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A newsletter for alumni and friends



Welcoming 2019 with New Year Honours

Congratulations to alumni, staff and friends of the University who received New Year Honours in 2019. Pictured is Associate Professor Selina Tusitala Marsh from the Faculty of Arts. She was appointed an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to poetry, literature and the Pacific community.

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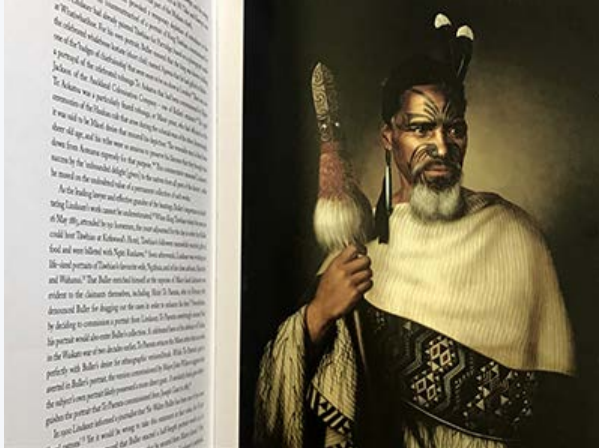


You're invited to a wonderful evening

Join us on Friday 8 March at our Distinguished Alumni Awards dinner, where we hear from our extraordinary alumni who are making outstanding contributions in their fields - from pioneering reconstructive surgery to

award-winning music and film, as well as exemplary leadership in education and business.

[Book your tickets](#)



Paula Morris' top reads, plus your chance to win

Associate Professor Paula Morris reveals her top reads. Thanks to Auckland University Press, we have one of her recommended books to give away.

[See top reads and win](#)



Redefining what ageing looks like

From trialling robotic simulations of pets in rest homes, to developing new treatments for brain disease, our world class researchers have been answering our Campaign For All Our Futures question: "Can we redefine old age?"

Two generous gifts totalling \$10 million have been donated towards improving health outcomes, meaning we can continue our life-changing research.



New champion for ageing well

Creating age-friendly environments is paramount for Professor Ngaire Kerse, who has been appointed the inaugural Joyce Cook Chair in Ageing Well. This is a role made possible thanks to a generous \$5 million gift from Metlifecare founder Cliff Cook.

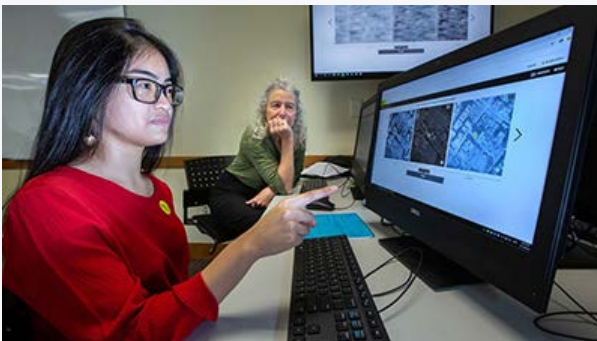
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Love inspires gift to brain research

Seeing his late wife struggle with Parkinson's disease motivated Sir David Levene to donate \$5 million to brain research.

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Students track war crimes in Syria

A chance to take part in an Amnesty International (NZ) investigation into possible war crimes in Syria was too good to pass up for a group of University of Auckland students.

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Custom built EV secures podium finish at global competition

Constructing a race car from scratch is no easy feat, but dedication and perseverance has paid off with third place for the University's Formula SAE team, in a global racing competition.

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In brief



Congratulations to our lucky prize winners!

We made the holiday season one to remember for some alumni, with our highly anticipated Christmas competitions. Five lucky alumni also won an iPhone 8 Plus courtesy of our Update your Details competition.

[Check out our winners](#)

Making a difference with our



international students

Securing a job in a country vastly different to your own can be a daunting task, so we are combining forces with alumni to help ensure our international students can experience what it is like to work in New Zealand. Here alumnus Philip Hadfield shares what it was like to take part in our Workplace Insights Programme.

[Read Philip's story](#)



First Pro Vice-Chancellor (Pacific) appointed

Associate Professor Toeolesulusulu Damon Salesa, the University of Auckland's first Pro Vice-Chancellor (Pacific), is confident he will see a future with more Pacific academics. He speaks to *Newsroom* about education, leadership and the need for New Zealand to recognise itself as a Pacific nation.

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Alumna named new Supreme Court Chief Justice

The Honourable Justice Helen Winkelmann has been appointed to the country's top judicial post. She replaces retiring alumna Chief Justice Dame Sian Elias and will begin her role next month.

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