



Dear {FIRST_NAME},



Our congratulations go to Olympic medal winner and Young Alumnus of the Year 2007, Mahé Drysdale. We would also like to commend the spirited performances and achievements of all our alumni at Beijing. You can [read more about our graduates at the games](#) on the Alumni and Friends website.



New alumni representative elected to University Council

Dr Ian Parton was elected to the University Council last month following a Court of Convocation election which featured electronic voting for the first time and broadened eligibility to include all University alumni.

[Read more about the Court of Convocation and the election result.](#)

Photo galleries from Whangarei and Sydney



We've uploaded a selection of photos from the recent Alumni and Friends events in Whangarei and Sydney

[Click here to view the Sydney gallery.](#)

[Click here to view the Whangarei gallery.](#)



Eruption survivor and rescuer look to the future

The eruption of Mt Ruapehu and 13 operations to his legs hasn't stopped William Pike from a career in teaching after graduating from The University of Auckland.

[Read more on the alumni and friends website.](#)



Kea New Zealand to find missing overseas voters

New Zealanders living overseas have been vastly under-represented as voters in past General Elections - and so Kea New Zealand has launched a global campaign to encourage them to vote in this year's election.

New Zealand citizens can vote from anywhere in the world if they have visited New Zealand within the previous three years. If you fall into this category, we would encourage you to check your eligibility and enrol online.

[Find out more on the Every Vote Counts website.](#)

Making Their Mark: Damian Dempsey in Thailand



Upcoming events

8 September
[Postgraduate roadshow - Wellington](#)

9 September
[Postgraduate roadshow - Christchurch](#)

10 September
[Postgraduate roadshow - Dunedin](#)

11 September
[Kea Melbourne - 10 Steps to Becoming Customer Driven](#)

22 September
[2008 Robert Chapman lecture: Polls versus Expectations - Howard's End in Australia and are there lessons for New Zealand?](#)

23 September
[NICAI Postgraduate Information Evening](#)

27 September
[2008 Engineering Annual Alumni Dinner](#)

10 October
[Hong Kong Alumni & Friends Reception](#)

13 October
[Seoul Alumni & Friends reception 2008](#)

15 October
[Beijing alumni & friends reception 2008](#)

17 October
[Shanghai Alumni & Friends reception 2008](#)

Book of the month



First Catch Your Weka: A Story of New Zealand Cooking
David Veart (UoA alumnus). PB; RRP \$49.99; Alumni price \$42.49

From Charles Heaphy to the Edmonds Cookery Book, Alison Holst to Allyson Gofton and on to the meal on your plate today, *First Catch Your Weka* tells the story of what New Zealanders cooked through the recipes we used.

[Go to the AUP website](#)

[Get the 15% alumni discount](#)

Kea event

10 Steps to Becoming Customer Driven
11 Sept, 5.30-7.30pm
Melbourne, Australia

Kea Melbourne are hosting their first Business After 5 event featuring Dr Ian Brooks, one of Australasia's foremost authorities on business management and New Zealand's leading business author and speaker.



Theology graduate Damian Dempsey is working with the Marist Mission in Ranong, Thailand. The organisation strives to make life better for the poor and exploited people of the area, with a focus on education, care of persons with HIV-AIDS, and child protection.

[Read Damian's profile on the alumni and friends website.](#)

[Read more alumni profiles from all over the globe on the Make Your Mark website.](#)



Business School recognitions

The Business School has had two exciting recognitions.

Michael Groves (*top left*), Graduate School of Enterprise Director of Operations, has been inducted into the TVNZ New Zealand Marketing Hall of Fame.



Peter C. B. Phillips (*bottom left*), Distinguished Alumnus and Professor in the Department of Economics, has been made a Corresponding Fellow of the British Academy.

[Read more on the Business School website.](#)



Former VC recounts career

The University's second and longest-serving Vice-Chancellor, Sir Colin Maiden, has written his autobiography.

An Energetic Life recounts the highlights of a distinguished and varied career.

[Read more on the Alumni and Friends website.](#)

Host Families S.O.S.



The Host Families scheme, now in its third year, gives international students the chance to experience Kiwi hospitality.

The International Office has done so well in advertising the scheme this semester that we now have over 50 international students eager to have dinner in a Kiwi home, and not enough families to accommodate them.

We urgently need more host families to help. If you are at all interested and want to find out more please call Judith Grey on 09 373 7599 ext 82309 or email society@auckland.ac.nz.

NICAI Postgraduate Information Evening

This is your opportunity to meet staff and find out more about postgraduate study and research at the National Institute of Creative Arts and Industries.

NICAI offers a full range of Diploma, Masters and Doctoral programmes in Architecture, Planning, Urban Design, Dance Studies, Fine Arts, Music and Sound.

[Click here for more details and to register.](#)

Hochstetter at ACL



1 Sept - 23 Nov
Auckland Central Library

This exhibition celebrates Ferdinand von Hochstetter: father of New Zealand geology (1829-1884) and commemorates the 150th anniversary of the arrival of Hochstetter and the Austrian Novara expedition in Auckland (1858-2008)

[Read more on the Library website](#)

AFS Returnees

Calling all AFS Returnees
1947-1976

AFS NZ is on a mission to reconnect with AFSers from the period.

If you are one of these returnees, we would love to hear from you!

Please contact AFS on 0800 600 300 or email [Joany Grima - joany.grima@afs.org](mailto:Joany.Grima-joany.grima@afs.org)

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WANT TO SHARE THE NEWS?

The evening is being held on September 23rd at the University.

[Find out more and register on the NICAI website.](#)

Alumni events planned for four North Asia Cities

Registration to the Alumni and Friends receptions are well under way. For further information to these forthcoming events please click on the links below.

Guest speaker and alumna Associate Professor Manying Ip, from the School of Asian Studies, will talk about the importance of national identity, the tension between nationalism and globalisation and diversity as a strength. Through her research she will show how immigrant groups like the Chinese and Koreans can make a significant impact, contributing to the well-being of both the country of origin and the host nation.

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[More details about the Hong Kong event](#)

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Until next month,

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