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A newsletter for alumni and friends



Congratulations to our brand new alumni!

After years of hard work and dedication, 5,829 students received their qualifications in May this year. Graduations are the time to celebrate academic success but they also mark an important personal transition from student to alum. For all our new graduates, be sure to keep your details updated and find out how we can support you in the next stage of your adventure.

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Celebrate our most successful past graduates

The Distinguished Alumni Awards celebrate graduates from the University of Auckland who are making a true difference in their communities and are excelling in their chosen field.

This year's spectacular event honoured alumni across a variety of fields, such as broadcasting, mechanical engineering and optometry. If you know of someone who deserves recognition, you can still nominate them for the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Awards. Submissions close on 30 June 2017.

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Auckland alumni to help unravel New Zealand's future challenges

The University is partnering with TVNZ on a live and interactive series that asks big questions about where New Zealand will be in 20 years and what we should be doing now to shape the 2037 we want. You can contribute your opinions and insights throughout this unique broadcast by visiting the website or commenting on social media.

Hosted by celebrity clinical psychologist Nigel Latta and respected broadcaster John Campbell, *What Next ?* features University of Auckland alumni Shay Wright and Wendy McGuiness on the [Futurist panel](#), and Professor of Physics Shaun Hendy (pictured above) on the Facebook live after show.

This series will air 11-15 June at 8:30pm on TVNZ 1, and is made with the support of NZ On Air.

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Are you looking to develop your leadership mindset?

Apply for the 2017 University of Auckland Alumni Leadership Fellowship and you could secure a place on the Leadership Mindset Programme at the New Zealand Leadership Institute (NZLI), valued at \$4,850. This programme is ideally suited to mid-career professionals looking to create a step-change in their leadership capabilities. The next programme runs from September to November 2017.

Pictured above: 2016 Fellowship recipient, Lieutenant Colonel Esther Harrop puts her leadership into practice during her deployment to the UN Mission in South Sudan.

APPLY BEFORE 7 JULY



Thank you to our wonderful volunteers

From the 18 to 24 June, we celebrate National Volunteer Week. This year's theme of "Live, laugh, share – Volunteer" or "Kia ringa hora: Me mahi tūao" is a positive message, celebrating what volunteers bring to their communities.

We'd like to acknowledge and thank our own hard-working volunteers. Your contributions keep our alumni network strong and help inspire and connect our graduates, both locally and across the globe. We are always grateful for assistance with participating in research, mentoring up-and-coming alumni or coordinating catch-up events.

Not only does volunteering help the wider community, it can also offer immense personal satisfaction so please contact us if you are interested.

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Fake News and the 2017 General Election – 8 June

The rise of fake news and “alternative facts” plagued Northern Hemisphere politics during the U.S. presidential election and Brexit. As we prepare for our own upcoming election, how will the media landscape be affected by cynical manipulation, social media and click-bait revenue potential?

Join five shrewd minds from politics and the media to discuss how we can combat falsehood in the media to ensure fair and informed politics.

The event will be held in **Maths Lecture Theatre 3** of the University of Auckland Science Centre. Speakers will begin at 4:30pm.

Pictured above: the Panel (from left) Mark Jennings, Corin Dann, Chlöe Swarbrick, Dr Gavin Ellis, Dr Maria Armoudian

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EVENTS CALENDAR

- 10 JUN [Kiwi Alumni Summer Picnic - Seoul](#)
 - 26 JUN [Alumni get-together in Perth](#)
 - 5 JUL [Alumni get-together in Sunshine Coast](#)
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Society Salon - In Pursuit of Happiness – 4 July

The recently-published World Happiness Report ranks New Zealand as eighth in the world for happiness. But how happy are we really? Does our contentment come at a price? Join our panel of University academics at the first Society Salon of 2017 as we explore this subject further

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Career seminar: Becoming a glomad - 19 July

Do you have an itch to see the world and experience different cultures? Want to join other overseas alumni in building a global career?

Lecturer, former talent manager and “glomad” Tricia Alach will share her experience and advice on what to expect from living and working overseas and how to best utilise the opportunities available for both professional and personal growth.

This seminar will be held at the **Decima Glenn Room** in the University of Auckland Business School. Registration closes at 6pm on the day with a **6:30pm** start.

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Help our researchers in the fight against superbugs

Dr Siouxsie Wiles and her team at the University of Auckland are screening native fungi to discover new antibiotics that can counteract resistant diseases.

“Experts say that within the next five or ten years, we are going to run out of antibiotics. But in actual fact, some people are already living with that reality,” she says.

You can support the team in their efforts by donating to the cause and follow their progress on the Cure Kids website.

Effective antibiotics can save many lives, including brave children like Addison (pictured), who have faced the hardship of an infectious disease.

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Campaign total surpasses \$200 million

We are very happy to announce that our fundraising for the University’s Campaign For All Our Futures has reached \$200 million. Donations have gone to support a number of wonderful initiatives, such as the Alumni Scholarships Fund, the Creative Thinking Project and the Hood Fund.

Every gift, great and small, has contributed to achieving this fantastic milestone. Since the Campaign launch last September, we have received a number of significant donations, each exceeding \$1 million, as well as many smaller donations from our alumni – generosity that is greatly appreciated.

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Alice Gorman: Dr Space Junk – 28 June

Join Dr Space Junk (aka Dr Alice Gorman) on a journey through our solar system through the art of space junk. Analysing the satellites around our earth before they are cleared for newer additions can give us incredible insight into the cosmos.

See what drove Dr Gorman to build her career as a space archaeologist and to spur your imagination and desire to learn more about the mysteries of space.

This event will be held from 6 -7.45pm at the University of Auckland Business School.

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Can we dramatically improve cancer survival rates?

The Li family talk about the impact of receiving a cancer diagnosis and the clear need for more research into the disease.

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