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Celebrating the collaboration with Singapore Polytechnic are, from left: Acting Vice-Chancellor Professor Ian Warrington, Principal of Singapore Polytechnic Tan Hang Cheong, New Zealand High Commissioner to Singapore Martin Harvey, Senior Minister of State Lui and Dr Thomas Chai. On the table is a drink developed by Singapore Polytechnic and some Zespri gold and green kiwifruit.

## Singapore campus a coup for Massey

A unique collaboration between Massey University and Singapore Polytechnic will see the University's first offshore campus developed. The venture, launched in Singapore last week, allows top polytechnic students to complete the final two years of a Bachelor in Food Technology through Massey papers offered in Singapore.

To have the University's food technology honours degree selected from would-be providers all around the world is a significant achievement, Head of the Institute of Food Nutrition and Human Health Professor Richard Archer says.

Acting Vice-Chancellor Professor Ian Warrington, in Singapore for the launch of the collaboration, says Massey University was justifiably proud of its food technology degree.

"It is but three modules short of an accredited engineering degree, yet it is a full science degree and it has very significant business content," Professor Warrington says.

"Unlike the more common food chemistry-dominated degrees, we really equip graduates to build an industry – to wear white coats one day, overalls the next and business suits on the third."

Professor Warrington also notes that the venture has potential to engender applied research and development in the food technology area and in other academic areas, where several other long-standing relationships exist.

Singaporean Senior Minister of State and Minister of

Education, Rear-Admiral Lui Tuck Yew, speaking at the launch, said the collaboration was a strategic and timely move given the value of the food and beverage industry in Singapore reaching S\$G17.6 billion (\$NZ16.6 billion).

"Massey University's Food Technology Institute is ranked among the top five in the world," Mr Yew said. "The ministry has done a lot of groundwork and comparative studies before granting this degree tie-up and I am confident the programme will be of very high quality and international standard."

The tie-up is part of the Singaporean Government-backed Polytechnic-Foreign Specialised Institution collaboration framework. Its aim is to allow Singaporean students to undertake 'gold-standard' degree programmes of study without leaving Singapore.

Professor Richard Archer says tuition will be provided by Massey staff visiting the Singapore campus and by teleconference.

Funding from the Singapore Government means the University is able to recruit additional staff to support the programme. The first 30 students will start in August, with the possibility of increases to 40 students in each of the next two years. All students will be top achievers who complete the Polytechnic's three-year diploma in food.

# Food-methane relationship study gets backing

PhD student Kirsty Hammond is the winner of a \$10,000 Pukehou Pouto scholarship, one of two awarded this year.

The scholarship was established from a bequest from the estate of Edith Fraser, is managed on behalf of the estate by the Public Trust and awarded by the New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee.

Ms Fraser, who died in 1980, specified that the Pukehou Poutu Scholarship be used to fund postgraduate studies in agricultural or silvicultural sciences.

Ms Hammond's thesis investigates the influence of changes in the chemical composition of fresh forage-based diets on methane production in ruminant animals.

Originally from Whakatane, where she attended Whakatane High School, Ms Hammond (Te Whanau Apanui), completed her BSc, majoring in animal science and physiology, and graduated last week with first-class honours last year.

Based at the Palmerston North campus, she hopes to travel overseas and work in the animal production science field once she completes her PhD, then bring that experience home to the New Zealand agriculture industry.

She says will be working closely with the Institute of Veterinary Animal and Biomedical



Kirsty Hammond.

Sciences and AgResearch, as she did for her BSc, examining how the methane yield from sheep and cattle varies according to pasture composition and what might be changed to reduce the yield.

She was delighted with the scholarship. "Words can't describe how useful something like this is for a student. It means I can concentrate on my studies and focus on my goals." Other scholarships, Pages 5 and

## University to share distance education expertise

University staff will share their knowledge on best-practice distance learning as co-hosts of the Distance Education Association of New Zealand (DEANZ) conference, to be held in Wellington in August.

Distance Education Director, Associate Professor Mark Brown says the conference is an opportunity for staff to meet other distance educators and share work, including Massey's focus on research-led teaching.

"Massey's sponsorship of the DEANZ conference reflects our leadership and commitment to promoting wider access to university-level study through leading-edge distance education," Dr Brown says.

The University has 16,500 extramural students.

Palmerston North-based teaching consultant Anna Weatherstone is a member of the DEANZ organising committee.

"The conference is an opportunity to network and share ideas on online learning and distance learning," she says.

Keynote speakers include Seattle-based Nancy White, an expert in online facilitation. Assistant Professor Michael Barbour of Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, will focus on the effectiveness of distance learning using web-based formats.

"It gives people the opportunity to see what's around," Ms Weatherstone says. "It's particularly good for people new into it."

Up to 150 people are expected to attend the conference, which is also sponsored by the Correspondence School and The Open Polytechnic of New Zealand.

Submission guidelines and more information is available at <http://www.deanz.org.nz/conf2008/>



Associate Professor Mark Brown.

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The future is brighter for rare native kakariki after a University-led project to move them to a new predator-free home.

# Kakariki fly to new island home

A University-led project has moved 31 rare native kakariki to a predator-free home on Motuihe Island in the Hauraki Gulf.

The historic move of the red-crowned parakeets should encourage the birds to thrive throughout the region, and allow more people to see them as they travel between islands and the mainland.

More than 200 conservationists witnessed the recent release of kakariki (*Cyanoramphus novaezelandiae*) on Motuihe, a 179-hectare island where the birds once flourished before the arrival of rats and other introduced species wiped them out.

The birds had been flown in by helicopter on May 17 from Little Barrier Island, then carried in cardboard boxes to a glade of pohutukawa trees where they were ceremoniously released.

The bright green parakeets with distinctive red foreheads disappeared in a flash into the forest now being restored with native trees and other native birds.

It was the first of three translocations of wild kakariki organised by Massey conservation doctoral researcher Luis Ortiz-Catedral, in collaboration with the Department of Conservation and volunteers from the Motuihe Trust.

More kakariki will be taken from Little Barrier Island – a wildlife reserve in the Hauraki Gulf where there are several thousand kakariki – to neighbouring Rakino Island as well as a

mainland site at Tawharanui Regional Park north of Auckland.

More than 100 kakariki will have been dispersed throughout the Hauraki Gulf region by the time the project is completed at the end of next summer. There are now 31 kakariki – 16



Picture caption: Luis Ortiz-Catedral passes box with kakariki to volunteers on Motuihe Island

males and 15 females - on Motuihe Island, with plans to transfer another 20 later on.

The timing of the translocations is to avoid disrupting the birds during their October to

February breeding season, says Mr Ortiz-Catedral. The kakariki were caught in large nets covering forest areas, then put into a special aviary before being transferred by helicopter.

Mr Ortiz-Catedral said getting a wild bird into a box for translocation was just the beginning of the responsibility of conservationists. After that, he and several volunteers will carefully monitor the newcomers to the island to observe their nesting, mating and feeding patterns.

Using radio transmitters, they will know where the birds settle, and if they fly to neighbouring islands.

The data gathered is part of Mr Ortiz-Catedral's doctoral thesis comparing translocations of captive and wild kakariki. He is also studying rare, endangered orange-fronted kakariki which were bred in captivity in the South Island and transferred to Maud Island in the Marlborough Sounds.

Mr Ortiz-Catedral says the study is significant as he has learned much about the birds' behaviour in the course of the project – the first translocation of red-crowned kakariki within the Hauraki Gulf in 30 years.

Some of the birds died in captivity. Mr Ortiz-Catedral says it is hoped the results of post-mortems will reveal the cause, which could have been poor health or old age making those birds more vulnerable to the stress of the translocation process.

## Right to civil union paramount, despite slow uptake

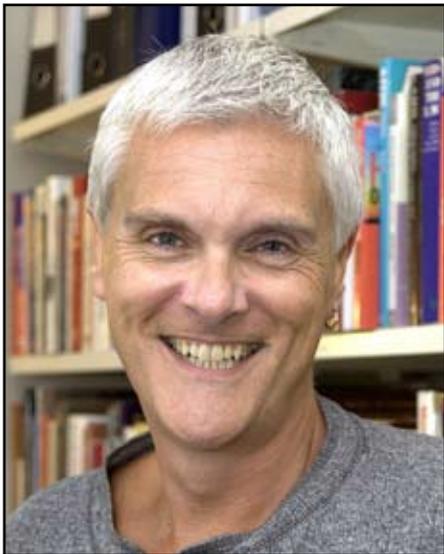
Slow uptake of civil union is no reflection of how same-sex couples value the right to tie the knot, says a Massey researcher.

Dr Mark Henrickson, a senior lecturer in social work at the Auckland campus, is the author of *Civilised Unions, Civilised Rights: Same-Sex Relationships in Aotearoa New Zealand*. He says the slow uptake among both heterosexual and same-sex couples formalising their relationship since civil unions became legal three years ago is irrelevant.

"It is the right to legal recognition of same-sex relationships, rather than recognition of relationships per se, that forms the foundation of lesbian, bisexual and gay support for government recognition of same-sex relationship."

The civil union paper is the latest to be published from an ongoing survey into the lives of lesbians, gays and bisexual people, titled *Lavender Islands: Portrait of the Whole Family*, launched in March 2004.

Dr Henrickson found that the majority of the 2269 respondents strongly supported civil union legislation, with 95 per cent of those in relationships and 93 per cent of singles supporting Government recognition of same-sex couples.



Dr Mark Henrickson.

But despite 66 per cent of partnered respondents and 63 per cent of single respondents saying they would undertake legal recognition of a relationship at some point in the future, the actual uptake of civil unions has been somewhat less than survey data would suggest. Statistics New Zealand figures show the number of civil unions for same-sex and opposite-sex couples had dropped from 374 in 2006 to 316 last year.

While more same-sex couples may tie the civil union knot in the future, Dr Henrickson says one implication of his study is that legalisation of same-sex marriage reduced demand.



## Women want bargains but men prefer brand names

Women are better bargain hunters than men, with male shoppers seeking known brand names when deciding which store to go to, a study of consumers has found.

