



Christmas decorations in the Clocktower, photo by Godfrey Bohenske

Dear alumni and friends,

As this is our last issue of 2010, we'd like to wish our alumni and friends a very merry Christmas and happy new year. We hope you get a chance to take a break and enjoy the summer.

@auckland will be back in February 2011.

Read on for the latest news and events from around the University.

University donors give \$120 million for research and learning



Philanthropic support totalling \$120 million has been given for research and learning at The University of Auckland since 2006, the Vice-Chancellor Professor Stuart McCutcheon announced at a recent dinner celebrating giving to the University.

[Read more about the Chancellor's Dinner](#)

[View the photo gallery](#)

Pictured left: University Chancellor Roger France and Ann Hartley of the ASB Community Trust, one of the 11 organisations, families and individuals who have each given \$5 million or more to University research and learning

2011 Distinguished Alumni announced



Congratulations to the recipients of our 2011 Distinguished Alumni Awards:

- **Rt Hon Sir Peter Blanchard** Supreme Court judge
- **Dr Greg Brick** orthopaedic surgeon & assistant professor, Harvard Medical School

ALUMNI EVENTS

4 March

- [Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner 2011](#)

5 March

- [Auckland Live! Inspiring minds at The University of Auckland](#)

UNIVERSITY EVENTS

3 December - 5 March

- [Top Ten: New acquisitions for The University of Auckland Art Collection \(exhibition\)](#)

10 December

- [The grammar of other minds: What linguistic diversity can tell us about social cognition \(seminar\)](#)

- [Probability: Proportional fairness and its relationship with multi-class queueing networks](#)

11 December

- [Pacific Ikon, Pat Hanly documentary \(film screening\)](#)

15 December

- [Different faces, different places: What does the own-race advantage tell us about face processing? \(seminar\)](#)

16 December

- [A natural history of media Public lecture by Douglas Kahn, leading American sound and electromagnetic art scholar](#)

18 December

- [Hamish Keith talks about his experiences as commissioner of artworks for new buildings \(public lecture\)](#)

15 January

- [Exhibition tour and talk Linda Tyler, Director of the Centre for New Zealand Art Research and Discovery gives a tour of the exhibition Top Ten](#)

22 January

- [Charlotte Huddleston, director, St Paul St, talks about Seung Yul Oh's Oddooki sculptures \(public](#)

- **Tony Falkenstein** entrepreneur, CEO of Just Water International Ltd
- **Jeanette Fitzsimons** Green Party co-leader 1995-2009
- **Hon Mike Rann** South Australia premier
- Young Alumna of the Year: **Dr Claire French** top emerging scientist, biotechnology patent executive

[Read more about our 2011 Distinguished Alumni](#)

Awards Dinner - registration now open



Alumni Marquee

Some of our most exceptional alumni will be honoured at the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner, to be held in the Alumni Marquee in the grounds of Old Government House, on 4 March 2011.

[Read more about the Dinner and buy tickets](#)

Pacific high fliers



University of Auckland students and alumni cleaned up at the inaugural 2010 Prime Minister's Pacific Youth Awards announced last month.

Samuelu Siilata, Tammy Atatose Monaki Mokatagaloa Kingi-Fakalaoa and J'aime Laurenson (pictured above) each received one of the three new and coveted awards from Prime Minister John Key, designed to recognise outstanding achievers from the New Zealand Pacific community.

[Read more about our high fliers](#)

Auckland Live! Inspiring minds at the University

Find out what drives and inspires our Distinguished Alumni Awards winners in an interactive and entertaining panel discussion "what's on your bucket list". Chairing the discussion will be TVNZ News presenter and Law School alumnus Simon Dallow.

[lecture\)](#)

24 - 27 January

■ [32nd annual conference of the Australasian Society for Classical Studies \(ASCS\) \(conference\)](#)

27 January

■ [ISAAC Anniversary Symposium: Asthma, eczema, rhinitis and the environment](#)

29 January

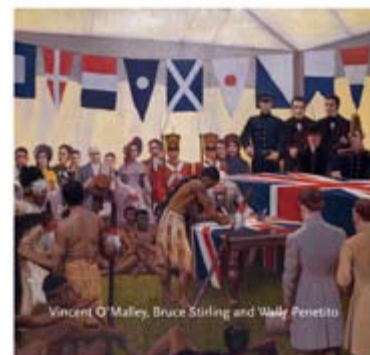
■ [Dr Alex Monteith discusses her 2008 work, 1020 metres in 26 minutes: Waitangi Day Auckland Harbour Bridge Protest \(public lecture\)](#)

■ [View a full list of University events](#)

BOOK OF THE MONTH

THE TREATY OF WAITANGI COMPANION

MĀORI AND PĀKEHĀ FROM TASMAN TO TODAY



The Treaty of Waitangi Companion

Vincent O'Malley, Bruce Stirling, Wally Penetito
[Auckland University Press](#)

PB; illus; RRP \$49.99; UoA alumni price \$39.99

Since the Treaty of Waitangi was signed in 1840 it has become the defining document in our history. *The Treaty of Waitangi Companion* tells the story of the Treaty and of Māori and Pākehā relations through the many voices of those who made this country's history.

