with his interpretation of Ravel's Piano Concerto in G. Masters student Joonghan Jung took second place for his performance of Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 4 in G major op 58; and Jason Bae, who is in the first year of his bachelors degree in music, came third with Chopin's Piano Concerto No 2 in F minor. The competition alternates yearly between orchestral instruments and piano. Finalists perform accompanied by the Christchurch Symphony Orchestra in the Christchurch Town Hall. Both John-Paul Muir and Jason Bae are students of Rae de Lisle while Joonghan Jung has studied with both Rae de Lisle and Read Gainsford, who taught at the School of Music in 2008.

## Early quitting cuts risk

Research initiated at The University of Auckland has shown that women who quit smoking within the first 15 weeks of pregnancy can reverse their elevated risk of premature birth and having small babies, without suffering increased stress. According to the research women who do not quit smoking by 15 weeks of pregnancy are three times more likely than non-smokers to give birth prematurely, and twice as likely to have low birth-weight babies. In contrast, women who quit smoking by 15 weeks bring their risk of these complications back down to the same level as non-smokers. Another important finding is that women who stop smoking by 15 weeks of pregnancy are not more stressed than those who continued to smoke. The lead researcher is Associate Professor Lesley McCowan. The findings have been published in the *British Medical Journal* and were presented at the Auckland meeting of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

# Global warming a moral issue



**"Global temperatures are changing with unprecedented rapidity (0.7°C over the twentieth century)," said distinguished Earth scientist, Professor Bob White FRS, to an audience of more than 200 at the Owen G Glenn Building on 12 March.**

Bob White, from the Department of Earth Sciences at Cambridge, speaking on "Global warming: a Christian response" said that 11 of the hottest years on record have fallen in the last 12 years. The warmest ever was 1998.

A dip in global temperatures (associated with the intense industrialisation following World War Two) is often cited as evidence against human responsibility for climate change. However, particulate pollution shielded the earth from the sun's heat, and the various clean air acts which reduced pollution

allowed the underlying increasing temperature trend to again become apparent in the last part of the twentieth century. The temperature dip is therefore fully consistent with the anthropogenic nature of climate change, said Bob.

Floods and droughts are expected to become more extreme. An increase in global temperature of 2°C will probably place another 100 million people at risk of hunger; an increase of 4°C will imperil 500 million. Most of these people at risk live in South America, Asia and Africa. The vulnerability of the poor makes this inescapably a moral issue.

Bob reflected on how Christian values can play a key role in formulating a response to global climate change. The biblical emphasis on God as creator leads to the implication that human existence is intended to be purposive and responsible. Creation is declared to be good, he says, a sufficient reason for caring for it. God's care is a model for people to emulate. The biblical commandment that humanity should care for the Earth is an unavoidable imperative. Emphasis on community and love for one's neighbour requires compassionate action.

Practical responses operate at many different levels, he continued. He believes we should walk or cycle more (in the UK, one quarter of all car journeys are less than two miles) and eat meat less. Communities could share cars and gardening equipment. Nationally, we in New Zealand should be concerned that the proportion of energy that is renewable is decreasing. Globally, consumption should "contract" and also "converge" so as to result in the equitable sharing of resources.

After the lecture Bob White stayed on for a vigorous 20-minute question and answer session.

This event was hosted by the School of Theology, and was sponsored by the Faraday Institute of Science and Religion (University of Cambridge) and World Vision (NZ).

# Test helps predict lung cancer

**A simple lung function test could help to identify people at increased risk of lung cancer according to research from The University of Auckland and Auckland City Hospital**

The study, published online in the *European Respiratory Journal*, showed that smokers with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), also known as smoker's lung or emphysema, were six times more likely to get lung cancer than smokers without COPD.

The relationship between the two diseases, which is much closer than previously thought, means that routine testing for COPD could help to identify smokers at increased risk of lung cancer and who would benefit most from quitting smoking.

"By identifying smokers with reduced lung function (or COPD), people at greater risk of lung cancer can be identified at a time when quitting smoking can still significantly reduce their risk,"

says lead researcher Associate Professor Robert Young (Biological Sciences).

The research team believes that spirometry – a simple breathing test – should be routinely available through GPs to screen smokers for COPD. For people who smoke, being given a diagnosis of COPD and knowing they have a significantly increased risk of lung cancer, are two things that can help them to quit.