The survey of consumer preferences for shopping at factory outlet shops, department stores and retail malls was conducted in Auckland by senior marketing lecturer Dr Gurvinder Shergill and masters student Yiyin Chen.

They questioned more than 200 shoppers at three centres.

Consumers, regardless of age and income, believe outlet stores have comparatively lower prices than other shops but the same consumers made differing shopping choices based on gender, levels of education and incomes.

Male customers surveyed made traditional department stores offering well-known branded products their first choice for shopping but women were willing to go to outlet shops seeking branded products that they expected to find there at comparatively lower prices.

The consumer group perceived department stores as offering a wider selection of merchandise, compared with factory outlets and they held the brands they found in department stores in higher regard, the survey

found. Those with higher education and incomes put more value on the environment provided by department stores when deciding where to shop.

There are significant implications for all types of stores from the findings, says Dr Shergill.

"Traditional stores should maintain their competitive positions by continuing to offer good physical facilities and environments, satisfactory in-store customer services and famous branded products in order to maintain and attract more customers," he says.

"This will help to maintain their market share and gain competitive advantage within the intensely competitive market environment created by factory outlet stores."

He says department stores need to assess their pricing and provide satisfactory value to customers.

These stores should identify and divide their current and potential customers into different target segments and set differing pricing strategies for them.

Factory outlets need to learn from the comparative disadvantages of traditional retail stores, he says, and work to enhance further their own currently competitive pricing. The outlet stores also need to improve the image of the brands they stock, he says.

## Promotion for Economics head

The head of the Department of Economics and Finance (Palmerston North and Wellington) Martin Young, has been promoted to professor.

Professor Young gained his bachelor and masters degrees at Massey in Palmerston North and received his PhD in Finance from the University in 1996. He joined the academic staff of the then Department of Finance, Banking and Property in 1991 as a senior lecturer and became head of the department in May last year. In October the department merged with the Department of Applied and International Economics.

Before joining the academic staff he was principal of a Palmerston North sharebroking and investment advisory firm for more than

a decade. He is active in consultancy to the finance and banking sector, to government and regulatory bodies.

Most recently he was appointed to the Financial Planning Standards Board education advisory panel for the development of a global standard in financial planning education.

He is also a member of the Asian Shadow Financial Regulatory Committee and a member of the Board of the Asian Finance Association.

Professor Young heads a team of finance researchers which made a significant contribution to the University's fast-growing reputation for strength in finance research and education.



Alistair Scarfe at work on the kiwifruit picker.

## Automation researcher nets technology funding

A PhD student intent on revolutionising New Zealand's horticulture industry has scooped a top scholarship for his work on robotic systems. Alistair Scarfe is one of three recipients of a Dick and Mary Earle Scholarship in Technology, worth \$20,000 a year for three years. The award was announced recently by the New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee (NZVCC).

Mr Scarfe, who was brought up in Wairarapa and went to Kuranui College, is studying for his PhD in Industrial Automation at the School of Engineering and Advanced Technology at the Palmerston North campus.

Alistair's thesis investigates automating fruit harvesting by means of robotic arms and carrier systems. A prototype kiwifruit harvester developed as part of the project is now nearing completion.

"I hope that my research will provide the

kiwifruit industry with the technology to improve harvesting and post-harvest logistics and reduce losses to the industry by an estimated 20 percent.

"I believe that there is a real need for New Zealand to become more innovative or we face the very real danger of losing our manufacturing capacity and its related technical know-how to Asia.

"Automation can substantially reduce labour costs to the point where we could outperform Asian manufacturers, and this is what is driving my research," Mr Scarfe says.

Dick and Mary Earle, both Emeritus Professors at Massey University, established the scholarship in 1999 to support and encourage postgraduate research into technology.

The scholarship funds an individual to undertake research towards a masters or

doctorate at a New Zealand university or other research institution, in one of two fields: innovation and product development, or bioprocess technology.

The scholarship was founded on the Earle's belief that technology is important to the wellbeing and enhancement of the social fabric of the community. Since 1999, 12 scholars have received funding.

The Dick and Mary Earle Scholarship in Technology is one of more than 40 scholarships awarded each year by the NZVCC to both graduate and undergraduate students. Public Trust's charitable services manager Lindsay Pope says the trust is very pleased that Mr Scarfe has been awarded this year's Dick and Mary Earle Scholarship in Technology.

"His study supports the Earles' vision to help improve the wellbeing of our society through technological research."

## EpiCentre gets funding boost from Rural Women

EpiCentre scientists Associate Professor Cord Heuer and Jackie Benschop received a cheque for \$87,500 from Rural Women New Zealand national president Margaret Chapman at its national conference in Blenheim last week.

The funds will be used to support new research into leptospirosis, New Zealand's most significant occupationally-acquired disease, which is caught through exposure to the urine of infected animals.

Fundraising by Rural Women New Zealand in the 1970s and 1980s enabled extensive research into the disease by the University and the development of vaccines that are widely used in the dairy and pig farming sectors.

Evidence that the disease was on the increase in beef cattle and

sheep, along with news that a meat worker had died from the disease prompted the organisation to re-launch its fundraising efforts with a year-long nationwide campaign. The new research will focus on the incidence of the leptospirosis in sheep and beef cattle.

"There is a much higher prevalence of this disease in beef cattle than we thought," says Dr Heuer. "One recent study suggests that 70 percent of beef herds are infected and every second animal showed positive antibodies for the disease. Similarly, 80 percent of deer herds tested positive.

"If you translate that into shedding [of bacteria], about every fifth animal is shedding leptospira. There is a huge amount of shedding of this organism in rural areas."

## PBRF appointment

Dr Grant Duncan from the School of Social and Cultural Studies has been appointed to the Performance-Based Research Fund reference group.

The 15-member group has been created to provide advice to the Tertiary Education Commission on the design, implementation, timing, nature and conduct of the Performance Based Research Fund quality evaluation process, to be completed in 2012.

Dr Duncan, a nominee of the Association of University Staff, is a senior lecturer in the Social and Public Policy programmes at the Auckland campus.

The primary goal of the PBRF is to distribute the research component of the government grant to the tertiary education sector according to the research profile of participating institutions.

## Pasifika staff link up with Ministry of Pacific Affairs

Pasifika researchers at Massey have been asked to share their expertise with Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs policy analysts for collaborative research on economic strategies that will benefit Pasifika communities.

Acting director Pasifika Sione Tu'itahi says the Minister of Pacific Island Affairs Winnie Laban was so impressed by the achievements



Sione Tu'itahi.

of Pasifika students when she attended the ceremony to honour Pasifika graduates in Auckland last month that she wants her staff to tap into their expertise.

A meeting has already taken place between the ministry and Massey, says Mr Tu'itahi.

"We agreed to collaborate with the ministry to explore opportunities for working together with her staff for research and educational activities."

While the minister had been aware of Massey's unique place among New Zealand tertiary institutions in having created a Pasifika strategy in 2006 and appointing a Director Pasifika to nurture and promote education, research and consultancy among Pacific people, her attendance at the graduation ceremony was a turning point, he says.

The line-up of graduates included aviation, business, communications, management, nursing, social anthropology, sociology, arts, technology and statistics included three PhDs – a record among Pasifika students from the Auckland campus.



Author Mary McCallum and Writers Read Wellington organiser Ingrid Horrocks.

## Writers Read series launches

The voices of writers reading their own words will feature at the Wellington campus for the first time this year, in the Writers Read series.

Lecturer at the School of English and Media Studies Ingrid Horrocks developed Writers Read after last year holding a reading for students and realising that very few had ever attended one before. The event is open to the public.

"Wellington people are strong supporters of arts events in the community," Dr Horrocks says, "and I hope Writers Read will be no exception.

"This is an opportunity for the community, the writer, and university to be brought together," she says.

Mary McCallum, with Anna Horsley and Dr Horrocks, makes up a trio of published authors teaching the University's expressive arts courses at the Wellington campus. Ms McCallum will be the first author to read in the series.

Her first novel, *The Blue*, was released last year, and shortlisted for the biennial

Prize in Modern Letters, which is designed to acknowledge and advance the work of emerging writers in New Zealand. Ms McCallum will read from that novel, which is set in a whaling community in the Tory Channel, and the new book she is working on, *Precarious*.

She has previously read to community groups, and "loves it".

"I do like public speaking and it is like that but has come from deeper inside you. You're nervous about it, about people's reaction, but to me it's like magic. The book takes on another life when you read from it."

Dr Horrocks says the Wellington series runs in parallel with that in Palmerston North, which has been running for three years. The addition of a Wellington series illustrates the value the University places on writers, she says.

The other two writers to read their work will be Sydney-based Martin Edmond, and James George, from Auckland. "This certainly adds another facet to the writer offerings in Wellington," Dr Horrocks says.

## Director Pasifika in Niue for new role

The University's first director Pasifika has been seconded to Niue as director of health for two years, and is being replaced by Pasifika development adviser Sione Tu'itahi as acting director pasifika during his absence.

Professor Sitaleki Finau, a Tongan-born scholar, public health consultant, educator and policy expert, was appointed as the inaugural Director Pasifika in June 2006 to head the Pasifika@Massey strategy.

The charter is unique to Massey and aims to foster and expand academic research, education and consultancy for Pacificans.

Professor Finau says his temporary position in Niue – a raised coral island known as the 'Rock of Polynesia' – is a great opportunity to

promote Massey's Pasifika strategy through regional networks in the Pacific as well as through a delegation to the annual South



Professor Sitaleki Finau

Pacific Forum being held in Niue this August. He will return briefly next semester to teach a postgraduate public health course.

Mr Tu'itahi, who has been involved in the implementation of the Pasifika@Massey strategy since its inception, says a number of initiatives are underway.

Three separate studies have been commissioned to examine the perspectives and experiences of some of Massey's more than 1000 Pasifika students, with the first – on Niuean student experiences – just published.



