



Takuu girl dressed to perform a traditional dance, photo by Briar March

Dear alumni and friends,

This issue we have news about two documentaries made by alumni that are screening at the Auckland International Film Festival - *Gordonia* by Tom Reilly and *There Once was an Island: Te Henua e Noho* directed by Elam graduate and Fulbright scholar Briar March.

We're always happy to promote alumni endeavours. If you have news you'd like to share with fellow alumni in @auckland, send details to alumni@auckland.ac.nz

Read on for more about these films and news and events from around the University.

Virtual health in *Auckland Now*



Merryn Tawhai with computer lung model

Auckland Now showcases some of the contributions The University of Auckland makes to Auckland, New Zealand and the international community through its teaching, research and community service.

In the latest issue, read about Auckland's pioneering computer modelling of the human body; how research is raising literacy levels in our schools; and how a top film-maker is tackling human rights atrocities on screen.

[Download *Auckland Now* from the University website](#)

Campaign total surges to \$71 million



A series of major gifts to the University's "Leading the Way" fundraising campaign in recent weeks has seen the attainment level surge to more than \$71 million.

[Read more about the Campaign](#)

[Make a donation on the Giving to Auckland website](#)

Photo galleries - June events

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- 7 July
 - [Auckland Australs grand final](#)
- 8 July
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 - [Rock On: Elam celebrates 60 years with The University of Auckland](#)
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 - [2010 Winter Lectures: The End\(s\) of Journalism](#)
- 20 July
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- 22 July
 - [Radio With Pictures](#)
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 - [Image-guided laser surgery with real-time predictive control for prostate cancer and in vivo experiments](#)
 - [Homework: Elam technical staff showcase new work](#)
- 28 July
 - [Food for thought: Possessives in Oceanic and other languages](#)
 - [Fast Forward Lecture Series - Marshall Cook, Cook Sargisson & Pirie Architects, Auckland](#)
- 29 July - 7 August
 - [Henrietta and Lola Anne Tunbridge Watercolour Scholarship Exhibition](#)
- 5 August
 - [\(R\)evolutionary genetics: the central role of regulatory RNA in human development](#)
 - [View a full list of University events](#)



Singer from acapella group Zense, who entertained alumni and friends in Hong Kong

We'd like to thank everyone who attended our international events last month, in London, Beijing, Hong Kong and Shanghai.

We have uploaded galleries of informal photographs from all the events to our website.

[View the galleries](#)

Gordonia screening at the Film Festival



Graham Gordon, subject of alumnus Tom Reilly's documentary

"Council nemesis, freedom fighter and social revolutionary; Graham Gordon is one of the unique characters of the Waitakere Ranges. *Gordonia* is the story of his kingdom of junk and used cars, populated by the homeless, disenfranchised and discarded. It is also a breathtaking and heartfelt account of humanity at its raw and confronting best. The West has never been wilder than in this beautifully crafted documentary." - Mayor Bob Harvey

Award winning director Tom Reilly studied English and Classics at the University, and taught himself filmmaking with gear from the University's AV department. His documentary is being screened as part of this year's Auckland International Film Festival.

[Read more and buy tickets on the Film Festival website](#)

Briar March film New Zealand premiere



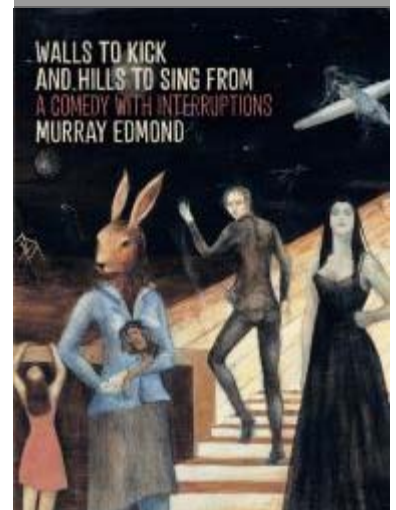
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All alumni who connect to our new Facebook page will enter a draw to win an 8GB iPod Touch.

