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A newsletter for alumni and friends



Nominate a game changer for 40 under 40

We are looking for young people who are excelling in their professional lives or have made an impact on the community to feature in this year's 40 under 40.

Last year, we launched our inaugural 40 under 40 to widespread acclaim. The vast array of talent on display was truly inspiring and provided an insight into what incredible things our alumni are doing in the world.

2018 will be the time for another 40 individuals to be cast in the spotlight so be sure to submit a nomination below.

[SUBMIT A NOMINATION](#)



Panellists for #Wheretonow?

Win double pass to Writers Festival

The University of Auckland is excited to continue supporting the annual Writers Festival this year and we are giving our alumni an exclusive chance to see one of these shows.

We have three double passes to our *#Wheretonow?* panel event, discussing the recent exposure of sexual harassment globally and three double passes to hear Neuroscientist and Creative Fellow David Eagleman.

If luck isn't on your side, you can still get a discount on tickets to *#Wheretonow?*

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Jan Beagle reminisces about University life

Bright Lights enlighten guests

In March, our five Distinguished Alumni gathered at Bright Lights to discuss their time at the University of Auckland and their subsequent careers, hosted by Finlay Macdonald. Each had an interesting and unique story to share, inspiring and intriguing the audience. Be sure to check out our Bright Lights videos.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner, one of the biggest events of the year, also took place in March. Congratulations again to our five awardees and thank you to all those who attended the spectacular evening, featuring a magnificent performance from alumni violinist Shauno Isomura and powerful speeches.

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Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences 50th Anniversary

The Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences (FMHS) is delighted to be celebrating its milestone 50th anniversary with a series of special events.

These include the 50th Celebration Lecture Series which is free and open to the public. From 5 – 7 October, FMHS will also be hosting the FMHS Alumni Reunion Weekend. This is a wonderful chance for alumni to reconnect with former classmates, and hear first-hand about the ongoing innovation in Medical and Health Sciences at the University of Auckland.

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Project R to fund future data scientists

Alumnus Hadley Wickham (pictured), RStudio, is challenging fellow R users to donate \$1 for every hour they have utilised R this year to support future data scientists at University.

R is a language and environment for statistical computing and graphics, [created by University of Auckland professors Ross Ihaka](#) and Robert Gentleman.

The R programming language has had a huge impact on Hadley's life. After being inspired by the talent behind the programme, he hopes to give others the opportunity to learn about R and all the possibilities it brings.

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TVNZ video series explores University innovation

Over the last six weeks TVNZ 1 News has explored some of the University's most exciting research and innovations. From trialling new cancer treatments, to experimenting with augmented reality in architecture, the short video series gives viewers a look at the work our academics and researchers are doing that has real impact for New Zealand.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

- 2 May [Melbourne Alumni Reception](#)
- 3 May [Sydney Alumni Reception](#)
- 3 May [New York Alumni for Alumni event with Shane Grant](#)
- 17 May [London drinks event with VACs Kanaway and Greg](#)

IN BRIEF



An insider view of Chinese media

What's it like working inside the Chinese media machine? Communications specialist and former Xinhua journalist Henry Acland shares insights with the North Asia Centre of Asia-Pacific Excellence, based at the University of Auckland, about the future of Chinese propaganda and censorship in the age of social media.

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Telephone Appeal caller shares story

With our telephone appeal in full swing, hear from one of our callers, Harrison, talking about his experiences at University and what he hopes to achieve over the phone during the appeal.

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Upcoming Executive Education short courses

If you are looking to round out your management skills, there are a number of useful courses coming up to help you build up your tool box.

- [Creating and Leading Highly Effective Teams](#) | 3 & 4 May
- [Leading with a Big Data Strategy](#) | 10 May
- [Emotional Intelligence – Engaged Leadership](#) | 21 & 22 May
- [Financial Modelling – A practical approach](#) | 11 May
- [Corporate Valuation – measuring business worth](#) | 23 & 24 May

In the video below, Kimble Vowless explains how the practical skills taught provided the uplift to his team at ASB.

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