Dr Nik Kazantzis (left) with therapist Mieke Sachsenweger, study coordinators Michael Easden and Nicole Foster, therapists Sue Page, Jeanne Daniel and Kimberley Good, study coordinator Margo Munro, and therapist Jan Prosser.

## Study aims to find out how to beat depression

A team of specially University psychologists is offering free therapy to first-time depression sufferers in Auckland as part of a collaborative international study involving Harvard University and the London Institute of Psychiatry.

The Centre for Psychology will provide data from therapy sessions with volunteers, so that the team of international researchers can better understand the dynamics of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT), how it alleviates depression symptoms and how it equips sufferers to avoid repeat bouts of depression.

Dr Nik Kazantzis, senior lecturer and practitioner who heads the team, says findings from the study could offer hope for depression sufferers, many of whom do not have access to affordable, effective treatment.

Depression sufferers typically experience low mood, poor appetite, lack of energy, disturbed sleep, feelings of helplessness and

guilt. They may find decision-making difficult, feel miserable when they make even the smallest mistake and generally feel life has become overwhelming.

CBT teaches people how to become their own therapists, teaching them skills so they can deal better with difficult situations and the painful emotions they trigger, says Dr Kazantzis. Volunteers are being offered 20 hour-long individual sessions to learn strategies for changing problem thoughts and behaviours.

Dr Kazantzis says CBT is a widely used, mainstream therapy developed by American-born psychiatrist Dr Aaron Beck in the 1960s. Although it has been endorsed by more than 400 studies internationally as an effective, low-cost treatment for a range of disorders, including depression, little is known about why it works.

Dr Kazantzis, who trained under Dr Beck two years ago, believes the therapy is particularly suited to New Zealanders as it offers immediate, practical help in coping with the present and does not necessarily require clients to embark on in-depth analysis of their pasts to be effective.

People can volunteer for the therapy if they have not been previously diagnosed with depression and are not taking medication that affects the brain.

Worldwide, about 121 million people suffer from depression but fewer than 25 per cent have access to effective treatment, according to the World Health Organisation.

Depression is the fourth-highest contributor to the global burden of disease, and is expected to become the second highest by 2020.

## Freemasons scholarship winner gives gift in return

Wellington design student Leilani Isara turned the tables on Governor-General Anand Satyanand when she presented him with a Massey Association of Pasifika Students hoodie.

Ms Isara was one of five Massey students Mr Satyanand presented with scholarships from the New Zealand Freemasons at a reception in Wellington.

She designed the hoodie for the association while doing her fourth and final year of a Bachelor of Design in visual communication. Mr Satyanand was delighted with the gift. Although he initially wondered whether it would fit him, he later said would be "excellent" attire for walking the grounds of Government House.

Three other undergraduate students also received Freemasons scholarships worth \$6000 each: Courtenay Jacks, who is studying business at the Auckland campus, Hilary Corkran who is completing a Bachelor of Science at Palmerston North, and Adam O'Connell, who is studying for a Bachelor of Veterinary Science.

PhD candidate Kirsty Hammond received one of only seven \$10,000 postgraduate scholarships. She is completing a PhD on the effects of fresh forage diets on methane production at Palmerston North

The Freemasons awarded \$238,000 of scholarships this year to 35 high-achieving students at New Zealand universities. The organisation is one of the largest privately-funded sponsors of students.

Grand Master Barry McLaggan says rewarding excellence in education is an investment in New Zealand's future. The programme was recently revamped to increase the value of the scholarships.

"While applicants must be A-grade students completing their degrees,



Design student Leilani Isara with Governor-General Anand Satyanand.

they must also take part in a non-academic community activity," Mr McLagan says.

"Freemasons have helped young New Zealanders towards careers as varied as aerospace design, earthquake-proofing existing structures, assisting adolescent patients with eating disorders, and taxonomy research to improve biosecurity.

"Scholarship recipients are all high-achieving young people who recognise the importance of involvement in community service as well as academic success."

## New doctorates at Wellington

### **Sunia Foliaki – PhD in Public Health**

Dr Foliaki studied the prevalence of asthma among secondary school students in Tokelau, Samoa, Fiji, Tonga, Niue and the Cook Islands using the standardised International Study of Asthma and Allergies in Childhood methodology. He also conducted an intervention study in Tonga of the effectiveness of asthma self-management plans. Findings showed large variations in asthma prevalence between the participating countries, but all countries showed lower asthma prevalence than that previously seen among Pacific populations in New Zealand. This outcome suggests that environmental factors play a major role. The research also provided hypotheses for future research on risk factors for asthma, as well as a baseline for determining trends in asthma prevalence, in the Pacific.

### **Stuart Joseph McLaren – PhD in Environmental Health**

Dr McLaren undertook the first comprehensive study of its kind, to investigate noise levels in early education centres and the effects on the children and their teachers. His study found that children on the autistic spectrum and a subset of the gifted, who often have extreme

sensitivities to noise, are likely to be the most severely affected. Personal noise exposure, recorded on some children using new light weight badges, was found to significantly exceed that permitted in the workplace. Potentially, this may cause damage to hearing from an early age. Evaluations of the noise exposures and hearing of some teachers revealed noise as a potential occupational hazard. Dr McLaren's study has led to a proposed law change to limit noise in early childhood centres to a level that will not interfere with normal speech or communication, nor cause any child distress or harm.

### **Geoffrey Michael Troughton – PhD in History**

Dr Troughton's research examined ways that New Zealanders thought about Jesus during the years from 1900 to 1940. It considered Jesus in the languages of doctrine, devotion, social reform, and language relating to children, together with images of Jesus' masculinity and representations of him as an 'anti-Church' prophet. The thesis argues that Jesus constituted an increasingly important focal point in New Zealand religiosity, especially within Protestant Christianity. The change

reflected wider social and cultural shifts, particularly related to understandings of the nature of society and notions of personality. The increasingly Jesus-centred character of Protestant religiosity was an attempt to modernise Christianity and extend its reach into the community.

### **Jillian Ann Wilkinson – PhD in Nursing**

Dr Wilkinson traced the development of the newly-established, advanced nursing practice role of nurse practitioner in New Zealand. Using a discourse analytical approach, informed by the work of Michel Foucault, she examined the discourses that have constructed the nurse practitioner role within the New Zealand social and political context. This role transcends traditional boundaries between nursing and medicine and has been controversial for many, both inside and outside nursing. Interviews with key informants revealed that the notion of an autonomous nursing profession has challenged medicine's traditional position of surveillance of nursing practice. The availability of assessment, diagnostic and prescribing practices within a nursing discourse signals a radical shift in how nursing can be represented.

## Disease resistant sheep the focus of PhD thesis

The ability to breed sheep resistant to paratuberculosis, a chronic disease which leads to production loss, is the goal of PhD recipient Dr Rao Dukkupati. The disease, while not fatal, makes sheep lose weight and produce less wool.

Studies estimate about 70 per cent of New Zealand's 40 million sheep are infected with the disease, costing the industry about \$10 million a year.

Dr Dukkupati, who graduated at Palmerston North earlier this month, identified genetic markers for immune responses to paratuberculosis vaccination in 900 merino sheep in Australia.

Six genotypes and four alleles at six marker loci were found to be either "probably" or "most likely" to be associated with immune responses to vaccination, he says.

"The presence of a particular marker genotype or allele may lead to a lower or higher response to the vaccine. It is likely that they will behave similarly to the natural disease."

Identifying the markers could lead to the selective breeding of disease-resistant animals.

"These animals would be bred exclusively to improve genetic resistance to paratuberculosis."



Dr Rao Dukkupati.

Dr Dukkupati came to Massey from India in 2002 and completed his PhD at the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences last year. His wife, Kavitha Kongara, is also working on her doctoral thesis in clinical veterinary science at Massey.

The couple have become New Zealand citizens and Dr Dukkupati is now employed at the institute as a researcher.

"We were hoping to graduate at the same time, however she will defend her thesis later this month and graduate at the next ceremony," Dr Dukkupati says.

"I'm working now on a sub-vaccine which will work against paratuberculosis. At the moment there are a number of commercial vaccines, but none protect the animals completely."



## Capping celebration for 600 Wellington graduates

A father and son with a passion for jazz will graduate together on Wednesday, two of 600 students graduating from the University's Wellington campus this week.

Murray Stewart and his son Aaron Stewart attended the New Zealand School of Music, and will both graduate with a Bachelor of Music, in Jazz. Aaron has his awarded jointly with Victoria University.

Two graduation ceremonies will be held on 28 May at the Michael Fowler Centre, with a morning ceremony for students of the School of Music, the College of Creative Arts, College of Education and College of Sciences.

In the afternoon, graduates from the College of Business and College of Humanities and Social Sciences will cross the stage.

All students can take part in the graduation procession from Parliament to Civic Square at 1pm, before the afternoon ceremony begins.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Wellington) Professor Andrea McIlroy says graduation is "a wonderful time of year for any campus, a day of celebration for students, family and friends and the University.

"I am delighted to congratulate our graduating students in 2008," she says.

In a first for the Wellington campus, two sign language interpreters will work on stage at the morning ceremony, at the request of one of the graduates.

Two honorary doctorates will be awarded to Massey alumni: a Doctor of Science for Grant Davidson in the morning, and a Doctor

of Literature to Dame Margaret Basley during the afternoon ceremony.

Four doctoral scholars will graduate: Sunia Foliaki as a Doctor of Philosophy in Public Health, Stuart McLaren as Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Health, Geoffrey Troughton as a Doctor of Philosophy in History, and Jillian Wilkinson as a Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing.

The ceremony to honour Māori graduates takes place on 27 May.

The graduation ceremonies follow those at the Palmerston North campus from May 12 to 16, when 1400 students were capped, and those at Auckland in April.

## Māori graduates in the driver's seat

Whānau and friends gathered in Palmerston North on 16 May to celebrate Māori student achievement.

It is 20 years since the first ceremony to honour Māori graduates was held at Massey. Now the ceremonies are an integral and hugely popular part of every graduation at each of the campuses.

Guest speaker Māori Land Court Judge Craig Coxhead told graduates, "it's truly cool to be brown.

