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Flagging a change

Why is a new flag important for New Zealand? What should it be like? An historian, a brand expert and a writer give their views in the latest issue of *Ingenio*.

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Alumni should receive the Autumn 2015 issue of *Ingenio* in the post this week. If you don't receive a copy and would like one, please [ensure you contact details are up to date](#).

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Shakespeare Behind Bars founder to visit



The role of art, theatre and the works of William Shakespeare in prisons will be the focus of talks by the founder of the Shakespeare Behind Bars programme in the United States during his visit to New Zealand later this month.

Curt Tofteland is the fifth Creative Fellow of the University of Auckland's Creative Thinking Project and will be here from 18 to 28 May. His schedule includes public presentations in Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch.

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Networking for those who hate it - 28 May

Ever walked into a room full of people and wanted to walk back out again? This workshop at the University of Auckland Business School will demystify what networking really is and provide you with tips and strategies so you can be remembered for the right reasons.

The workshop is open to all alumni and is free to attend.



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University of Auckland at the Auckland Writers Festival

The University of Auckland is a major sponsor of the Auckland Writers Festival. The line-up this year is very exciting, featuring plenty of reputable and talented writers, many of whom are connected to the University as alumni, staff (or both!)

We also have two tickets to give away to the Festival debate - "Everyone has the absolute right to offend". In a year where freedom of expression is being severely tested, we ask whether the right to offend is absolute?

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Events Calendar

15 Jun

[Auckland Law School Alumni Reception in London 2015](#)

30 Jun

[Tokyo Alumni and Friends Reception](#)

02 Jul

[Seoul Alumni and Friends Reception](#)

Women in IT conference Monday 31 August 2015

The Women in IT networking group at the University of Auckland had their inaugural one day conference in September 2014. The conference was so popular and well received we want to extend the invitation to our Alumni.

We value your opinion and offer you the opportunity, by way of a short (5 question) survey, to have input into the event by providing suggestions for the conference content (presenters and workshops).

[Take the survey >>](#)

Victorian female beauty

You might think that trophy wives are a modern phenomenon, but according to a new book from Dr Kirby-Jane Hallum (currently a University staff member working as Alumni Relations Engagement



Co-ordinator), the idea of women being treated as their husbands' status symbols is not that different from past generations.

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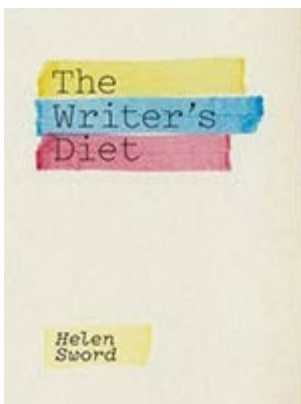
Innovative brain research

Generous funding from the Freemasons Roskill Foundation has been awarded to three alumni who are conducting innovative research into Alzheimers, Huntingtons and Parkinsons disease at the University's Centre for Brain Research.



Doctoral scholarship recipient
Carlene Newall

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Book of the month: *The Writer's Diet* by Helen Sword

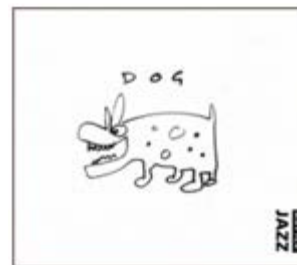
Is your writing flabby or fit? If your sentences are weighed down with passives and prepositions, be-verbs and waste words, *The Writer's Diet* is for you.

Professor Helen Sword is director of the Centre for Learning and Research in Higher Education at the University of Auckland. She is the author most recently of *Stylish Academic Writing* (Harvard University Press, 2012).

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Jazz super-group wins Tui

The debut album by the band DOG has won a Tui Award for the year's Best Jazz Album. The quartet's self-titled recording was announced the winner at the National Jazz Festival, held in Tauranga at Easter. Made up of staff from the School of Music, DOG comprises four of New Zealand's most renowned jazz musicians.



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Postgraduate Fair

If you're thinking about further study or a change of career, or you're naturally curious about research, come along to Postgraduate Fair on 19-20 May. Find out about the many postgraduate taught and research programmes on offer, scholarships and how to apply. Talk to one of our academics or advisers, attend a presentation or see a showcase of some of the amazing research happening at the University. For more information visit www.auckland.ac.nz/pgfair

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