■ [Read more about *The Treaty of Waitangi*](#)



Presenter Simon Dallow

[Read more about the panel discussion and register](#)

Our Distinguished Alumni will also be sharing insights, discussing the real issues, and challenging viewpoints in a variety of concurrent sessions.

Details are to be finalised, but you can [register your interest in the individual sessions](#)

All of the Auckland Live! events are free to attend.

Ingenio - new website



The latest edition of *Ingenio* is online in a new website that enables you to more easily browse the articles, search for specific topics of interest and add your own comments.

This issue includes articles on the Rugby World Cup, career development, the history of philanthropy at the University, a new computer game to combat depression, alumni chefs in New York and more.

[View the new Ingenio website](#)

Rare honour for law academic



Professor Peter Watts (Law) has been made an external, part-time member of one of England's largest and best-known commercial barristers' chambers.

He has been invited to become a "door tenant" of Fountain Court in the Temple, London. In this capacity he will provide opinions from New Zealand on issues of commercial law, his field of expertise.

[Read more about Professor Watts' appointment](#)

Charity auction - donations needed

The University of Auckland Society is hoping to raise \$20,000 to support the University of Auckland Strings by holding a charity 'Luxury Upstairs/downstairs Auction' on 5 April next year.

Donations are currently being sought of items to auction. An item might be anything from a unique experience, an introduction to a significant individual, a beach house for a weekend, a dozen wines or a cruise in a yacht for the day.

Companion

- [Download the AUP order form](#)

LATEST HEADLINES

- 1 December
 - [New appointment a mix of theory and reality](#)
- 26 November
 - [Auckland cognitive neuroscientist wins a Prime Minister's Science Prize](#)
- 25 November
 - [Energy research, where to now?](#)
- 24 November
 - [Crossing the subspecies boundary good news for Maui's dolphin](#)
 - [New Zealand plant and food science boosted by new joint graduate school](#)
- 22 November
 - [Rhodes Scholarship to Auckland student](#)
- 17 November
 - [Superbug threats in New Zealand](#)
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FEATURED VACANCY

Sports Development Manager
Auckland City Campus

Do you have experience in coordinating and driving participation in large scale sporting events and tournaments? Can you liaise effectively with various stakeholders to ensure the sports programme is the best it can be?

As the Sport Development Manager you will be



[Read more about the auction including how to contribute an item](#)

Generosity draws rich harvest



Ralph and Eve Seelye

Every year since 2006, thanks to the generosity of the recently deceased Dr Eve Seelye - and the Ralph and Eve Seelye Charitable Trust - the University has been able to award the Seelye Fellowships, with the purpose of attracting distinguished leaders in their fields and hosting internationally recognised experts to deliver guest lectures and seminars.

[Read more about next year's visiting Seelye fellows](#)

Tariq Ali to deliver Robb lectures



The prominent political commentator and activist Tariq Ali will deliver the 2011 Sir Douglas Robb Lectures on "Empire and its futures".

His lectures, on 17, 21 and 23 March (7pm), will deal in turn with three topics: "US power today: The global hegemon", "The rise of China" and "Islam and its discontents".

[Read for more about the 2011 Robb lectures](#)

John Chen in recital - new DVD



A new DVD of recitals by young alumnus of the year 2008 John Chen is available at a discount to Auckland alumni.

To take advantage of the special price of (\$25 + \$2.50 postage) please contact Rae de Lisle - r.delise@auckland.ac.nz

John Chen, since winning the 2004 Sydney International Piano Competition has developed a formidable profile both in New Zealand and Australia, playing with major symphony orchestras as well as undertaking chamber music tours and giving piano recitals in many countries. He recently won

overseeing the organisation of the Inter-faculty Sports Tournaments and working with University of Auckland Clubs to deliver a variety of opportunities for students. You will need to monitor the financial expenditure related to these activities, including fund-raising/sponsorship.

[Read more about this vacancy and apply online](#)

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the Hamburg International Chamber Music Competition with his trio.

Mozart: Sonata in F Major, KV280 (189c)

Chopin: Nocturnes, Op.9

Ravel: Le Tombeau de Couperin (1917)

Brahms: Variations and Fugue on a Theme by Handel, Op.24

Best wishes,

The Alumni Relations Team

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