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A newsletter for alumni and friends



Happy New Year from the Chinese Alumni Club

The University of Auckland Chinese Alumni Club wishes all alumni and friends a Happy New Year as we welcome in the Year of the Rooster.

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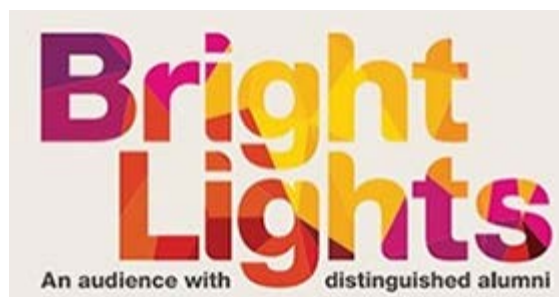
Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner 2017

Join us on 8 March at our dinner to celebrate the many achievements of the 2017 Distinguished Alumni.

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Bright Lights

Registration is now open for Bright Lights, the annual "chat show" style event showcasing our Distinguished Alumni Award Winners. This candid, entertaining discussion will be led by alumnus Finlay Macdonald.



[MORE ABOUT BRIGHT LIGHTS](#)

New Year honours

Congratulations to all the alumni, staff and friends of the University who received New Year honours in 2017. Those honoured include Distinguished Professor Sir Richard Faull (*pictured*), whose 40 year-research obsession with the anatomy of the human brain has led to ground-breaking discoveries that have revolutionised the understanding and treatment of brain disease.



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Auckland Arts Festival is back

Auckland Arts Festival is back for 2017 and our alumni are centre-stage! From 8-26 March the Festival will present over 45 individual events, exhibitions and performances by artists and companies from the UK, Canada, The Netherlands, Scotland, Ireland,

Taiwan, Serbia, the USA, France, Mexico and Aotearoa.

Special alumni deal: this year the Festival is kindly extending concession pricing to the must-see productions *The Bone Feeder* and *Passio*, featuring some of our talented graduates.

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PRESENTED IN ASSOCIATION
WITH AUCKLAND ARTS FESTIVAL

PEER GYNT [recycled]

7-18 MARCH

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Eli Kent rebirths
Ibsen's classic
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Win tickets to Peer Gynt [recycled]

Award winning Kiwi playwright, Eli Kent rebirths Ibsen's classic and brings Ibsen's critique of self-obsession new relevance in an age of social media and egomaniacs. Bold, raucous and irreverent, *Peer Gynt [recycled]* is Auckland Theatre Company's contribution to Auckland Arts Festival, showing 7-18 March at the ASB Waterfront Theatre.

Enter our competition to win a double pass.

[ENTER NOW](#)



Can we prevent adult disease before birth?

Dr Clare Reynolds may work at Liggins Institute, New Zealand's leading research institute for mother and child health, but she still had the worries of many first time mothers. Clare talks about the importance of eating well for her baby and how more research is needed to understand why a poor diet during pregnancy can have a massive effect on a baby's health later in life.

[WATCH VIDEO](#)



Ireland Study Tour

Find out more about the Centre for Continuing Education's Ireland Study Tour in July this year. Beginning in Dublin, the tour visits sites of historical and cultural interest throughout the stunning landscape of the Emerald Isle.

Joyce, Beckett, Binchy, Wilde – for a small island, Ireland's contribution to world literature is astounding. This literary heritage is a treasured part of Irish culture that can be traced across the entire island, etched into the landscapes, streets and traditional pubs.

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Public talk on the International Contemporary Art Fair in Paris

Arts alumna Jennifer Flay is the Aucklander who has transformed a dying Paris art fair into one of the best in the world. While studying at the Université de Nice in the 1980s, she met gallerist Catherine Issert in Saint-Paul-de-Vence and began her career in contemporary art. She was awarded the Legion d'honneur, France's highest decoration in October 2015. She will speak about her experiences with contemporary art in Paris in a public talk at the Gus Fisher Gallery, 74 Shortland Street, at 4pm on Thursday 9 February. All are welcome and there is no cost to attend.



Changing people and organisations from the inside out

Whether you are a senior executive or self-employed freelancer, the pace of life, connection to technology and constant state of change can make you feel like you are constantly pushing from one deadline to the next.

Join mindfulness trainer Debbie Schultz as she shares how global organisations are using the science of mindfulness to increase the happiness and success of their people and ultimately the success of the organisation.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

- 13 Feb [Sydney Opera Tour](#)
- 21 Feb [Society Summer Shakespeare Evening](#)
- 28 Feb [Wellington Alumni and Friends Reception](#)
- 9 Mar [Bright Lights](#)
- 10 Mar [Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner](#)
- 15 Jul [Ireland Study Tour 2017](#)

Kiwis returning home wanted for research

A University of Auckland academic seeks New Zealand citizens who have lived overseas for more than three years and have been back living in New Zealand for at least two years for a research project. If you live in Christchurch, Wellington or Auckland and would be willing to participate in a 1-2 hour interview, please [complete this short form](#). You can also contact [Louise Humpage](#) if you have any questions.

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Wellington Alumni and Friends Reception

Join us at a reception in Wellington for alumni and friends. At this free event, Professor Shaun Hendy will discuss the highly topical question '**Can We..Maximise the potential of big data?**' It's a question at the heart of one of the priorities for our new University of Auckland Campaign For All Our Futures.

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A masters degree to become a teacher – Information Evening

Discover a teaching degree like no other. The Master of Teaching is designed for graduates of any discipline of study who want to gain a qualification in primary or secondary teaching. We are taking applications now for our intake starting in July 2017. Attend this Information Evening on 15 February 2017 to find out all about the programme.

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Get the most out of LinkedIn

The University of Auckland Business School Alumni team has produced a series of free video tutorials which explore how you can get the most out of LinkedIn.

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Society Summer Shakespeare Special – 21 February

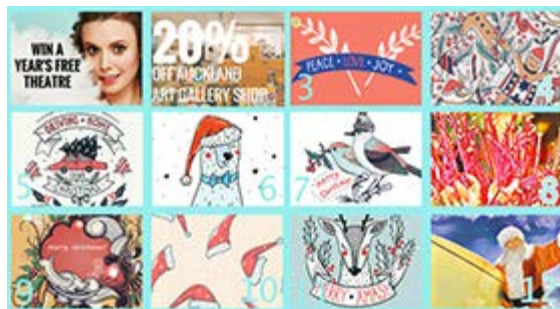
The upcoming Summer Shakespeare production of "As You Like It" has an impressive cast of new and established actors. Hear first-hand from Francesca Savage, who plays Rosalind, at the Society Summer Shakespeare evening on 21 February.

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Alumni Advent winners

Thanks to all who entered our alumni advent competitions at the end of last year. They were the most popular competitions and prize draws that we've run to date. All winners have now been notified - we'll publish their names in next month's edition. If you enjoyed any competition or special offer in particular, [we'd love to hear from you](#).



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