More than half of all New Zealand smokers with COPD and with an increased likelihood of lung cancer have never had a spirometry test and so are unaware of their elevated risk. "This is not really acceptable, as nearly all patients with lung cancer express feelings of guilt or regret that they smoked and wished they had given up sooner," says Robert.

The close link between COPD and lung cancer in the Auckland study, combined with results from other research, hints that some people have a

# New associate professors



Dean Sutcliffe at Zurich.



Associate Professor Scott Parkins, with his daughter Eleanor.

## W. Dean Sutcliffe (Music)

I had five wonderfully enjoyable years at the University of Auckland starting in 1979, ending up with a BMus majoring in Composition and an MA in English and German – but then it took me some 23 years to get back here.

Having inclined towards German for further study, I ended up doing an MPhil then a PhD in Music at the University of Cambridge, both concentrating on the music of Haydn. I was able to sample three different colleges, first Trinity as a student, then Emmanuel as a Research Fellow, and then from 1990 to 2006 St Catharine's, during which time I was a lecturer and later reader in the Faculty of Music.

The music of Haydn has continued to be a leading interest, joined later by that of Domenico Scarlatti, on whom I completed a major monograph several years ago. Both figures utilised a high degree of creative self-consciousness to create a revolution in listening practices and indeed in ways of thinking about (musical) time.

The broad theme of much of my current research is the sociability of the music of the later eighteenth century, the way in which composers cultivated a style that was accessible and familiar, polite yet also humorous, and this theme enables one to reflect on the positive role that convention plays in art.

I am also (founding) editor of the Cambridge University Press journal *Eighteenth-Century Music*, now in its sixth year.

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genetic predisposition to both diseases.

"The relationship strongly suggests that there are overlapping risk factors which, apart from smoking, predispose smokers to both COPD and lung cancer," says Robert. It is possible that further research into these factors may eventually lead to the development of more effective preventive strategies.

## Scott Parkins (Physics)

I was born and raised in Hamilton and received a DPhil in Theoretical Physics from the University of Waikato in 1991.

My field of research, then and now, is theoretical quantum optics, which deals with the quantum theory of light and its interaction with matter at a fundamental level.

How I got into this field is in large part the result of a very fortunate coincidence in space and time; it happened that in the 1980s the University of Waikato was actually a hotbed of theoretical quantum optics, with Crispin Gardiner and the late Dan Walls having established an internationally renowned research group there. So, I was in the right place at the right time to enter a still relatively young, but very dynamic and exciting field of research, which today addresses a very broad range of topics, including fundamental quantum mechanics, precision measurements, and quantum computing and communication.

After graduating from Waikato, I spent two years as a postdoc at the University of Colorado in Boulder and then a year in Germany as an Alexander von Humboldt Fellow at the University of Konstanz. I have been in Auckland since 1996, when I joined the Physics Department as a research fellow. Since then I have spent periods of leave working at research institutes in a variety of places, including Santa Barbara, Innsbruck, Munich and Pasadena. I have enjoyed a particularly fruitful collaboration over many years with the experimental quantum optics group of Jeff Kimble at Caltech, where they do remarkable experiments in cavity quantum electrodynamics that involve single, ultra-cold atoms and microscopic optical resonators.

In my leisure time, I enjoy swimming, jogging, and tennis, although these have taken a back seat in recent times to my lovely daughter Eleanor, who was born in January.

## Viewpoint

### RMA must be better resourced, not just 'streamlined'

Since the Resource Management Act has been in existence its implementation has been problematic. Among the more acute problems that people have encountered have been significant delays, burdensome costs and pedantic legalistic approaches.

The government's proposal to streamline the RMA runs the risk of appearing to improve a situation everyone agrees needs tending to. In fact, it is a short-sighted attempt to simply speed up processes, which will only exacerbate problems of a more substantive nature that, in its fullness, the RMA seeks to address.

Of critical significance is that these changes signal a significant shift in the relationship of national and local government and reflect a move back to greater centralisation of power. This is a fundamental departure from one of the key principles underpinning resource management and local government reforms of the last two decades, notably devolution of powers and responsibilities to lower levels of government.

