



The Mint Chicks at the bFM Summer Series

Dear alumni and friends,

March was a busy month with the Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner and Speaker Day, the bFM Summer Series at Albert Park and the Richard Dawkins lecture at the Business School.

For those of you who were unable to attend, we have photo galleries and video recordings of the speeches and lectures.

Read on for further information, and other news and events from around the University.

## Richard Dawkins lecture online



Eminent biologist Richard Dawkins' recent lecture at the University can be viewed in its entirety on our website.

In addition, two exclusive interviews are also available. Dawkins talks to Distinguished Professor Brian Boyd about the astonishing phenomenon of life, his new book for children and the ethics of science and religion.

[View Richard Dawkins' lecture and interviews](#)

## Students entertain Distinguished Alumni

Two performances from current students entertained alumni and friends at the annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner on 5 March.

Students from Dance Studies performed *Legata*, a dance arranged by Ralph Buck and Pei-Jung Lee with choreography by Juanita Jellyman and dancers. It comprised a selection of traditional and contemporary Pacific dance, featuring intertwined threads of Aotearoa and the Pacific region.

University of Auckland songwriter of the year 2009

### ALUMNI EVENTS

10 June

- [London Alumni and Friends Reception](#)

### UNIVERSITY EVENTS

10 April

- [Chiasma Science Communication Workshop](#)

- [Peter Wells: What's the Problem with Felix Kelly?](#)

12 April

- [The pleasure principle in undergraduate mathematics Department of Mathematics/Inaugural lecture by Professor Bill Barton](#)

13 April

- [Kiwisaver and the economy: Are there design issues? Retirement Policy and Research Centre's 2010 Breakfast Briefing with guest speaker Bernard Hickey](#)

- [The Tongan constitutional reform process: What it will mean for the future of Tonga](#)

- [Early Childhood Teaching Information Session](#)

19 April

- [Monday Night Jazz Series: EuroSoul](#)

20 April

- [Communiqué - Robert Constable: Proportion and Musical Design](#)

- [Exorcising the geist in the machine: Taking the humanities beyond dualism](#)

- [Popular Music: The Turning Tide IV](#)

21-24 April

- [Best Wishes Nora Gee - Tracey Williams and Taarati Taiaoro](#)

23 April

- [Lunchtime Concerts: Composition & Jazz Students](#)

27 April

- [Communiqué - Aaron](#)



Jocee Tuck performed two original compositions supported by Ben Devery.

[View video of the performances and all the speeches](#)  
[View a photo gallery of the Dinner](#)

## Postgraduate Information Week 17-21 May 2010, The University of Auckland



Explore your options for postgraduate study at The University of Auckland during Postgraduate Information Week. Visit your faculty of interest for information sessions, displays and the opportunity to discuss your research or study interests with academics, postgraduate advisers and current students.

[View the full programme and register for events](#)

## Step behind the scenes of a global motorsport spectacle



Rally New Zealand, in association with the Business School, invites you to step behind the scenes of the longest-running world championship event in the Southern Hemisphere to hear a unique line-up of guest speakers from all facets of the World Rally Championship as they share their stories.

The event is free and takes place on 4 May at the Business School.

[Read more about the Rally NZ event and RSVP](#)

## Alumni at the 95bFM Summer Series

Over 700 alumni registered for the VIP area at this year's Summer Series.

Guest writer Andrew Tidball was there to review the bands, with photographs from Milana Radojic.

[Paterson and Dominic Glamuzina: Salad days](#)

■ [Music Research Seminar Series: Associate Professor Karen Grylls](#)

■ [Transnational education reform and the 'progress of societies'](#)

28 April

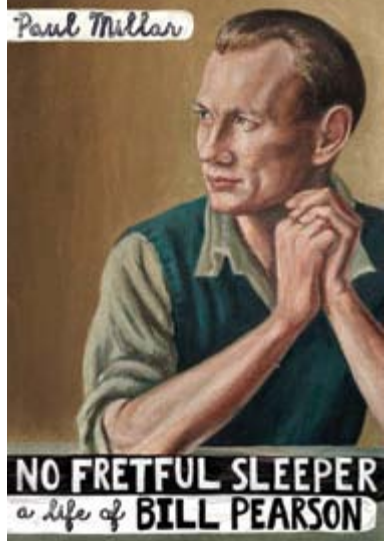
■ [New insights into the development of the cochlea and its nerve supply](#)

28 April - 1 May

■ [Memory to the Marrow - Luke Willis Thompson and Sue-Li Tasker Yeo](#)

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

### BOOK OF THE MONTH



**No Fretful Sleeper: A Life of Bill Pearson**

Paul Millar, Auckland University Press

Paperback; illus; RRP \$59.99;  
UoA alumni price \$50.99

In this extraordinary biography, Paul Millar unwraps the private



Bang Bang Eche guitarist joins the crowd during their Summer Series show

[View the photo gallery](#)  
[Read the review](#)

## Imagine Cup 2010 NZ National Finals Competition



Finalists of the 2010 Imagine Cup technology competition will be showcasing their innovative solutions to the world's toughest problems on Friday 30 April 2010 at the Auckland University Business School. You are invited to take a sneak peak at what the future holds!

The competition will be hosted by Nick Dwyer with tunes mixed by DJ Karn Hall. Plus, there will be NZD \$4K of prizes to be won by the audience.

