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Auckland Writers Festival: Win a ten pass ticket

The University of Auckland is delighted to again be a gold sponsor of the Auckland Writers Festival featuring a wealth of alumni and writing fellows, including Eleanor Catton and Distinguished Alumnae Lynley Dodd and Roseanne Liang.

To celebrate, we're giving away a ten pass ticket to the Festival. To enter, simply purchase a discounted ticket to the University of Auckland Festival Debate.

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Man Booker prize winner Eleanor Catton, who was awarded the University of Auckland's Michael King Writers' Centre Residency in 2012.

Support democratic governance of universities

The University community is being urged to make submissions to Government by April 30 - or lose guaranteed representation in the governance of its own institution.

The Education Amendment Bill (No 2) proposes that the size of university councils will be reduced and only the Minister and Maori will have a mandated presence. Under threat is the involvement of key groups - students, staff and graduates.

"Universities are now at grave risk of losing their independence and their voice as a critic and conscience of society," says the President of the University of Auckland Society, Amy Malcolm.

[Find out more about the proposed changes and how to make a submission](#) before the closing date of April 30.

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Your Creative Brain

Creative thinkers in Auckland, Waikato and Wellington will have the chance to see the inaugural visiting Creative Thinking Fellow in person when she visits this month, supported by the Seelye Trust. Professor Nancy Andreasen, MD, PhD will address such fascinating questions as "How should we define creativity?" and "How can creativity be enhanced or nurtured, or can it?"



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Alumni sponsored Shapeshifter Orientation Concert a huge success

The Alumni Relations Office was proud to sponsor the 2014 Orientation Concert at Shed 10, featuring headline act Shapeshifter. Tickets sold out quickly, and it was by far our most successful orientation concert yet.

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Intrepid academic to row the Pacific Ocean

Faculty of Education Professional Teaching Fellow Tara Remington is about to embark on an incredible journey as she rows from LA to Waikiki in May with American Paralympian Angela Madsen. Tara is doing the 4000km row to raise money for 10-year-old Charlotte Cleverley-Bisman who lost her arms and legs to meningitis as a baby in 2004. Tara predicts the journey will take between 45 and 55 days of hard work.



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How are we advancing artificial intelligence?

Dr Mark Sagar is known for being a two-time Oscar winner for his work with Weta Digital. Inspired by the potential for artificial intelligence he now heads research in this area at the University of Auckland's Bioengineering Institute. Find out about Mark's latest work developing use of the facial action coding system in motion capture for digital characters.

[Watch video >>](#)



Visiting Seelye Fellow Professor Catherine DeAngelis

Later this month the Faculty of Medical and Health



Sciences will host visiting Seelye Fellow Professor Catherine DeAngelis, a Johns Hopkins University Distinguished Service Professor Emerita who has been described by peers as one of the most influential voices in modern medicine. Professor DeAngelis will give a lecture titled "Patient Care and Professionalism" on 7 April.

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Events Calendar

2 Apr

[Your Creative Brain: Professor Nancy Andreasen MD, PhD](#)

14 May

[University of Auckland Festival Debate](#)

30-31 May

[MBChB 2014 Reunion](#)

20 Jun

[Law School 2014 Reunion](#)

Book of the month:

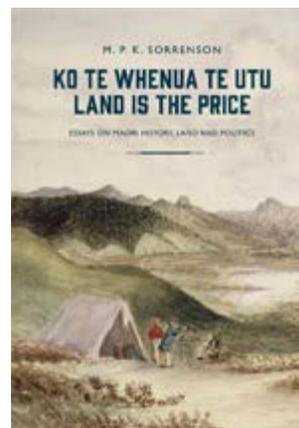
Ko Te Whenua Te Utu / Land is the Price: Essays on Maori History, Land and Politics

Professor Emeritus M. P. K. 'Keith' Sorrenson (alumnus)

Published by Auckland University Press

PB. RRP \$49.99; UoA Alumni Price \$42.50.

For over 50 years, Sorrenson has dived deeper than anyone into the story of two peoples in New Zealand. Ko te Whenua te Utu brings together his major writing in a powerful history of Maori and Pakeha in New Zealand.



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[Distinguished Alumni events: Video and photos](#)

Video clips and photos from last month's Distinguished Alumni Awards and Auckland Live! panel discussion are now available on the alumni and friends website.

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The Woolf Fisher Lead Teacher Masters Scholarships

Join the Dean of Education Professor Graeme Aitken, staff of the University of Auckland, the Woolf Fisher Trustees and the Auckland and Northland school community on Thursday 8 May to celebrate the achievement of the 2013 Woolf Fisher Lead Teacher Masters Scholarship recipients. The Scholarships provide Auckland and Northland teachers with the opportunity to conduct school-based masters research focused on improving student achievement.

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The 2013 Woolf Fisher Trust Scholars (front row) with their supervisors from the Woolf Fisher Research Centre (back row) at the Faculty of Education.



Land law interests Tongan scholarship winner

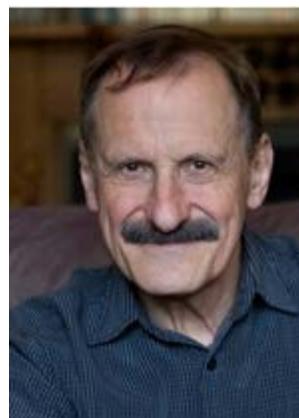
Tongan law student Elynn Tupou Ta'anea 'Atiola has been awarded the University of Auckland Moana Schwalger Memorial Pasifika Scholarship.

The \$10,000 scholarship was established by the law firm Meredith Connell together with the Pacific Lawyers' Association to encourage postgraduate study by Pasifika students at the University's Faculty of Law.

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Jack Body Tribute Concert

The School of Music will give a free concert on 30 April to pay tribute to much-loved composer and New Zealand music advocate Jack Body on his 70th birthday. Bookings are essential.



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