"Days like today fuel my excitement about being Māori. The Māori train has arrived. Māori are no longer just the passengers, but the future drivers."

This year 68 students took part in the ceremony at the Regent on Broadway theatre, 11 of them aged over 60.

Judge Coxhead challenged graduates to consider where they will be in future and the contributions they will make in their communities.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Māori) Professor Mason Durie says the make-up of Māori students at Massey is distinctive and graduates have attained a range of qualifications in business, education, humanities, social sciences and sciences.



PhD in Soil Science Dr Nicholas Roskruge, PhD in Public Health Dr Sarah-Jane Paine, and PhD in Management Dr Shirley Barnett.

## Early involvement key to effective local government consultation

Local government decision-making can be a polarising process according to PhD graduate Dr Simon Nash.

Dr Nash, who graduated at Palmerston North as a Doctor of Philosophy in Social Policy, says contentious issues such as wastewater planning, windfarms and electricity pylons led him to direct his research at the way in which local



Dr Simon Nash.

g o v e r n m e n t consults with the public.

“People have strong points of view when it comes to certain issues and the process of discussing them usually only puts greater

distance between the competing sides, leading people to be more intransigent.”

Simon Nash says environmental issues are often the most hotly debated.

“Windfarms, for example, are one of those things that bring up a wide array of subjective opinions. People who are against them have strong emotional views, Those views are entirely valid, but proponents quite often end up just banging their fist on the table, as they can’t always find expert evidence to back up their argument, yet that is what the legal system focuses on.”

He says this win-lose approach leads to those on both sides of the argument moving further apart, rather than reaching a compromise, as the consultation process should seek to achieve.

Dr Nash used Q-methodology, which involves participants ranking a set of cards labelled with various value statements, to explore their views on wastewater planning processes.

He found most attention is focused on technical debates. Yet it is the perspective-based conflicts that are often the main obstacle to the integration of peoples’ views into decision making.

“What we need is a situation that doesn’t pit people against each other, but rather gets them to listen and understand the range of views that are held on an issue. We need to foster an environment where citizens and councils can understand one

## Fog-bound vet takes road trip to graduation ceremony

Being fog-bound at Hamilton Airport did not stop Veterinary Science graduate Te Oru Mikaere from attending the University’s ceremony to honour Māori graduates, held at the Regent on Broadway in Palmerston North on 16 May.

The 22-year-old made a four-hour drive just in time to join friends and family in The Square for the after-function celebration.

Mr Mikaere (Ngati Raukawa, Ngati Pukenga) is the grandson of Te Maharani Jacob, one of the first Māori vets in New Zealand. Both his grandparents trained as vets in Australia, Mr Mikaere says, with both now retired and living in Levin.

“I have always known I have loved animals and because I had my grandparents who were vets and parents who exposed me to lots of opportunities I decided halfway through high school I was going to be a vet,” Mr Mikaere says. “When I decide I’m quite determined so its been in the making for the last eight or nine years.”

Mr Mikaere is a former pupil of Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Ara Rima and Hamilton’s Hillcrest High School. He already has a job, in Te Awamutu, working in vet practice covering farm and companion animals.

“Eventually I’ll go overseas, maybe to the UK, but for the first couple of years I’ll get some experience.”

Mr Mikaere says returning home to his



Te Oru Mikaere.

whanau was a major factor in being able to complete the tough BVSc degree.

“There’s a lot of pressure on you, it is a little bit competitive and it can get too much at times so I really enjoyed going home, seeing the family, just a bit of peace. Also, I just really wanted to do it.

Mr Mikaere’s sister is at medical school, while his mother is a lawyer for Te Wānaga o Raukawa in Otaki. Through his father’s work as principal of Manaia School, in the Coromandel, he is aware of how being seen by others can broaden their expectations of education.

“My dad is now exposing lots of others to opportunities - younger cousins see all the options they can consider and we’re now seeing a lot of them go to university. As a result of me graduating they now see little Māori country kids can go out and do it.”

## Double success for Tauranga family

This month’s ceremony to honour Māori graduates in Palmerston North was a double celebration for one Tauranga family.

Tawhai Rickard and his wife Tania Lewis-Rickard both graduated from Massey University’s School of Māori Studies with a Postgraduate Diploma in Māori Visual Arts.

The pair met in 1992 while studying Māori art at Waiariki Polytechnic in Rotorua.

Mr Rickard says studying the same programme as his wife again, this time at Massey, had both challenges and rewards.

“It’s good to have common goals and be able to exchange notes and have each other there for support. We certainly had a lot to talk about at the end of the day. But we have a family to take care of too, so it was hard at times.”

Tania Lewis-Rickard agrees that having both parents studying was tough on the family.

“Having children, it was difficult at times and we were also running an after-school care centre for children in Palmerston North while we were studying. But we were there to support each other and give each other inspiration.”

The couple have been involved in a number



of exhibitions and have a sculpture that sits on the grounds of Tauranga Boys’ College.

Mr Rickard says the couple are looking forward to using the skills they have learned in their community.

“I particularly like working on projects that can be enjoyed by everyone. We’re not the sort of people who’ll work for galleries, creating works that can only be enjoyed by those who have the money to buy them.”

A wide variety of materials are used in their works, which are often brought to life on the kitchen table.

“We use various media to express ourselves: metals, perspex, wood, concrete and paint. Just whatever is appropriate for the project,” Mr Rickard says.

## 'Gumboot' farmer honoured with Massey Medal

Services to the dairy industry and supporting the training of agricultural and veterinary students have earned Kopane farmer Noel Johnston a Massey University Medal.

Mr Johnston was presented with the award at the first of this month's graduation ceremonies at the Regent on Broadway in Palmerston North.

The ceremony saw graduates in sciences receive their degrees and diplomas, including many agriculture graduates and 72 Bachelors of Veterinary Science. Vet lecturer and large animal vet services manager Jenny Weston read the citation for Mr Johnston.

"Noel is a local lad who obtained his Diploma in Agriculture from Massey University in 1965," Ms Weston said.

"He took over his father's dairy farm in Newbury; this had been put together by his father Don through the buying and selling of cull dairy cows. After only nine years in the industry, Noel was elected as a director of Manawatu Milk Producers. This company then merged with Tui Milk Products, then Kiwi Milk Ltd and ultimately Fonterra for which he is a supplier representative. This encompasses 32 years of service and governance of the dairy industry at both a local and a national level."

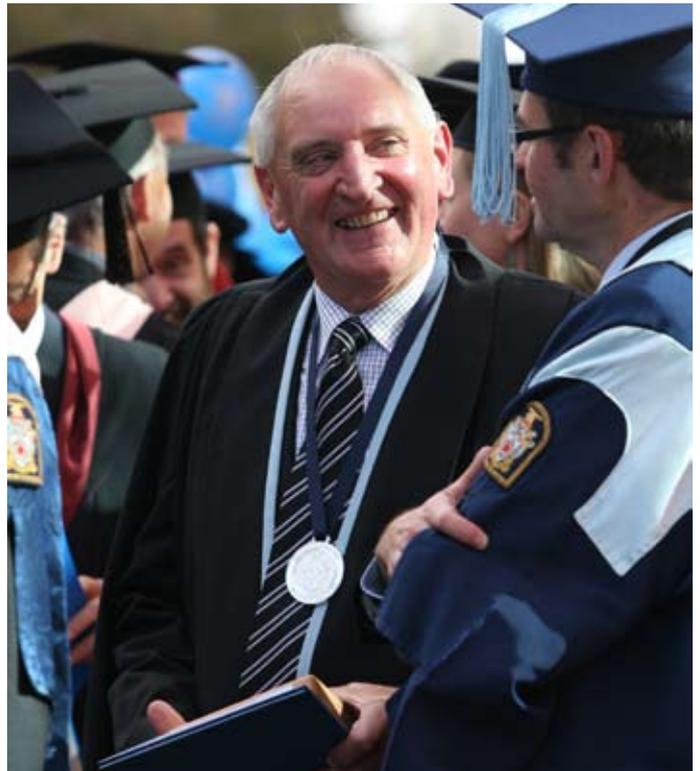
Ms Weston said that the Manawatu Milk Producers plant, then on Gillespies Line, was one of the first in New Zealand to monitor somatic cell count, an innovative move for the industry at the time and one Mr Johnston had pushed for.

Over the years Mr Johnston's farm grew by acquisition, with Mr Johnston also finding time to instigate the Manawatu dairy beef discussion group. From 1980 to 2002 Mr Johnston was a committee member organising the Massey dairy farmers' Conference, and served as chairman three times.

"One of the keys to its success was the presence of 'gumboot' farmers on the conference advisory committee and Noel fulfilled this task admirably," Ms Weston said. "The Massey Dairy Farmers' Conference and its successor have been critical in expanding Massey's reputation for excellence in agriculture at an applied and practical level."

Mr Johnston was also involved in the Livestock Improvement Corporation, the regional council, the New Zealand Grasslands Trust and the Ellett Agricultural Research trust.

The farm at Kopane backs on to the Oroua River and in recent times has flooded, most notably in 2004. Despite his farm being one of those affected, Noel served on the Ministry of Agriculture Flood Recovery Committee. Other services to the community included service on the board of trustees for Palmerston North Boys' High School and a commitment to High School Old Boys Rugby. The citation also paid tribute to Mr Johnston's support for Massey students and staff.



Mr Johnston with University Registrar Stuart Morris.

"Three generations of Johnstons have been clients of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital Farm Services Clinic ... Noel has always seen the benefit of animal health in preventing disease, maximising production and improving genetic gain.

"Although much of Noel's farming career has shown him to be innovative and a leader in the industry, when it matters Noel is still 'old school'. When vets and students arrive to work in a grazing block, Noel will always have a 20-litre drum of water, soap in a dish – usually lavender scented now there is a predominance of female students – a hand-brush and clean towel."