Seats are limited so register today for your tickets to see the future at [www.imaginecup.co.nz](http://www.imaginecup.co.nz)

## Speaker Day lectures



Michael Parmenter

We'd like to thank everyone who attended the day of presentations from this year's Distinguished Alumni.

We have video of the lectures by Judge Andrew Becroft, Michael Parmenter and Nguyen Van Thanh to view on our website.

[View the Speaker Day lectures](#)

## Graduation Gala Concerto Competition 2010

Celebrate the achievements of the University's new graduates at a concert on 6 May featuring some of the School of Music's top young musicians.

Set amongst the grandeur of the Auckland Town Hall, three finalists will compete for a grand prize. Performers are supported by The University of Auckland

layers and public contexts of former UoA staffer Bill Pearson's life as a courageous non-conformist in twentieth-century New Zealand.

- [Read more about \*No Fretful Sleeper: A Life of Bill Pearson\*](#)
- [Download the AUP order form](#)

### LATEST HEADLINES

- 30 March
  - [Study sheds light on common superbug](#)
- 29 March
  - [Parents struggling with children's bedtime or aggression needed](#)
- 26 March
  - [London 2012 construction manager to visit New Zealand](#)
- 25 March
  - [Transition to university crucial for students from low decile schools](#)
- 23 March
  - [Auckland and Birmingham universities offer first joint PhD](#)
- 22 March
  - [University launches new model for clinical services at Tamaki Campus](#)
- 19 March
  - [Film student scoops award at 'Pollywood'](#)
- 16 March
  - [New book encourages better management in construction](#)
- 15 March
  - [Study looks at exceptional Māori students](#)
- 12 March
  - [Student designs tough workout for bone cells](#)
  - [Green energy system could power the home and the car](#)
- 10 March
  - [University welcomes Prime](#)





From left: Jessica Rodda, Jason Jin-Hyung Bae and Tianyi Lu

Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Uwe Grodd.

The concert is free and all are welcome. Patrons are strongly advised to arrive early in order to be assured admittance.

[Read more about the concert](#)

## More host families needed



Host Brya Matthews with guests

The Host Family Scheme is now in its fifth year. Volunteers host a dinner for international students, giving them a chance to enjoy kiwi hospitality and to share their experiences. It's a great social occasion for everyone involved.

This year we've had more students sign up than ever before. As a consequence, we need more families to host the dinners.

[Read more about the Host Family Scheme](#)

## University congratulates world class neuroscientist



The University of Auckland is delighted that neuroscientist Professor Richard Faull has been named Supreme Winner at the 2010 World Class New Zealand Awards.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Stuart McCutcheon says it is entirely fitting that Professor Faull should receive the supreme award.

"Richard is indeed world class - not only in his research and teaching, but also in the generosity with which he gives his time to roles in University governance, leadership and mentoring of others. His own scholarship, and the influence he has on others around the world, means that he has done much to bring New Zealand to the forefront on international scientific endeavour."

[Read more about Richard Faull's award](#)

## Short Courses in April

Short Courses at The University of Auckland Business School offer world class practitioner-focused business and management courses. All of our alumni are entitled to a 10% discount on the cost of each course. Strategic Planning and Key Account Management are among the courses being taught in April and are filling fast.

[Read more on the Short Courses website](#)

Alternatively, if you have any questions you can email the Short Courses team at

[Minister's future scientist prize-winner](#)

5 March

■ [Overseas universities luring Kiwi students](#)

### FEATURED VACANCY

#### Graphic Designer

Auckland City Campus

The University of Auckland Business School is seeking a Graphic Designer for their small and busy Marketing, Communications and Web Team. The successful applicant will contribute to the management of the Business School brand through the production of material for print and the web.

Closing date 22 April

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

[View current vacancies on the University website](#)

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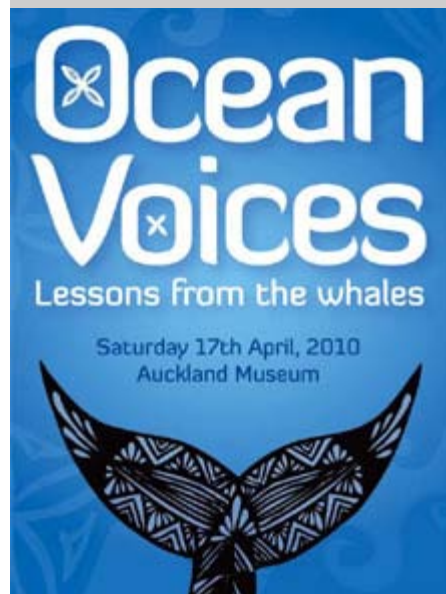
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## Ocean Voices - Auckland Museum 17 April

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Ocean Voices will take us on a journey through the past, present and future, weaving together awe inspiring human stories of whaling, conservation, research and custodianship of endangered, Pacific born, humpback whales.

Hosted by Tonga's Royal Patron of Whales, HRH Princess Pilolevu Tuita, and MC'd by renowned actor Rawiri Paratene, Ocean Voices will feature audio visual and spoken presentations culminating in a series of awards and international whale conservation announcements.

[Read more on the museum website](#)

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Best wishes,

The Alumni Relations Team

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