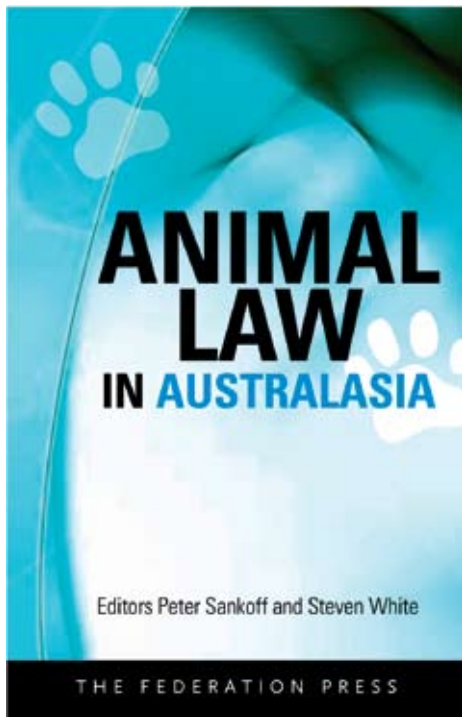
The proposal to limit appeals on district plan reviews is another major change put forward in the Bill. It incorrectly assumes that local government produces plans of consistent quality. There is considerable variation in the capacity of councils to prepare plans. A corner-cutting exercise will only make these problems worse.

Other improving strategies are needed to strengthen the quality of implementation. Civic participation has been a hallmark of the RMA and it is important that an appropriate balance is maintained between the rights of applicants and the wider community interests. This balance is likely to be hotly contested in these reforms. However, faced with increasingly uncertain and rapidly changing circumstances, we should be thinking much more creatively about the types of planning instruments we develop and the forms of community engagement undertaken in order to prepare plans more expeditiously.

The RMA is a sophisticated and intellectually demanding mandate. What is needed to improve outcomes under RMA is not so much a streamlining exercise, but better resourcing of the institutions charged with creating and delivering plans. Failure to follow through significant changes with adequate support and resourcing will undermine their intent, as was so evident in the 1990s.

**Professor Jenny Dixon**  
Head of the School of Architecture and Planning





## Animal Law in Australasia

The fraught legal relationship between humans and animals is explored in a book co-edited by Peter Sankoff from the Faculty of Law.

*Animal Law in Australasia* is the first scholarly book on the topic published in this part of the world.

It is surprising that such a book has been so long in coming, says Peter Sankoff. "Post-colonial Australia and New Zealand were built in part upon the backs of animals.

"Today, farmers raise several hundred million animals for slaughter every year, and animal-based industries producing meat, dairy products, eggs and wool form a key part of our economies."

Until recently animals were regarded as property and could be treated as their owners saw fit. "We could breed them, sell them, kill them – even torture them – without running foul of any law."

The once radical notion that pain and suffering inflicted on animals by humans should be constrained is now commonplace across the Western world, he says. "This is reflected in elaborate regulatory regimes ostensibly committed to protecting animals from human mistreatment."

It is now commonplace for the popular media to debate the ethical acceptability of live sheep export, battery hen cages, sow stalls and other practices exploiting animals. "However, there has been very little assessment, or even understanding, of how the law addresses these practices."

The book, the work of New Zealand and Australian specialists in animal welfare law, takes up this challenge. It asks whether existing laws really do protect animals, identifies where the law is inadequate and proposes how it can be improved.

Recreational hunting, commercial uses of animals in farming and research, and live animal exports are among issues covered.

The President of the Australian Law Reform Commission has referred to the human treatment of animals as "perhaps the next great social justice movement", notes Peter.

He hopes the book will stimulate dialogue on the nature of our legal relationship with animals.

"The law's effectiveness in addressing the treatment of animals needs to be fervently discussed and debated instead of marginalised and ignored. Perhaps the greatest obstacle to their better legal treatment is passivity and ongoing acceptance of the status quo."

Guest speaker at the launch held in late March was Sue Kedgley, Green Party MP and spokesperson on animal welfare issues.

