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## 2015 Distinguished Alumni

Our congratulations to the recently announced 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award winners, including Professor Christine Winterbourn (pictured right) - the first female recipient of New Zealand's top science and technology honour, the Rutherford Medal.



[Find out who the other Distinguished Alumni are](#)

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### Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner - 13 March 2015

The Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner 2015 will be held in the Alumni Marquee on the Old Government House lawn.

[Read more and book tickets](#)



### Bright Lights: An Audience with Distinguished Alumni - 12 March 2015

Join the Award recipients in a candid, entertaining onstage discussion led by alumnus and Qantas Media Award-winner Finlay Macdonald.

[Read more and book tickets](#)



*Distinguished Alumni at the 2014 event*

## The Art of Mathematics

Hear the Royal Society of New Zealand's 2014 Distinguished Speaker, Professor Marcus du Sautoy, talk about the Art of Mathematics at public lectures around the country from 9-17 December.

Marcus du Sautoy is the Simonyi Professor for the Public Understanding of Science, Professor of Mathematics and a Fellow of New College at the

University of Oxford. He is well known for popularising mathematics.

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### Latest issue of *Ingenio* now online

The current issue profiles "Shark Man" Riley Elliot, asks the question "Charter Schools, are they working?" and takes a thought provoking look at the dark side of our fishing industry.

If you're one of our graduates and haven't yet received your printed copy, update your details to ensure we have your correct postal address on file.

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### Short story competition winner

Congratulations to Trisha Hanifin, winner of our third short story competition. The judges described her winning entry *Me and Bobby McGee* as "an accomplished and fluent story, skilfully constructed, with moments of keen observation and interesting character insights as we follow the arc of four lives."



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## Royal Society of New Zealand Research Honours



Five University of Auckland researchers have been awarded top honours in this year's awards list from the Royal Society of New Zealand.

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## A time for giving at the Maidment



Classic Christmas comes to the University of Auckland's Maidment Theatre with two festive film screenings this month.

First up is the 1954 movie [White Christmas](#) on 10 December at 6.30pm, which will double as a fund raiser with all proceeds going to the Auckland City Mission's annual Christmas appeal. Tickets are \$5 each and there is an

option to donate more, along with a collection box for packaged food donations on site.

The second screening, [The Muppet Christmas Carol](#) has universal appeal with original music, all of the well loved Muppet characters and Michael Caine as Scrooge.

This magical version of Charles Dickens' classic tale screens on Thursday 18 December at 5pm - \$8 for adults and \$5 for children and again an option to donate more.

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## Events Calendar

4-5 Dec

[Education Reunion - Class of '74](#)

17 Feb

[Society Summer Shakespeare "Dream Treatment" Evening](#)

12 Mar

[Bright Lights  
An Audience with Distinguished Alumni](#)

13 Mar

[Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner](#)

24 Mar

[Tauranga Alumni and Friends Luncheon](#)



## Tauranga Alumni and Friends Luncheon - 24 March 2015

Join us in Tauranga for lunch at the Trinity Wharf Tauranga Hotel and to hear from Creative Fellow Professor Michael C. Corballis who will talk about the creativity of the wandering mind.

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## Goldie Wines Christmas offer

We are down to the very last Christmas packages

so be quick and order our Goldie Wines Rosé 2014 with a beautiful box of Syrah Chocolate truffles, delivered to your home.

\$35 inc GST - note a flat shipping rate of \$10 applies.

*Available while stock lasts.*



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## Society Summer Shakespeare "Dream Treatment" Evening

The 2015 Summer Shakespeare production is *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

The University of Auckland Society is running a Society Summer Shakespeare "Dream Treatment" evening on Tuesday 17 February 2015. Society members and alumni who are interested in finding out more about joining the Society are welcome to attend.

The "Dream Treatment" package costs \$25 per person. Offer includes discounted ticket price (adults usually \$30), preferential seating, complimentary drinks voucher and introductory talk on the play by Shakespeare authority Professor Tom Bishop.

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## Life beyond the dairy

Alumnus Tone Kalose has been a school principal in Auckland for 14 years. Discover why he is on a mission to make sure students at his primary school in south Auckland experience life beyond the dairy.

Read blogs and find out what other alumni are doing to raise the status of the teaching profession and celebrate the value of teachers' work in the

community.

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## Social Networks and the Diffusion of Information: Lessons from Rural India Public lecture by Professor Matthew Jackson

How does information diffuse through a society? Who are the most influential people in a society and how does one identify them from their position in a network? How do we become aware of who the most important people in our community are? What important role does gossip play in our lives? These and other questions will be explored in a public lecture by Professor Matthew Jackson, Seelye Fellow, on 11 December.

Matthew O. Jackson is the Eberle Professor of Economics at Stanford University, an external faculty member of the Santa Fe Institute and a Senior Fellow of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research.

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## CDES open over the summer break

Career Development and Employment Services (CDES) are open over the summer break and can help you find and get your first job out of university. A reminder to all alumni that CDES services are free for up to three years after graduation. Check out the job board and access services at [www.cdes.auckland.ac.nz](http://www.cdes.auckland.ac.nz)

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