Mr Johnston was joined at the ceremony by his wife Cec, who, Ms Weston said, had always been an integral part of the farm team. The Massey Medal is an honorary award to acknowledge special service both to the University and the community, with nomination made by the Vice-Chancellor and approved by the Committee for Honorary Awards and the University Council.



## Graduation a family affair for mother and daughter

Jacqueline Burne and daughter Stephanie made graduation a family affair this month, both crossing the stage to receive their degrees at capping ceremonies in Palmerston North.

Miss Burne graduated with a BBS double major in finance and business at the first of two College of Business graduations on 13 May. Mrs Burne graduated with a Master of Education in Adult Education at the first College of Education ceremony on Wednesday. Mrs Burne is a University staff member, working at the Student Learning Centre.

# Toyota wins Business Community Award

Toyota New Zealand is the recipient of this year's Business Community Award, jointly presented by the University and Vision Manawatu.

The Business Community Award was presented by Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Palmerston North), Dr Sandi Shillington in Palmerston North on 14 May. As well as being the second most-admired company in the world, Toyota demonstrates a high level of commitment to the local communities in which it operates, Dr Shillington said.

With its head office in Palmerston North, Toyota has a strong presence in the Manawatu region and many connections to the community, to commerce and to the University.

For leadership in environmental issues, Toyota was the Gold award winner in last year's Corporate Social and Environmental Survey conducted annually by the University's Centre for Business and Sustainable Development.

Since 2001, the company has supported Clean-Up New Zealand week by tidying roads around its head office in Palmerston North and by sending staff into the community to assist with neighbourhood clean-up initiatives.

The award was presented at the Graduation Business Link function, an event hosted by Massey University, Vision Manawatu and the Manawatu Chamber of Commerce.

Palmerston North's civic and business leaders meet with University staff at the annual event that links town and gown during Massey's major graduation week each May. The event is held in the Graduation Marquee erected in The Square for the celebrations that follow each of the ceremonies at the Regent on Broadway Theatre.



Pro Vice-Chancellor of the College of Business Professor Larry Rose with Toyota New Zealand chief executive Alistair Davis, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor Dr Sandi Shillington and chairman of Crop & Food Research Ltd Rodney Wong.

Graduation Business Link has grown each year in popularity and profile, attracting more than 150 people from many sectors of the Manawatu.

Past recipients of the Business Community Award include Tim Mordaunt (Property Brokers), Linton Army Camp (for services during the 2004 floods), Pat Higgins (Higgins Group), Richard Garland (New Zealand Pharmaceuticals) and Simon Barnett (OBO sport and hockey gear).

## From the speeches...

### **Jim Anderton – Minister of Agriculture, Minister of Biosecurity and Associate Minister for Tertiary Education.**

Mr Anderton said he wanted to speak of those who inspired him, including engineer and car designer Bill Hamilton, and pioneer William Saltau Davidson who was the first New Zealander to send a shipment of refrigerated meat to London.

"This was in 1882," Mr Anderton said, "at a time when most people said you couldn't keep meat cold all the way to the other side of the world.

"If that tone of cynicism rings a bell, it's because we still hear plenty of people today telling us what New Zealand can't do. But Davidson proved the doubters and the nay-sayers wrong. He proved as a country it's wrong to focus on what we can't do and right to focus on what we can.

"We can be innovative. We can be world class. We can use science and innovation to create prosperity."

Mr Anderton said he believed that some young scientists graduating from Massey would go on to scale world-class scientific mountains because of funding from the New Zealand Fast Forward Fund which supports science and innovation in the pastoral and food industries.

"When I look at the investment in science and the quality of our institutions as well as the soaring global demand for our products,

I feel confident about our future ... There are exciting and inspiring opportunities ahead."

### **Howard Moore – Executive Director, BioPacific Ventures.**

Biotech entrepreneur Howard Moore was the guest speaker at the second College of Sciences ceremony.

Now executive director of BioPacific and chairman of Anzode, Mr Moore told graduands of his previous attendance at a Massey graduation ceremony – his own, 34 years ago when he graduated with a Bachelor of Food Technology.

Science and technology have played a significant role in sustaining the New Zealand economy through the 20th century, Mr Moore said.

"Massey University and the Palmerston North Science community epitomise that contribution – particularly to our pastoral and food industries. But in the 21st century, I believe we should look to science and technology for an even greater contribution to our economic growth.

"To do so, I suggest we should look elsewhere in the world for a model that has some relevance.

"The model I believe we should look to is that which has sustained the development in the San Francisco Bay area and which has seen the development of the world's leading biotechnology and information technology

clusters."

Mr Moore said three things sustained the biotech and IT industries in the Bay area: entrepreneurship, intellectual property protection and venture capital.

"I believe then that these three big ideas – the role of entrepreneurship, the need for patenting to protect IP and the investment that venture capital provides high growth companies can all contribute to New Zealand increasing its investment in R & D (research and development), achieving much greater economic growth and also hopefully make those of you who are prepared to seize the opportunity of becoming entrepreneurs, incredibly wealthy."

### **Alistair Davis – Chief Executive, Toyota New Zealand.**

More than half of today's business graduates would end up in careers not yet invented and most will have a portfolio of careers, Toyota New Zealand's chief executive Alistair Davis said.

Mr Davis was guest speaker at the first of the two College of Business graduation ceremonies.

He said the so-called third wave now shaping the future 'knowledge society' is still a work in progress and that many of the graduates would have a significant influence on "how this wave plays out and on the shape of the future knowledge society".

## Graduation Palmerston North

New Zealand can be a global player in shaping the knowledge society, he said, because the business community is already accustomed to operating successfully in the sort of turbulent environment that changing times will bring.

"We have one of the most open, de-regulated business environments in the world. A successful business in New Zealand has to be world class to survive and prosper. A job in New Zealand gives you a breadth of experience better than you will find anywhere in the world.

"I can tell you that Toyota in New Zealand would rather hire people with local experience than international experience – we know the local experience will be grounded in markets, customers, competition and in reality."

### **Annah Stretton – Fashion designer.**

Fashion industry success story Annah Stretton addressed the second of the College of Business graduation ceremonies.

Although she is best known as the driving force behind one of the country's top fashion labels for women, she says it is her accounting degree that has given her the skills and knowledge that underpin her success.

"Almost daily I am mentoring businesses that have reached a crisis point simply because they have failed to apply or do not have the training to apply a framework of learnt business principles," she said.

Accounting degree notwithstanding, she said real success came to her once she followed her true passion. "I challenge you to align your passion with the application of your skills through dedication and determination."

### **Mr Steven Fox – Chief Executive, Te Manawa Museums Trust.**

In his address to graduands at the College of Creative Arts and College of Education's morning ceremony in Palmerston North, Steven Fox drew on inspiration from George Bernard Shaw who said "we learn from history that we learn nothing from history".

"I draw on this quote for two purposes: firstly to remind you not to ignore the past as a window of opportunity to knowledge and guidance for your future development; and secondly to illustrate the importance of learning history and the opportunities this life long process of learning holds," Mr Fox said.

"In the museums sector we are focused on history: telling history; revealing history; unpacking history for the noble aim of ensuring that we learn from history. But often, we miss the mark.

"Education needs to underpin everything we do in a museum. Education is what museums are about. We collect for the community we represent and interpret those collections to our

communities to foster a deeper understanding of our cultures and where we have come from in an effort to help direct us to where we are going.

"As educators, artists, indeed all qualifications of the academy, you are in a position to teach, to explore and to guide a community's development. You are the essential link for us to really succeed.

Mr Fox told graduands that to excel in the future they need to examine the past and build a body of knowledge and principles to underpin their ongoing development.

"Use those lessons wisely and with your inquiring minds challenge us with new and inspirational means of developing our organisations and communities," he said.

### **Professor David McKenzie – Former Assistant Vice-Chancellor, Humanities, University of Otago.**

Massey's founding Professor of Education, Clem Hill, sought to provide study opportunities for teachers and intending teachers that were not readily available in existing universities, Professor David McKenzie told education graduands on 14 May.

Professor McKenzie was guest-speaker at the College of Education's afternoon ceremony and congratulated new graduates on their achievement, noting Massey's "enviable reputation as a tertiary education institution well-suited to New Zealand's democratic ethos" and acknowledged Professor Hill's pioneering work.

"We have sought more and more resources in order to satisfy ourselves that people's access to a generous education has not been imperilled by poverty, by gender, by race and culture, or by physical and/or intellectual disadvantage.

"The battle goes on but the teaching profession, and I think the wider public, have remained committed to the belief that every child, as a citizen of our country, is entitled to receive a generous education to the fullest extent of his or her powers.

"It is clear enough that the quality of education in New Zealand classrooms today and into the future will depend absolutely on the person of the teacher in the classroom and not upon managerial plans."

Professor McKenzie urged governments and teachers' professional organisations to make mentoring available on a universal basis their top priority.

"This is the way in which we will ensure that the quality of progressive teaching is assured over generations," he said.

### **Judy Keall – Former MP for Otaki**

Keep asking questions is the message new graduates were given by former MP for Otaki

Judy Keall.

Mrs Keall was the guest speaker at this morning's ceremony for graduates of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Mrs Keall used the traditional story The Emperor's New Clothes to illustrate her point.

"It is often the most junior person – in the case of our story, a young child, or in your case the new graduate – who has the capacity to raise a question or state the obvious. You should never be afraid to ask a question."

Asking the simple questions helped immensely during her time as a Member of Parliament, she said.

"My advice to you today is to ask the questions. Do not be fearful. Have confidence in the training you have completed which has given you the tools to question."

Mrs Keall also told graduates it is important to balance the academic and technical skills they have learned with personal skills.

Listening was just as important as asking questions, she said.

### **Colonel Tim Keating - Commander of the 2nd Land Force Group at Linton Army Camp.**

Colonel Tim Keating urged graduands at Thursday's afternoon ceremony to use their skills to work towards a more peaceful world.

"Some say the pen is mightier than the sword, however, in many areas of the world where I have served, I would say the pen and the sword must perform in concert, each with distinct parts to play, but in harmony."

Colonel Keating said the military can only do so much.