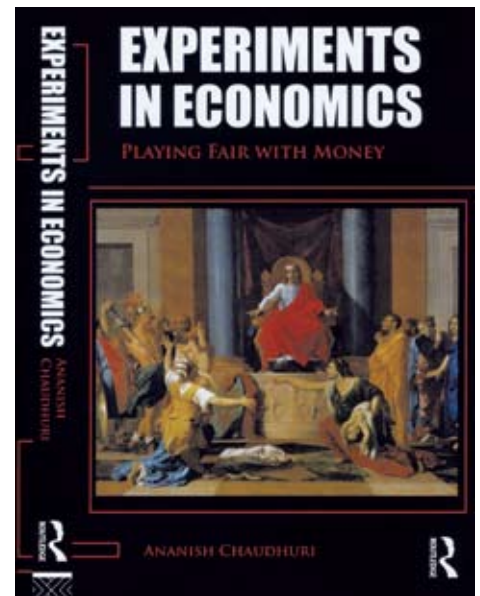
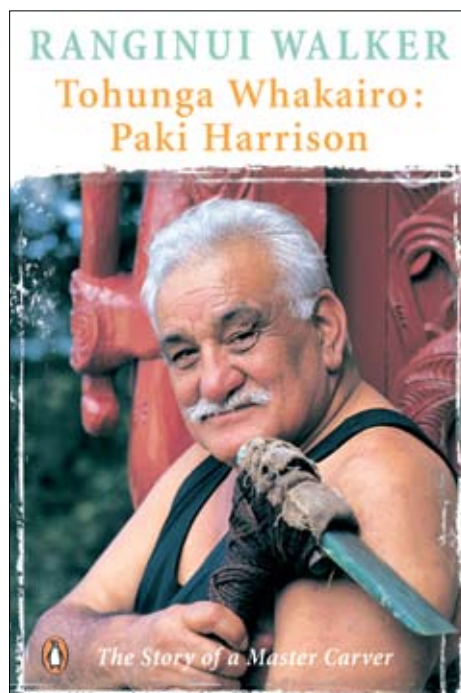
## Tohunga Whakairo

Paki Harrison was widely regarded as New Zealand's greatest master carver, a man with a huge reputation as a leading tohunga of the art form.

In this major biography, Emeritus Professor Ranginui Walker (Māori Studies) traces Paki Harrison's life and work, describing in detail the conception, carving and building of several significant meeting houses.

Paki Harrison possessed immense knowledge about the traditional arts of the carver, extending way beyond the actual physical arts to include its most ancient aspects – the symbolism contained in Māori art – to its role in transmitting old tribal history. Named as one of New Zealand's Icon Artists in 2005, he was responsible for carving ten of the most important new North Island meeting houses in recent years, in particular the outstanding Tāne-nui-a-Rangi house at The University of Auckland marae. He taught, researched and wrote extensively on the art of the tohunga whakairo.

This book is published by Penguin. The front cover photography is by Sally Tagg, courtesy *Mana Magazine*, and the cover design is by Dexter Fry.



## Experiments in Economics

Are humans fair by nature? Why do we often willingly trust strangers or cooperate with them even if those actions leave us vulnerable to exploitation? Does this natural inclination towards fairness or trust have implications in the market-place?

Traditional economic theory would perhaps think not, perceiving human interaction as self-interested at heart. There is increasing evidence, however, that social norms and norm-driven behaviour such as a preference for fairness, generosity or trust have serious implications for economics.

*Experiments in Economics: Playing fair with money*, written by Associate Professor Ananish Chaudhuri (Department of Economics) and published by Routledge, provides an accessible overview of economic experiments, specifically those that explore the role of fairness, generosity, trust and reciprocity in economic transactions.

Ananish Chaudhuri approaches a variety of economic issues and problems including pricing by firms; writing labour contracts between parties; making voluntary contributions to charity; addressing issues of environmental pollution; providing micro-credit to small entrepreneurs; and resolving problems of coordination failure in organisations.

This book discusses how norm-driven behaviour can often lead to significantly different outcomes than those predicted by economic theories, and these findings should in turn cause us to rethink how we approach economic analysis and policy.

Assuming no prior knowledge of economics and containing a variety of examples, this will be ideal reading for people from a wide range of backgrounds, including students and policy-makers. It should appeal to economics undergraduates studying experimental economics, microeconomics or game theory, as well as students in social psychology, organisational behaviour, management and other business-related disciplines.

## Art



John Pule (b. 1962), *Nofoa koe ka fano a au (You stay I go)*, 1997.

Oil on canvas, 2103 x 1775mm.  
The University of Auckland Art Collection

Journeys have been a constant theme in the work of John Pule, who arrived in New Zealand at the age of two from the village of Liku, Niue, and has gone on to exhibit extensively around the world. A self-taught artist, Pule draws his influence as much from poetry as art history and a variety of Pacific traditions, partly due to his parallel practice as an accomplished writer with three published novels and much poetry to his name. Painting grew out of his practice as a writer and language continues to play an important role in his art, which is often interwoven with his own autobiographical texts.