[Read more about the draw](#)

[Visit our new page](#)

BOOK OF THE MONTH



Walls to Kick and Hills to Sing From

Associate Professor Murray Edmond (Drama; UoA Alumnus)

[Auckland University Press](#)

Paperback; RRP \$24.99; UoA alumni price \$21.25

"...an author writing at the peak of his powers ...this is really a very technically accomplished book, which in its slim appearance nevertheless covers a huge range of emotion and a huge range of techniques. - David Hill, *Speaking Volumes*



High waves wash over the island of Takuu and flood a classroom, photo by Jeffrey Holdaway

The feature documentary *There Once was an Island: Te Henua e Nnoho* directed by Elam graduate and Fulbright scholar Briar March and produced by University of Auckland staff member and FTVMS alumnus Lyn Collie will have its NZ premiere in Auckland at the New Zealand International Film Festival later this month.

The film follows the lives of three people in a unique Pacific Island community as they face the first devastating effects of climate change, including a terrifying flood. Will they decide to stay with their island home or move to a new and unfamiliar land, leaving their culture and language behind forever?

[Find out more on the film's website](#)

[See the listing on the Film Festival website](#)

The end(s) of journalism



Is serious journalism dying? Was it in any good in the first place? What must be done to ensure its survival? These are some of the questions to be tackled at our Winter Lecture series on "The end(s) of journalism" starting on 20 July.

The six-lecture series will examine the decline in serious journalism brought about by digital convergence, media proliferation, fragmented audiences and the global recession.

[Full details at www.auckland.ac.nz/winter](http://www.auckland.ac.nz/winter)

Hood Fellowship programme celebrated

Dr John Hood, former Vice-Chancellor of both The University of Auckland and Oxford University, gave some intriguing insights into his five years at Oxford when he spoke to guests at a Hood Fellowship cocktail event on 23 June.

[Read more about the Hood Fellowship evening](#)

■ [Read more about *Walls to Kick and Hills to Sing From*](#)

■ [Download the AUP order form](#)

LATEST HEADLINES

5 July

■ [Recipients of life-saving fetal transfusion sought](#)

■ [Emerging leader recognised in medicine-art convergence](#)

2 July

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22 June

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9 June

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Trainee Statistical Consultant

Auckland City Campus

Your duties will include working with staff and postgraduate students in other departments within the University as well as external clients, assisting them with statistical questions and the



Courses and Careers Day - 28 August



If you have children or friends who are thinking of studying at the University, then tell them about Courses and Careers Day, The University of Auckland open day.

Held from 9am-3pm on 28 August, attendees will learn about entry requirements, see exhibits, attend lectures and tours, learn about scholarships and the careers their study could lead to.

[Visit our website for more details](#)

Auckland University Business School alumnus wins Fulbright award

Former President of the Auckland University Students' Association, Dan Bidois, has won the inaugural Fulbright-Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga Graduate Scholarship to study at Harvard University.

In August, Dan will pursue a Master of Public Policy degree specialising in social and economic policy, and for his second-year project he will research solutions to address the educational underachievement of indigenous groups.

[Read more about Dan Bidois' scholarship](#)

Positive, high-tempo rugby



The University of Auckland secured a notable victory over the visiting Stanford University men's rugby team on 22 June, winning 29-22 with a last minute try that highlighted an entertaining afternoon of sport.

[Read more about the match](#)

Survive & Thrive in the creative sector

Survive & Thrive is a public forum, expo and series of workshops for people working in the creative sector. The event on July 8 is an initiative of the Arts Regional Trust and The Big Idea and is co-hosted by The University of Auckland.

The theme is 'fuelling the business of creativity' by

analysis of data arising from their research. You will work under the supervision of other members of the Statistical Consulting Centre and the Department of Statistics.

Closing date 15 July.

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

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

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connecting with creative producers and entrepreneurial people from across the region, learning from and being inspired by home-grown success stories and arming people with practical tips and tools to make their creative projects and businesses fly.

[Read more about Survive & Thrive](#)

Best wishes,
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