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## Research works wonders

What will transport be like in the future? Ever wonder why we tell stories? Can fish help us understand human disease?



[Find out more and watch how our research works wonders](#)

## Summer Shakespeare launch

Join AUSA on October 17 to celebrate 50 years of Summer Shakespeare, as they launch their 'Golden Anniversary' production of *King Lear* for 2013, with Master of Ceremonies Michael Hurst.



Contact [anthea@shakespeare.ac.nz](mailto:anthea@shakespeare.ac.nz) for more information and your invitation

## Events Calendar

- 6 Sep:** [Boston Alumni and Friends Reception](#)
- 13 Sep:** [Washington Alumni and Friends Reception](#)
- 11 Oct:** [John Drake Memorial Scholarship Announcement](#)
- 17 Oct:** [Tauranga Alumni and Friends Event](#)
- 22 Oct:** [Shanghai Alumni and Friends Reception](#)
- 23 Oct:** [Beijing Alumni and Friends Reception](#)
- 25 Oct:** [Hong Kong Alumni and Friends Reception](#)



Dr. Mark Sagar is guest speaker and will discuss his background in simulating humans and digital characters in blockbusters like *Avatar* and *King Kong*.

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## New Zealander of the Year

Nominations are being sought for the 2012 New Zealander of the Year Awards. This is your chance to nominate a Kiwi or community that inspires you.



*Sir Richard Taylor, 2012 New Zealander of the Year*

[More about the Awards](#)

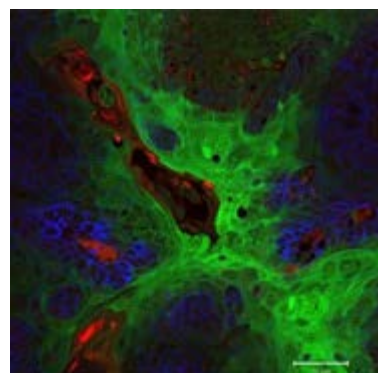
## Alumnus as Len Lye

Music alumnus James Harrison, a rising star in the opera world, returns to Auckland to play Len Lye in the premiere of *Len Lye the opera* at the Maidment Theatre from 5-8 September.



[More about \*Len Lye the opera\*](#)

## New anticancer drug approved for trials



An anticancer 'stealth' drug invented in New Zealand will move forward to human clinical trials with patients in Auckland City and Waikato Hospitals among the first in the world to participate.

[Read more about the new drug](#)

Image caption: *Fluorescent microscope image of a human tumour xenograft cross, courtesy of Dr Maria Abbattista and Dr Adam Patterson*

### On reflection: How to live with media?

Professor Katherine Sender's public lecture on September 24 considers how media studies as a discipline is uniquely placed to respond to the fundamental question, "How to live?"



[Read more about the lecture](#)

### John Drake Scholarship Announcement

James McOnie from Prime TV's sports news show *The Crowd Goes Wild* is one of the guest speakers at next month's John Drake Scholarship Announcement event.



[Find out more](#)

### Couture give away

We have four VIP tickets (valued at \$55 each) to the upcoming Liggins Couture Car Boot to give away to alumni in a prize draw.



Email [alumni@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:alumni@auckland.ac.nz) with your name and postal address to enter.

[Read more about the Couture Car Boot Sale](#)

### Hairy Maclary on stage



Hairy Maclary and all his friends come to life in a fantastic stage show adapted by alumnus Tim Bray.

[More about the show](#)

### Goldie Wines Wine of the Month Island Pinot Gris 2012 by Goldie Wines

Flavours of stone fruits and savoury pears with a lively finish.

RRP \$24/btl or 20% discount on case purchases for alumni and friends though Auckland Campus Store.

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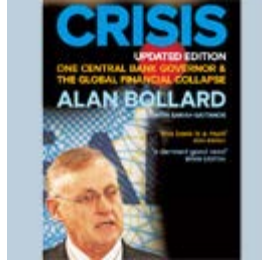


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**Book of the month: Crisis: One Central Bank Governor and the Global Financial Collapse. UPDATED.**

Alan Bollard (UoA Distinguished Alumnus) with Sarah Gaitanos  
AUP, PB, \$34.99; UoA Alumni Price \$29.75

In this updated edition of Bollard's bestselling memoir *Crisis*, new chapters reveal how New Zealand has grappled with the debt crises in the US and Europe.

[Read more about Crisis](#)

[More about the AUP discount](#)



**Jason Bae's Debut Piano Recital**

This recital is your opportunity to experience piano performance by talented young pianist and current student Jason Bae before he leaves the country.

With many prestigious piano competition wins already to his name, Jason plans to continue post graduate studies overseas after completing his Bachelor of Music.

[More about Jason Bae's recital](#)



**Annual AUEA Engineering Alumni Dinner**

Saturday 22 September, 6.30pm - midnight at Pullman Auckland. Guest speaker: Graham Darlow

[Click here for more information and to book](#)

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