During the 1990s, Pule experimented with his own version of 19th century hiapo (bark cloth paintings), a shift that coincided with the artist making his first return visit to his homeland in 1991. Although writer Peter Simpson (associate professor in the English Department) is quick to point out that virtually no hiapo, a post-contact phenomenon, resides in Niue, this hybrid semi-traditional form provided a framework in which Pule created a distinctive language of his own, reviving the smoky hanging cloths with unstretched canvases, populating the dynamic grids with his own personal iconography of new and old; places, names and images.

Like psychic maps, his works explore the

interconnectedness of all things; religious scenes freely intermingle with traditional motifs and contemporary technology, combining, in one recent exhibition, ambulances, aeroplanes and crucifixions entwined with vines and mythic creatures. Pule is the storyteller and through the narratives of his own history and relationships, he threads fantastic fictions. Curator Ron Brownson has written that his “pictographs are like a potent sequence of film stills which can project the shapes of memory, dreams and intuition”.

With the turn of the millennium, Pule adopted a distinctively new style of vividly coloured clouds and vines, interconnecting floating scenes of bustling, surrealist activity. A large suite of these works can also be found on campus: in 2003 Pule was commissioned by The University of Auckland to design a set of ten windows for the new buildings of Pacific Studies, contributing to the skin of the building with images that act like an outer cloak, tattoo or protection. Artworks commissioned from other artists for the Fale Pasifika are also integrated into the building as the entry paving or gateway or in the construction of the Fale itself, providing links to the past and present in these living buildings.

Andrew Clifford

## Books

### Book examines Māori-Chinese relations

Do Māori resent Chinese immigrants? Do Chinese New Zealanders understand the role of the tangata whenua? Have Māori and Chinese formed alliances based on common values and history?

These and other important issues are examined in *The Dragon & the Taniwha* (Auckland University Press), a new book by Associate Professor Manying Ip (Asian Studies).

The book, the result of a major grant from the Marsden Fund, looks for the first time at how two very different marginalised groups in New Zealand society have interacted over the last 150 years and explores the relationship between the tangata whenua and the country's earliest and largest non-European immigrant group.

The book's 12 contributors include such prominent scholars as Professor Margaret Mutu (Māori Studies), Richard Bedford, David Pearson, Robert Didham, Nigel Murphy and Mark Williams. They analyse from many different angles a wide range of issues: how Māori newspapers portray Chinese and how Chinese media portray Māori; the changing demography of the Chinese and Māori populations; Māori-Chinese marriages and the ancient migration of both groups. The result is a rich portrait of the past and present relationships between two major immigrant groups.

Manying says race relations in New Zealand have usually been examined in terms of Māori and Pākehā. By looking at Māori-Chinese relations, she believes *The Dragon & the Taniwha* portrays a much richer and more complex social fabric than



seen in traditional interpretations.

“While Māori and Chinese were close allies in times of adversity – for example when both communities were relegated to the fringe of ‘respectable society’ – relationships have become more strained since the influx of new Asian migrants. The role of the dominant Pākehā community cannot be ignored in the relationship



Manying Ip.

between Māori and Chinese because the framework for ethnic interactions has really been set by Pākehā. This book offers a more nuanced understanding of New Zealand race relations.”

Former Governor-General Sir Paul Reeves will launch *The Dragon & the Taniwha* at 6.30-8pm on Monday 27 April at the Whare Kai, Waipapa Marae (Wynyard Street).



# What's on

## THURSDAY 9 APRIL

### Awakening the dreamer, changing the dream symposium

9.30am-2pm Decima Glenn Rm, Level 3, Owen G Glenn Bldg, 12 Grafton Rd. Queries to [contact@nexusz.org](mailto:contact@nexusz.org)

## FRIDAY 10 APRIL

### Good Friday

## MONDAY 13 APRIL

### Easter Monday

## WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL

### School of Biological Sciences seminar

Prof Barrie J. Frost, Department of Psychology, Queen's University, Canada: *A taxonomy of different types of visual motion and their underlying neural mechanisms*. 12noon, Mac1, Old Biology Bldg. Queries to Mark Hauber, email [m.hauber@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:m.hauber@auckland.ac.nz)