"Your New Zealand service people are presently deployed in many places, assisting to hold the peace and security vacuum open long enough for able graduates like yourselves to fill the vacuum in the many failed and failing states with the knowledge and skills to build sustainable political, social and economic solutions."

He told graduates that at some stage, each should give consideration to working toward a cause bigger than their immediate needs.

"The future of a prosperous humanity relies on all of us to work together at some point, to put aside our individual needs and prejudices to help that farmer in Bamyan or any other country to plant seeds that will feed his family and provide the leaders the tools necessary to enable good governance and economic growth."

# Massey People in the news

## 1 May

*Manawatu Standard, nzherald.co.nz, stuff.co.nz (2 May):* Dr **Heather Kavan**, from the Department of Communication and Journalism, is the organizer of a speech writing competition in honour of former Prime Minister the late David Lange, in which the term "hold your breath" must be contained, the best-known line in one of Mr Lange's most celebrated speeches.

*Gisborne Herald, The Daily Post, nzherald.co.nz, stuff.co.nz; Greymouth Star, The Daily Post, Ashburton Guardian, Gisborne Herald (2 May); Otago Daily Times (3 May):* Dr **Dave McLean**, from the Centre for Public Health Research, is the lead investigator of a study into the effects woodworkers face when exposed to the wood preservative Pentachlorophenol, and claims that as cumulative exposure to it increased, there was also increased prevalence of neuro-psychological symptoms, including memory loss, depression and tiredness.

## 2 May

*Manawatu Standard:* Second-year business student **Ant Pedersen** has finished third overall in the national Porsche GT3 Cup series, and his backers are trying to get him starts in the Australia Carrera Cup Porsche series, ahead of the likes of Matt Halliday.

*Newstalk ZB:* Dr **David Tripe**, Director of the Centre for Banking Studies, has commented on the latest move by ANZ National to increase variable mortgage rates by 0.25 per cent.

## 3 May

*TV One Rural Delivery:* Dr **Nick Roskrug**, from the Institute of Natural Resources, has commented on the recent addition of a Māori presence in the horticulture industry, especially with Māori potatoes.

## 4 May

*Sunday Star Times:* Ms Taisia Huckle, from the Social and Health Outcome Research and Evaluation centre, says that new research published in Australasian journal *Drug and Health Review*, says that RTD drinks are specifically youth marketed.

## 5 May

*Radio New Zealand:* Dr **Robert Lau**, from the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, has commented on health issues relating to dirty keyboards and gives general advice for keyboard users, particularly those who share computers with others.

*scoop.co.nz; www.abc.net.au (7 May); Newstalk ZB, The Aucklander West (14 May); nzherald.co.nz (16 May); The New Zealand Herald, The Dominion Post, The Press, Taranaki Daily News, Manawatu Standard*

*(17 May); Timaru Herald, Otago Daily Times (19 May):* Dr **Fiona Alpass**, from the School of Psychology, is part of a team of researchers studying 6662 people aged between 55 and 70 years old, looking into the transition from work retirement and the effects this has on their health. The study has found that those still employed past the age of 65 rate their mental health higher than those who have stopped working.

*www.sailent.org.nz:* **Alexandria Sorensen**, President of Massey Wellington Students' Association (MAWSA), has commented on the latest systematic issue regarding the sharing of student levies from the New Zealand School of Music (NZSM), and claims that legislative restraints mean that the school is officially part of the Victoria University, therefore all the NZSM student levies are passed on to VUWSA.

## 6 May

*Manawatu Standard:* Ms **Jackie Benschop**, from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Science, says that the Hawke's Bay PPCS Takapau plant was chosen for research because there were more cases of leptospirosis in the region compared with other parts of New Zealand.

*Manawatu Standard:* Dr **Christine Cheyne**, from the School of People, Environment and Planning, has commented on the low turnout for local body elections, and says that there is no quick fix for the lack of interest.

## 7 May

*The Dominion Post:* **Genevieve Packer**, from the Department of Fashion Design, and Caroline McQuarrie, have put together an exhibition titled *Etiquette for the Homesick*, that puts domestic arts in a new light and is showcasing at Wellington's Michael Hirschfield Gallery.

*The New Zealand Herald, nzherald.co.nz:* Dr **Dianne Gardner**, from the School of Psychology, says it is not uncommon to land in management when you follow the career path, which could take you away from what you love doing, and in some industries it's difficult to move back if you don't like the role you've been promoted into.

*The Dominion Post:* Consumer champion Dr **David Russell**, former chief executive of the Consumers' Institute of New Zealand, has received an honorary doctorate in Commerce for a lifetime of work protecting the rights of New Zealanders at the graduation ceremonies in Auckland.

*www.thoroughbrednews.co.nz:* **Charlotte Bolwell**, from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences, is undertaking a research project following the 2006 foal crop their training as two-year-olds, and a component of her research is to determine whether exercise as a yearling leads to better training and race performance.

## 8 May

*RNZ News:* **Malcolm Mulholland**, from the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Māori, discusses the issue of gangs in relation to Māori culture and feels people lack an understanding of Māori traditional culture, claiming it is very dangerous to judge past actions in today's age.

*North Shore Times, stuff.co.nz:* Psychology doctoral researcher **Jaimie Veale** is conducting a research study to explain the development of gender variance and gauge broader views on gender and sexuality.

*Wanganui Chronicle:* Professor **Colin Holmes**, from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Science, is heavily involved in a trial associated with feed conversion efficiency and says it is probably one of the last frontiers of dairy farming research.

## 9 May

*Taranaki Daily News:* Dr **Kerry Harrington**, from the Institute of Natural Resources, has collaborated on a paper titled *Mineral Composition and Nutritive Value of Some Common Pasture Weeds*, and found that certain minerals are often significantly higher in species such as chicory, dandelion and hairy buttercup than the perennial ryegrass and white clover components of the pasture.

*Radio New Zealand:* Professor **Phillip Gendall**, from the Department of Marketing, has collaborated on a study on how New Zealanders spend their leisure time, and says that 70 per cent of respondents said they could not pursue their favourite leisure activity for financial reasons.

*radionz.co.nz:* Dr **Mike Joy**, from the Institute of Natural Resources, says the only way to solve the dramatic decrease in eel numbers is to ban commercial eel fishing.

## 10 May

*Gisborne Herald:* **Robbie Eastham**, an Earth science student, is a phone call away from having the chance to be New Zealand's sole marksman representative at the Olympic Games, and if selected, he will be the country's youngest shooter at an Olympic Games.

## 11 May

*Herald On Sunday; Oamaru Mail (12 May):* Dr **Graeme Macrae**, from the School of Social and Cultural Studies, says that societies where breasts are exposed in daily life do not share the Western fascination with boobs.

*Herald On Sunday:* Dr **David Tripe**, Director of the Centre for Banking Studies, says that if anyone is paying more than five dollars a month in banking fees there's probably a problem, and it is unnecessary customers investigate the products their bank offers.

**Claire Matthews**, Senior Lecturer in Banking, Property and Finance, says customers who are not on any special packages are likely to be paying an average of about \$200 a year. [www.thetechherald.com](http://www.thetechherald.com); *Newstalk ZB*, [yahoo.com](http://yahoo.com), *North Harbour News*, [tvnz.co.nz](http://tvnz.co.nz) (16 May): Dr **Mei Williams**, from the School of Psychology, in conducting research that looks into the link between self-control and why people get involved in crime, and says her research has linked self-control and criminality and it may provide a breakthrough in treatment of criminal behaviour.

## 12 May

*Radio Live*: Dr **David Tripe**, Director of the Centre for Banking Studies, has commented on Kiwibank's attack on Australian owned banks for being too lenient in dishing out money, and says the banks are not being deliberately irresponsible, but they may not realise the full implications of lending money.

## 13 May

*The Dominion Post*, *The Press*, *Taranaki Daily News*; *Radio Live*, *Marlborough Express* (14 May): **Gurvinder Shergill**, from the Department of commerce, and masters student **Yiyin Chen**, from China, are studying consumer preference and perceptions of shopping experiences, comparing factory outlet stores with traditional stores, including in malls, shopping strip retailers and department stores.

[scoop.co.nz](http://scoop.co.nz): Professor **Mason Durie**, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Māori), says that the fact that about half of this years Māori graduates have achieved post graduate qualifications, is testament to the long-term investment Massey has made to support and encourage Māori professionals to continue with their study to a higher level.

*Manawatu Standard*: Professor **Colin Holmes**, from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Science, believes that local farmers should support the DairyNZ organisation because it is their own organisation focused on their objectives.

*Manawatu Standard*: Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor **Lawrence Rose**, from the College of Business, says the newly launched Dean's List – a registry of top performing students – will benefit both students and the University as it celebrates excellence and gives an opportunity to identify and support the best performers, sets a target for students to aim for, and enables employers to identify the best future graduates.

## 14 May

[computerworld.co.nz](http://computerworld.co.nz): **Brian Whitworth**, from the Institute of Information and Mathematical Science, says that many computer users feel at war with their software and believes that software must be not only useful and usable,

but also polite, which is a critical success factor in modern software.

*The Dominion Post*, [stuff.co.nz](http://stuff.co.nz): Dr **Andy Martin**, from the Department of Management, is a lecturer for a sports management programme, which is the subject of a year-long study investigating the link between academic and workplace learning, involving groups of employers and students being interviewed about integrating campus-based learning with practical pre-graduation work experience. *Manawatu Standard*: Mr **Michael Irwin**, from the School of Education Studies, has conducted a study showing that regular short bursts of exercise help children, particularly boys, settle and concentrate during class time.

*Radio New Zealand*: Dr **David Tripe**, Director of the Centre for Banking Studies, has commented on Westpac, ANZ and National Banks movement of their two year fixed term mortgage rates to come into line with ASB and BNZ banks, and says it is too early to tell what effect this will have on savers.

