

Dear alumni and friends,

Happy times with special people, fish and chips on the beach, barbecues with friends... yes, this sounds like the idyllic Kiwi holiday season. These are also the moments captured by our winning alumni photographers and featured in our gallery below.

With warmest wishes for the festive season to all our alumni here and around the world.

Distinguished Alumni Awards 2010



We're pleased to announce the recipients of the 2010 Distinguished Alumni Awards (*as pictured left to right above*):

- Judge Andrew Becroft BA/LLB(Hons) 1984
- Michael Parmenter MNZM MCPA(Hons)
- Dr Jennifer Plane Te Paa BTheol 1993, MEd 1995
- Richard Sibson BSc(Hons) 1968, MSc Lond. 1970, PhD Lond
- Nguyen Van Thanh BE 1971 PhD 1975

The Young Alumna of the Year award goes to Dr Jessie Jacobsen BSc(Hons) 2004 PhD 2008.

[Read more about the Award recipients and their achievements](#)

Dame Anne Salmond guest speaker at Awards dinner



Dame Anne Salmond

Distinguished Professor Dame Anne Salmond DBE, CBE, FNAS, FRSNZ, FBA has been confirmed as guest speaker for the 2010 Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner, to be held on Friday 5 March 2010.

An alumna, Dame Anne is one of New Zealand's most prominent anthropologists and historians, drawing inspiration from Māori and Polynesian philosophies as well as Western knowledge.

Dame Anne was recently [nominated for New Zealander of the Year 2010](#) by the New Zealand Herald.

[Read more about the Dinner](#)

[Buy tickets for the 2010 Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner](#)

ALUMNI EVENTS 2010

5 March

- [Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner](#)

6 March

- [Distinguished Speaker Day](#)

UNIVERSITY EVENTS 2009

27 November 2009 to 6 February 2010

- [Art that Moves: The Work of Len Lye Exhibition at the Gus Fisher Gallery](#)

15-18 December

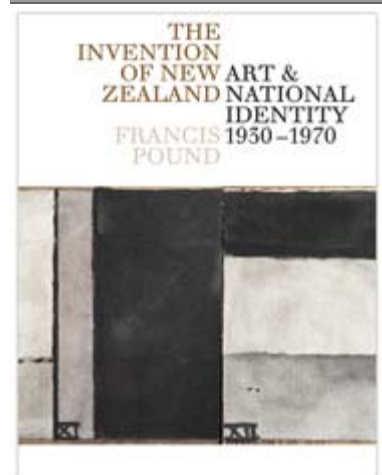
- [ISPS 2009: International Symposium on Performance Science](#)

15 December

- [The ACC debate: How do we pay for ACC? ACC Forum hosted by the ACC Group in association with the Retirement Policy and Research Centre.](#)

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

BOOK OF THE MONTH



The Invention of New Zealand: Art and National Identity, 1930-1970

Francis Pound (UoA alumnus and former staff member)

HB; illus; RRP \$75; UoA Alumni price: \$63.75

Photography competition - prize winners announced



Phil and James

Congratulations to Phillip Light who won first prize in our inaugural alumni photography competition. The judges praised his winning entry for its good composition and perfect timing.



Phillip had to borrow a camera from his father in law to take the picture, so the prize of a new [Nikon D5000](#) DSLR camera was very gratefully received. He's vowed to put it to good use.

[Read more about Phillip's photography, find out who won second and third prize and view the shortlist gallery](#)

Service and philanthropy acknowledged



Sarah and John Taylor with Owen Glenn

The value of partnerships was highlighted at this year's Chancellor's Dinner, the first to be hosted by Roger France in his new role as the University's Chancellor.

Some 130 of the University's leading supporters and senior academics attended the dinner at the Northern Club on 14 November, with Professor Bill Denny, Director of the Auckland Cancer Society Research Centre, as featured speaker and the Director of External Relations, John Taylor, as MC.