## THURSDAY 16 APRIL

### Property rights and sustainability conference

Until 18 April. Hosted by the Faculty of Law, UoA and the NZ Centre for Environmental Law. The conference will bring together leading academics, judges, government officials, policy analysts and practitioners to examine the future of property rights within the context of sustainable development. The conference will open with a public address from Judge Christopher Weeramantry (former Vice President of the International Court of Justice) and will feature presentations from prominent scholars and commentators on property rights, sustainability, the environment and resource management. Visit [www.nzcel-conf.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.nzcel-conf.auckland.ac.nz)

### Doctoral morning tea

10-11am iSpace, 4th Floor, Kate Edger Information Commons. Please come and enjoy a free morning tea in iSpace. This is a chance for all doctoral students to mingle, talk and share common issues.

### Joint seminar by the NZ Governance Centre and Commercial Law

Professor Simon Deakin: *European corporate governance: A single model for the internal market?* 5-6pm Case Room 1, Rm 005, Level 0, Owen G. Glenn Bldg, 12 Grafton Rd. Queries to Tresey Menezes, phone 923 2628 or email [t.menezes@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:t.menezes@auckland.ac.nz)

## FRIDAY 17 APRIL

### Department of Philosophy seminar

Dr Jonathan Adler, Cuny Graduate Centre: *Contextualism, fallibility, and the value of knowing*. 4-6pm Rm 207.501, Arts 2 Bldg.

## SATURDAY 18 APRIL

### Department of Art History lecture

Assoc-Prof Len Bell: *Sources and influences in the work of Milan Mrkusich*. 1pm Gus Fisher Gallery, 74 Shortland St. Visit [www.gusfishergallery.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.gusfishergallery.auckland.ac.nz)

## TUESDAY 21 APRIL

### Bioengineering research seminar

Dr Gib Bogle, Senior Research Officer, Auckland Bioengineering Institute: *A person's a person, no matter how small or agent-based modelling of T cell responses in the lymph node paracortex*. 4-5pm Fifth Floor Seminar Rm, 70 Symonds St.

## WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL

### Department of Applied Language Studies and Linguistics seminar

Prof Yan Huang, UoA: *Don't say too much or too little: The management of reference to human entities in English conversation*. 12 noon Rm 210, Level 2, Fisher Bldg.

### Department of Psychology seminar series on sexual violence prevention research

Prof Charlene Y Senn, Dept of Psychology/Women's Studies Programme, University of Windsor, Canada: *An imperfect feminist journey: Reflections on the process to develop an effective sexual assault resistance programme for university women*. 4-5pm (with informal discussion until 5.30pm) HSB 604. Queries to Nicola Gavey, email [n.gavey@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:n.gavey@auckland.ac.nz)

## TUESDAY 28 APRIL

### Communiqué '09 lunchtime seminar

Hugh Byrd, Architect, Pacific Environments NZ Ltd: *The yellow tree house project*. 12-1pm Exhibition Studio, Level 3, School of Architecture and Planning, Bldg 421, 26 Symonds St. Queries to Kathy Waghorn, phone 373 7599 ext 89150 or email [k.waghorn@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:k.waghorn@auckland.ac.nz)

### School of Population Health seminar

Prof Richard Faull, Professor of Anatomy, School of Medical Sciences and Melanie Cheung, PhD student: *The Human Brain Bank: Research in partnership with Whānau and the community: He Tangata! He Tangata! He Tangata!* 12.30-1.30pm Function Rm 220, School of Population Health Bldg, Tamaki Campus. Complimentary light lunch. Free parking via main entrance gate 1. RSVP and queries to Evie Kinane, [e.kinane@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:e.kinane@auckland.ac.nz)

### Bioengineering research seminar

Sarala Wimalaratne, Auckland Bioengineering Institute: *A framework for annotating and visualising CellML modules*. 4-5pm Fifth Floor Seminar Rm, 70 Symonds St.

## WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL

### Managing change

8.30am-4.30pm Rm 336, Level 3, Bldg 810, 1-11 Short St. Provides managers with the knowledge, skills and resources you need to manage change on a personal level and to motivate and support your team. Enrol via PeopleSoft HR Employee Self Service (code HRMCH). For queries phone ext 89630.

### Department of Sociology seminar

Dr Louisa Allen, Critical Studies in Education, Faculty of Education, UoA: *'The five cm rule': Biopower, sexuality and schooling*. 11am-12noon HSB 901.