## 15 May

*Manawatu Standard*, *Daily Chronicle*, *The Daily Post*, [stuff.co.nz](http://stuff.co.nz); *Marlborough Express* (16 May); *Otago Daily Times* (17 May): Dr **Kimberly Powell**, from the School of Arts, Development and Health Education, says that parents who want to give the best edge to their children in a competitive world, put emphasise on excellence, and in the process, children are being robbed of their childhoods and innocence.

*Manawatu Standard*: **Natalie Cook**, from the Centre for Educational Development, has received an Excellence in Teaching Award at a teaching ceremony hosted by the National Excellence in Teaching and Leadership Awards (NEiTA) Foundation, and says she inspires children to recognise and extend their own ideas and find answers.

*Radio Live*: Dr **Mark Henrickson**, from the School of Health and Social Services, has commented on the recent figures showing that the amount of same sex civil unions is down, and believes the low rate means people highly value their relationships and may be holding out for fully fledged marriages.

*Radio Live*: Professor **John Raine**, from the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, has commented on international students' recent claims that they are discriminated against by local students, and says that there is certainly a tendency for international students to gather with their own, but efforts are made to get students to mix.

## 16 May

*The Dominion Post*: Final-year design student **Leilani Isara** has received a \$6000 scholarship for designing the hoodie's logo for Massey's Pasifika students association.

*Manawatu Standard*: **David Collins**, a graduate of the School of English and Media Studies, and a university librarian, has recently beaten 33 other contestants in the inaugural writing competition, winning \$1000 and the chance to have his one-act play, titled *The Thought Experiment*, produced at the Festival of New Arts later in the year.

*Radio New Zealand*: Professor **Jacqueline Rowarth**, from the Institute of Natural Resources, has commented on various supermarkets hitting back at recent claims made by farmers that retailers are unfairly benefiting from the rise in food prices.

## 17 May

*The New Zealand Herald*: Dr **David Tripe**, Director of the Centre for Banking Studies, says that Kiwibank is making use of the fact that they don't have to produce anything like the same return for their shareholders as other banks.

## 18 May

*Herald On Sunday*: Dr **David Tripe**, Director of the Centre for Banking Studies, says that using credit cards can be an expensive credit source if you are using it as a long-term financing scheme.

*Newstalk ZB*: Dr **Claire Robinson**, from the Department of Two Dimensional Design, has commented on the Government's encouragement to take a leaf out of National's book when it comes to leadership, after a Fairfax Media Nielsen poll has shown National have a significant 27 point lead over Labour.

## 19 May

*The New Zealand Herald*: **Luis Ortiz-Catedral**, from the Institute of Natural Resources, is overseeing the translocation of four kakariki from Little Barrier Island to Motuihe Island, says that once the birds are established they may move across to other islands.

To read the latest in news from Massey, complete with colour pictures and video clips, or to sign up for one of an expanding range of e-mail newsletters, visit us online: <http://news.massey.ac.nz>

## Research Funding News

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### Funding Opportunities:

New Zealand Trade and Enterprise  
Herringbone Dairy Shed Electronic Sensing Project  
**Closes: 28 May**

Ministry of Education  
-Enabling Schools to contribute Virtual Learning opportunities for Students: A Research Project  
-Students experiences of learning in Virtual Classrooms: A Research Project  
**Closes: 29 May**

Health Sponsorship Council  
Māori and Pacific Tobacco Control Research

Strategy Project  
**Closes: 30 May**

Northern DHB Support Agency  
Evaluation of Primary Health Interpreting Pilots in Auckland region DHBs  
**Closes: 30 May**

Fulbright New Zealand  
-Fulbright Senior Scholar Awards  
-Fulbright Visiting Lectureships in New Zealand studies  
**Closes: 1 June**

Amount: Up to \$32,500 USD  
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry  
Operational Research MAF Biosecurity New Zealand  
[Research areas: equine influenza; pain in livestock; freshwater invertebrates and microwave decontamination]  
**Closes: 5 June**

Ministry of Health  
E-therapy for adults - for the treatment and management of common adult mental health problems  
**Closes: 11 June**

HRC & FRST  
HRC FRST Joint Research Portfolio – Māori Knowledge and Development Fund  
**Closes: 20 June**  
Amount: Up to \$900,000 for research projects or \$10,000 for seeding grants

**Funding for Travel to Europe**  
The Royal Society of NZ has a reciprocal arrangement with the European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST) that brings European and New Zealand researchers closer together. The arrangement provides for travel grants of up to \$NZD5,000 each to supplement travel and subsistence expenses for New Zealand researchers to travel to Europe. There are separate funds to allow European researchers to travel to New Zealand.

COST is an intergovernmental European initiative and an active partner in the European Research Area. COST exists to foster cooperation between nationally-funded

research activities. COST Actions are networks of scientists receiving support to enable them to cooperate, and to disseminate the results of their cooperation. Existing COST Actions operate across a wide spectrum of scientific fields, and are often multi-disciplinary in nature.

The arrangement focuses on six priority areas: medical and health research; agriculture; forestry; biotechnology and food; nanotechnology; information and communications technology; and environment and climate change.

The travel funding is for NZ researchers who have been identified to travel to Europe to attend a COST Action activity and the Royal Society of NZ can help in identifying the most appropriate COST Action to target.

For further information and assistance please go to <http://www.cost.esf.org/index.php> or contact Eddie Davis, Royal Society of NZ at [eddie.davis@rsnz.org.nz](mailto:eddie.davis@rsnz.org.nz)

### Research Information Management System (RIMS)

The Research Information Systems team is continuing to offer RIMS workshops for staff on all campuses. This workshop is designed to show researcher and administrators how to access and view information on their research projects, research contracts, publications, student supervisions as well as how to create evidence portfolios for evaluation purposes: <http://rims.massey.ac.nz>

RIMS workshops are now available for the following dates:

Auckland – 4 June, Computer Lab 5 IIMS Bldg, Level 1 10:30 – 11:30 am

Palmerston North – 27 May, Computer Lab Psychology Bldg, 10:30 – 11:30 am

Wellington – Details TBA

To organise additional training sessions or to register, please contact Diana Young, ext 81341.

### Community of Science Funding Opportunities Database

The funding opportunities listed in this Newsletter are only a small extract of available funding for New Zealand researchers. For the largest, most comprehensive database



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of available funding in all disciplines visit the Community of Science Funding Opportunities Database: [www.cos.com/nz](http://www.cos.com/nz).

View the COS help pages to find Rules for Searching and Search Tips.

COS workshops are now available for the following dates:

Auckland – Details TBA

Palmerston North – 27 May, Computer Lab Psychology Bldg, 1:30 – 2:00 pm

Wellington – 30 May, Computer Lab 5E19, 2:00 – 2:30 pm

To organise additional training sessions or to register, please contact Diana Young, x. 81341.

## Internal runding round now open:

Visit our Internal Funding web page at <http://www.massey.ac.nz/?iaf5953321> for access to forms.

All Guidelines and application forms contain significant changes from previous years. Please ensure the correct forms are used.

International Visitor's Research Fund (IVRF)

The International Visitor Research Fund has been established to promote high quality research outputs through international collaboration. It does this through supporting the international travel costs of reputable researchers to come to Massey University. Grants will cover the travel costs of up to a return around the world economy air ticket plus a contribution towards expenses of up to a maximum of \$500.00

**DEADLINES - 1 August & 1 November**

### Grant Development Fund (GDF)

The Grant Development Fund has been established to provide seed funding to help establish or develop teams (normally a minimum of three (3) or more people) that will then be competitive in applying for external funding. This fund is not intended to fund research as such but specifically those activities associated with the development of a grant application. The maximum funding that will be granted from the GDF in any one year is \$25,000.00. It is anticipated that the funding will be used to release key research staff from

teaching or administrative duties, for travel, administrative support for the research team and grant writing.

**DEADLINES - 1 February, 1 May, 1 August & 1 November**

### Massey University Māori Award (UMA)

Available to Māori Lecturers and Senior Lecturers, who are PBRF-eligible. Up to \$10,000 in casual assistance is made to the Department/Institute/School to enable relief from some normal teaching and administrative duties to complete a current research programme, write up a completed research programme or undertake a new one. Potential of research for Māori advancement and development must be indicated. Tenable in 2009.

Please note: All interviews are at the discretion of the relevant interview panel and if required to attend the interviews are held 11 June 2007.

**DEADLINE - 3 June**

### Massey University Women's Award (UWA)

Available to women Lecturers and Senior Lecturers, who are PBRF-eligible. Up to \$10,000 in casual assistance is made to the Department/Institute/School to enable relief from some normal teaching and administrative duties to complete a current research programme, write up a completed research programme or undertake a new one. Tenable in 2009.

**DEADLINE – 3 June**

### Massey University Research Fund (MURF)

Available to all academic staff of the status of Assistant Lecturer and above, who are PBRF-eligible, to support casual/temporary assistance, consumables and domestic travel to a total value of \$15,000. Tenable in 2009.

**DEADLINE - 1 July**

### Post Doctoral Fellowship (PDF)

Provides two years' funding for an appointment that will enhance a specific research programme. Researchers, who are PBRF-eligible, from all academic departments are eligible to apply. Tenable in 2009.

**DEADLINE – 1 July**

### University Technicians Award (UTA)

The Technicians Award provides a salary of up to a maximum of \$35,000 p.a. for two years to employ a technician for a specific research project. Tenable in 2009.

**DEADLINE – 1 July**

### University Research Fellowship (URF)

Provides support for senior academics, who are PBRF-eligible, to complete a particular research project. Up to \$20,000 is made to the Department/Institute/School to enable relief from some normal teaching and administrative duties. Tenable in 2009.

**DEADLINE – 1 July**

### University Research Awards (URA)

Available to Lecturers and Senior Lecturers, who are PBRF-eligible, in all Colleges except Sciences. Up to \$10,000 in casual assistance is made to the Department/Institute/School to enable relief from some normal teaching and administrative duties to complete a current research programme or undertake a new one. Tenable in 2009.

**DEADLINE – 1 July**

Please note: All interviews are at the discretion of the relevant interview panel and if required to attend the interviews are held 23, 24 and 25 July 2008.