[Read more about the Chancellor's Dinner](#)
[View the Chancellor's Dinner photo gallery](#)

Pacific alumni "profoundly influential"

Pacific alumni were reminded of their special role in shaping New Zealand's future at their recent annual dinner at Sorrento in the Park, One Tree Hill.

The Minister of Pacific Island Affairs and guest speaker

This monumental study of Nationalism in 20th-century NZ art by one of our most brilliant and original art historians brings to light the profusion, cohesion and intricacy of the Nationalist movement and its imaginative life - until the 1970s, when it was rejected by a new generation.

- [Go to the AUP website](#)
- [Download the AUP order form](#)

LATEST HEADLINES

8 December

- [Donated supplies reach devastated village of Lalomanu](#)
- [Artist brushes up on science skills to make art come alive](#)

7 December

- [Annie Goldson to screen *An Island Calling* at AHA Film Conference](#)

3 December

- [New Director appointed to Māori Centre of Research Excellence](#)

1 December

- [Auckland student wins Woolf Fisher Scholarship](#)

27 November

- [School of Music graduates win annual Aotea Star Award](#)
- [Student to voice kiwi youths' concerns about climate change](#)

26 November

- [Philippines begins New Zealand literacy intervention](#)

25 November

- [NZ-designed drug shows exciting early promise against lung cancer](#)

24 November

- [Auckland research challenges model of monogamy](#)
- [Auckland computer scientist receives prestigious award](#)

23 November

- [Older people have their say on robots in aged care](#)

20 November



Performer from the Cook Islands Tuoro group

at the event on 26 November, Hon Georgina Te Heuheu, told the 150 guests that as Auckland alumni and as Pacific alumni "your views but, more importantly, your actions will be profoundly influential in shaping our national identity".

[Read more about the Pacific Alumni Dinner](#)
[Visit the Pacific Alumni Group on Facebook](#)

Lord Robert Winston to open symposium

Esteemed scientist and science communicator Lord Robert Winston will open a conference at the National Institute of Creative Arts and Industries later this month.

Lord Winston's free public lecture, "Performance, Science and Society" will be held on December 15.

[Read more about Lord Winston's lecture](#)



The conference is the second International Symposium on Performance Science, bringing together artists and scientists, researchers, students, and practitioners and teachers who will explore the theme "Performing Excellence" from interdisciplinary perspectives.

[Read more about the Symposium](#)

Exceptional speakers featured at local events

A strong programme of local alumni events continued with receptions in Christchurch and Wellington last month.

Acclaimed writer and English Department staff member Emily Perkins intrigued Wellington alumni with her account of the drafting of her Montana Award-winning "*Novel About My Wife*".

The Head of the Department of Anthropology, Professor Simon Holdaway provided a passionate address from the cutting edge of archaeological discovery for guests in Christchurch.

■ [Book, exhibition shed new light on life and works of artist Len Lye](#)

19 November

■ [Summer research projects support Tamaki initiative](#)

■ [Rhodes Scholarship to engineering student](#)

■ [Distinguished Professor Peter Hunter wins the Rutherford Medal](#)

18 November

■ [Willow adds new fuel to bioethanol debate](#)

■ [Returning to Auckland Law School as professor](#)

17 November

■ [School of Music Samoan singer honoured](#)

16 November

■ [Formula SAE team to unveil most advanced race car yet](#)

13 November

■ [Foundation continues pivotal medical research support](#)

■ [Elam, architecture and planning students showcase talents in visual arts extravaganza](#)

12 November

■ [Women in Science laureates' team up to target cancer and ageing](#)

■ [University celebrates new fellows of the Royal Society of New Zealand](#)

FEATURED VACANCY

Exercise Rehabilitation Supervisor

Part time, Tamaki Campus

The University of Auckland Clinics requires an experienced and professional individual to supervise the delivery of our exercise rehabilitation services. The successful applicant will need to have a broad and deep knowledge of exercise physiology and how exercise can be applied to improve the quality of life of clients with a range of medical, physical and psychological conditions.