## THURSDAY 30 APRIL

### Alice Griffin Shakespeare Fellow lecture

Prof Gary Taylor, George Matthew Edgar Professor, Cambridge: *The man who made Shakespeare*. 6.30pm Lecture Theatre, OGH, corner Princes St and Waterloo Quadrant. The lecture will be followed by a reception.

# Classifieds

## ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

### Charming, beautifully renovated

**settlers' cottage in historic Devonport Village.** Short walk and ferry ride to Auckland city centre and University. 3-4 bdrms; two bthrms; two living rooms and conservatory. Central fireplace/heating system, upstairs deck with view of Rangitoto; gorgeous private garden with fruit trees, fishpond and fountain. Available fully-furnished for six months from mid-June 2009. \$650 pw + utilities, but negotiable for reliable gardeners/self-managers. Email Veronica at [v.strang@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:v.strang@auckland.ac.nz) or phone 64 (9) 446 6071.

**Grey Lynn.** A full or partly furnished bedroom in a pretty, comfortable 1920s bungalow. Quiet street opposite the park, close to Richmond and Ponsonby Roads. Handy to supermarkets, cafés, Link Bus and 30 minutes' walk to the University. Share with one other (owner) and two cats. There is a large, private garden and the use of an additional sunroom/sitting room. Would best suit a vegetarian. \$210 pw includes phone rental, wireless internet, water and power. Short or longer term let. Available from the end of April. Please email [robynj@orcon.net.nz](mailto:robynj@orcon.net.nz)

**Orakei - Okahu Bay.** Flatmate required, single bdrm. \$150 pw + exps. Has Sky TV, Broadband connection, shared bthrm, sharing with up to three others in modern townhouse. All mod cons in kitchen, fireplace, parking on street only. One block from bus, near Fergis Kayaks. Phone Diana on 528-9313.

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## ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

### Long-term rental or house-sitting

**needed.** Mature University professional wants one-bdrm flat/apartment/cottage with whitewash away from noise. House-sitting an option. Happy to mind cat/dog. Max \$300 pw. Inner city suburbs preferred. Quality tenant. Contact Prue Scott at [p.scott@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:p.scott@auckland.ac.nz) or (021) 869 060.

**House-sitter available.** Ex-NZ diplomat/trade representative. Available for flexible periods from early May-mid August; then mid November-May 2010. Male, early '50s, n/s. Setting up an international trade business and spending time in NZ and overseas. Renovated houses in Auckland. Handy, fit and healthy. Owned cats and dogs previously, love their company and sensitive to their

needs. House sat most recently in St Mary's Bay. References available on request. Please contact [alwyn\\_moores@yahoo.com](mailto:alwyn_moores@yahoo.com) or phone/text (0275) 500 776.

**House-sitter available.** University staff member looking for a one- or two-bdrm flat, house or apartment-sitting position in the Grey Lynn, Westmere, Herne Bay, Freemans Bay, Ponsonby area from the beginning of May through winter. Phone 373 7599 ext 84149 or (021) 0251 2451.

### Short term rental or house sitting needed

- from end of April to mid-August. Inner city suburbs preferred. We are a family - one mature couple (n/s) and our five-year old daughter - looking for a two-bdrm flat/house/apt. House sitting an option. We are re-cladding our leaky home and we need a place to stay while the job is being done. Please contact Marcella or Peter on (09) 915 5330 or (09) 815 0401 or (027) 413 1721 or [marcella.selwyn@orcon.net.nz](mailto:marcella.selwyn@orcon.net.nz)

## MISCELLANEOUS

**For a limited time:** \$20 hearing tests available for children aged from six months to five years. Please call the Hearing and Tinnitus Clinic, Tamaki Campus for an appointment: 373 8791 (ample free parking).

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### School holiday programmes for staff with family responsibilities.

The University of Auckland is member of the Out of School Care Network. OSCN has a database of holiday and out of school programmes that are run in the Auckland area. Feel free to contact OSCN on (09) 366 0320 if you require information. YMCA who are members of OSCN run school holiday programmes which have been recommended. Visit [www.nzymca.com/kids/holiday.php](http://www.nzymca.com/kids/holiday.php) EEO Office, ext 87855 or email [ms.freeman@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:ms.freeman@auckland.ac.nz)

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