### College Research Awards and Massey University Research Medal

Applications are now open for the annual College Research Awards and Massey University Research Medal.

**DEADLINE – 1 July**

Guidelines and application forms are available from the Research Medals web page: <http://www.massey.ac.nz/?u813a2901s>

The following categories are available:

#### College Research Award - Individual

This Research Award has been established in order to recognize outstanding research contributions in each of the Colleges. One award may be granted annually in each College and will be presented at an appropriate ceremony. The winner of this award in each College will automatically be nominated for the University Research Medal, which is the highest award for research bestowed by the

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University (Honorary Degrees excluded). The University Medal may be awarded annually and a research grant of \$20,000 will be made. It will be presented at a special ceremony.

### College Research Award - Supervisor

This Research Award has been established to recognize and promote research excellence within each of the Colleges. One award may be granted annually with the objective of the award being to recognize staff who have an outstanding record of research supervision at the Masters or Doctoral level. It will be presented at an appropriate ceremony. The winner of this award in each College will automatically be nominated for the Massey University Research Medal - Supervisor. The University Medal may be awarded annually and a research grant of \$10,000 made. It will be presented at a special ceremony.

### College Research Award - Early Career

This Research Award has been established to recognize and promote research excellence within each of the Colleges. One award may be granted annually with the objective of the award being to recognize staff who have completed their PhDs, or equivalent, within the past seven years and who are showing research potential and leadership of the highest calibre. It will be presented at an appropriate ceremony. The winner of this award in each College will automatically be nominated for the Massey University Research Medal - Early Career. The University Medal may be awarded annually and a research grant of \$10,000.00 made. It will be presented at a special ceremony.

### Massey University Research Medal - Team

The Research Medal has been established in order to recognize outstanding research contributions by a team. One medal may be awarded annually to each full-time academic or research member of the team and a research grant of \$25,000 will be awarded to the team. The award will be made at a special ceremony

## Events

<http://events.massey.ac.nz>

WN – Monday 26 May

12.00pm to 1.30pm

Fulbright New Zealand Outreach Tour

Fulbright New Zealand's educational advising team are visiting Massey University's Wellington campus as part of their annual Outreach Tour to inform students and staff about options for studying, researching and teaching in the United States of America. Come along to hear unbiased, current and comprehensive information on educational opportunities in the US and an introduction to the Fulbright programme's range of awards to help you get there.

<http://www.fulbright.org.nz>

Venue: 7C15/17

Contact: Judy Regan

Ph: 04 801 5799 ext 6820

AK – Tuesday 27 May

6.00pm – 12.00am

MoE Study Awards - Teacher Information Evening

Mr Steve Lamont, Ministry of Education

Massey University College of Education in association with the Ministry of Education will host an MoE Study Awards evening in Auckland. Mr Steve Lamont from the Ministry will provide information and advice for teachers who wish to apply for an award to study in 2009.

All welcome, attendance is free and light refreshments provided.

Registration essential, RSVP to Tara Fisher

Free parking on all campuses.

Venue: Massey University Auckland Albany Campus Atrium Building Rm AT1, (Gate 1)

Contact: Tara Fisher

Ph: (09) 414 0800 extn 8675

WN – Tuesday 27 May

2.00pm – 4.30pm

Massey Wellington Maori Graduation

The graduation ceremony is the greatest celebration of the University year and follows the ancient procedure which has been established by many universities throughout the world.

Graduands who identify as Māori are warmly invited to attend a pūwhiri. Friends and whānau of graduands are welcome.

For further enquiries, please contact the Te Kaiwawao on (04) 801 5799 ext 6904.

Venue: Massey University Wellington Museum Building Great Hall map

Contact Details: Phillip Harris

AK – Wednesday 28 May

12.00pm

Department of Commerce Seminar Series: "Regulation of Direct-to-Consumer Advertising of Pharmaceuticals"

Dr. Matthew Ryan

Prescription pharmaceuticals are an important example of a good that is purchased on the advice of a "learned intermediary" -- in this case, a doctor -- because of the specialised knowledge required to make an appropriate consumption decision. Direct-to-consumer advertising (DTCA) of prescription pharmaceuticals is permitted in only two OECD countries, the USA and NZ, and is highly controversial. Opponents claim that it leads to an unwarranted increase in prescribing and spiralling health care costs. Such claims often lead to calls for tighter regulation of DTCA. However, this paper suggests that tightening of regulations -- more frequent auditing or increased penalties -- may exacerbate rather than mitigate such problems. Because regulation enhances the credibility -- and hence the profitability -- of DTCA, tighter regulation can actually increase the amount

of DTCA that one observes.

<http://staff.business.auckland.ac.nz/mryan>

Venue: QB 8

Contact: Dr Steffen Lippert

Ph: 9283

Wn – Wednesday 28 May

9.30am – 4.30pm

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The graduation ceremony is the greatest celebration of the University year and follows the ancient procedure which has been established by many universities throughout the world.

Ceremony One starts at 9:30 and includes Centre for University Preparation & English Language Studies / NZ School of Music / College of Creative Arts / College of Education / College of Sciences. The ceremony concludes at 11:30.

Street Procession starts from Parliament Grounds begins at 1:00pm it processes along Lambton Quay, Willis & Mercer Street where it concludes at Civic Square 1:35pm. From there the Mayor will speak.

Ceremony Two will commence at 2:30pm and conclude at 4:30. Ceremony includes the College of Business and the College of Humanities & Social Sciences.

Venue: Michael Fowler Centre

Contact: Phillip Harris

Venue: Atrium Building

AK – Thursday 29 May to Friday 9 May

6.00pm – 12.00am

The Internet: Where did it come from, Why did it succeed and Where is it going?"

Dr. Brian Carpenter

This is the IET (The Institute of Engineering and Technology) 2008 Prestige lecture.

For most people, the Internet seemed to appear out of nowhere in about 1995. Since then, it has revolutionised the way that hundreds of millions of people get news and information, stay in touch with family, structure their social life, entertain themselves, or do their jobs. How did this happen? Was it an accident or a plan? How did the Internet fly in the face of established telecommunications services? What were the engineering design features of Internet technology that allowed this to happen, and how important were technological and regulatory developments? What was the "dot com bubble" really about? But most important, what can we learn about the future from this very recent history?

Venue: Atrium Building, Massey University Albany Campus (Enter Via Gate 1 off Albany Express Way) Refreshments at Round Room (5.30-6.00pm) and Lecture at AT1

Contact: Sena Galkadowita

Ph: 09 4140800 extn 41067

WN – Thursday 29 May

6.00pm – 8.00pm

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Use Entrance E off Tasman Street

All welcome, attendance is free and light refreshments provided. Free parking.

Registration essential, RSVP to Tara Fisher

Venue: Massey University Wellington Block 5 - Rm 5B14, Tasman Street

Contact: Tara Fisher

Ph: (04) 801 5799 extn 8675

## AK – Thursday 29 May to Wednesday 23rd April

7.00pm – 12.00am

Professorial Lecture - Michael Townsend

Prof. Michael Townsend

Professor Michael Townsend is Head of the College of Education at Massey University, Auckland.

*"Research in Education: Science or common sense?"*

Research findings in education are often regarded as commonsense, obvious truisms without need of research, in contrast to research findings in physical science which are generally seen as trustworthy and important. This lecture challenges this common perception in the context of several areas of educational research relating to memory, motivation and social development, with illustrations from personal research and the work of others.

Staff, students and members of the public are welcome to this lecture, which is free of charge.

Venue: Sir Neil Waters Lecture Theatres Building, Gate 1, Albany Expressway (SH17), Albany, Auckland

Contact: Karen Triggs

Ph: 09 414 0800 ext 9555

## Wn – Friday 30 May

2.00pm – 2.30pm

Community of Science Funding Opportunities Database Training

Diana Young

Learn to customise and save searches for the largest, most comprehensive database of available research funding in all disciplines.

<http://www.massey.ac.nz/?ca26b51460>

Venue: Computer Lab, 5E19

Contact: Diana Young

Ph: extn. 81341

If you wish to register an event please use the online events submission form at <http://events.massey.ac.nz>. For other event enquiries please contact a campus events coordinator or email [events-admin@massey.ac.nz](mailto:events-admin@massey.ac.nz).

## Scholarships and Awards

<http://awards.massey.ac.nz>

A Snap-Shot of Scholarships Closing May /June 2008: full information about these scholarships and all others scholarships can be found on <http://awards.massey.ac.nz/>

## Undergraduate

Landcorp Farming "First Step" Bursary – 30 May 2008

Microsoft Scholarships – 30 May 2008  
New Horizons for Women Trust (Inc) Second-Chance Education and Training Awards – 31 May 2008

Sonja Davies Peace Award – 31 May 2008

Tongariro Natural History Society Memorial Award – 31 May 2008

Wanganui Federation of University Women Trust Wynne Costley Study Award – 31 May 2008

Exchange Students Travel Grant – 1 June 2008

Jaycee Trust Travelling Fellowship – 3 June 2008

Jeff Nash Memorial Scholarship – 15 June 2008

## Postgraduate

Landcorp Farming "First Step" Bursary – 30 May 2008

Scholarships for Postgraduate / PostDoctoral Studies in Greece – 30 May 2008

UNESCO-L'OREAL Fellowships – 30 May 2008

Golden Plover Award – 31 May 2008

New Horizons for Women Trust (Inc) Research Awards – 31 May 2008

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Future leader's march with recent graduates during the procession following the ceremony to honour Māori graduates.

## Graduation Palmerston North



Above left: Bachelor of Education (Adult Education) graduate Ioana Hunt-Masiasonua celebrates in The Square with her mother Pepe, son Patrick, daughter Meilani, and her husband Tama.

Above: Graduates from the College of Science gather in The Square to celebrate with friends wielding balloons and fresh degrees scrolls.



Left: Although Kapa Mewett was born in Queensland and raised in Australia, he was drawn to New Zealand by his Māori heritage. He flew in from Sydney with his parents Heather and Malcolm Mewett, to graduate in Palmerston North with a double major in finance and international business.