Emily Perkins

[View our Christchurch reception photo gallery](#)
[View our Wellington reception photo gallery](#)

Ingenio Spring 09 issue



The latest issue of *Ingenio* has been posted out to all our alumni and is also available to download from our website. If you haven't received a copy, ensure that we have the right postal address for you by [updating your contact details](#)

The Spring 09 issue includes the results from our alumni survey, an article on cancer research carried out at the University, Distinguished Professor Peter Hunter's Rutherford Medal award and more.

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US Friends exchange scholars welcomed



From left: US Friends board member Jonathan Mason; with scholars Jade Antoine; Raja Antoine; Emily Hargrave-Thomas; and Meredith Bean.

A luncheon was held at Old Government House on 20 November to celebrate the inaugural University of Auckland US/NZ Exchange Scholarships, funded through alumni donations to the Friends of The University of Auckland in the United States.

Four of the six scholars attended the lunch with the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Stuart McCutcheon; US Friends board member Jonathan Mason; Philanthropic Funds Manager Richard Sorrenson; and Director of Auckland International David Baker.

Closing date 13 December

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

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

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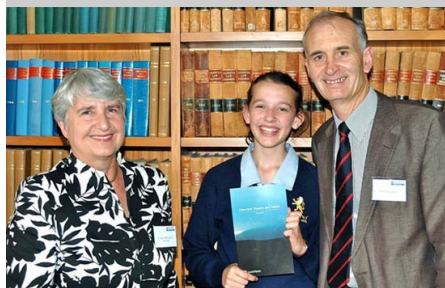
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[Read more about the Scholars on the US Friends website](#)

"Consummate work of scholarship" launched



The Chief Justice, Susanna Lees Watts, Peter Watts

The book by Professor Peter Watts on *Directors' Powers and Duties* has been hailed by the Chief Justice as "a consummate work of scholarship" and "just cause for celebration".

Speaking at the book's launch at the Law School on 25 November, Dame Sian Elias called it "a readable and illuminating work. It is thoughtful and passionate."

[Read more about the book launch](#)

Society AGM and Christmas event

The University of Auckland Society's AGM and Christmas function was held at the Gus Fisher Gallery in Shortland Street earlier this month.

The evening began with a short Annual General Meeting to elect members to the Society Executive Committee. A Christmas celebration followed, which included a presentation by Exposure09 winner Rachel Webb and entertainment from two School of Music violinists.

[Read more about the event](#)

[View the photo gallery](#)

Business School sponsors Len Lye exhibition



An ambitious exhibition of works by kinetic sculptor and film-maker Len Lye to be shown at Auckland's Gus Fisher Gallery over the summer has been sponsored by The University of Auckland Business School.

The exhibition - *Len Lye: Art that Moves* - is the first of the internationally-renowned artist's work in Auckland for 29 years, and is expected to draw large crowds with its computer-programmed mechanised sculptures, film screenings, paintings, photographs and other genres.

[Read more about the Len Lye exhibition](#)

School of Music: choir auditions and free concert

School of Music presents *The Solo & the Ensemble Voice*:

- Professor Darryl Edwards, Head of Voice Studies, University of Toronto
- Monday 14 December Music Theatre, School of Music, 6 Symonds Street, Auckland
 - 7:00pm Special Project Performance of Rossi Madrigals
 - 7:45pm Workshop & Lecture-Presentation with Professor Edwards
- Free event

The University of Auckland Chamber Choir will be holding auditions from 16-18 February 2010. For more information please contact: aucklandchamberchoir@gmail.com

GLOW Carols by Glowstick

Hosted by Petra Bagust, with singer Nathan King and other special guests, GLOW Carols by Glowstick is a chance for Aucklanders to gather together under the roof of the Vector Arena for a family Christmas carol event.



Entry is free but tickets must be booked at www.carolsbyglowstick.co.nz to attend.

GLOW Carols by Glowstick. Vector Arena Auckland.
6.00-7.30pm, Sunday 20 December 2009. Everyone
welcome.

Best wishes,
The Alumni Relations Team
The University of Auckland
www.alumni.auckland.ac.nz

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