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Dr Mike Joy.

Whitebait disappearance a 'canary in a coalmine' warning on rivers

Whitebait disappearing from New Zealand's waterways are an indicator of just how polluted our rivers and streams have become, Dr Mike Joy is warning.

"Even if you don't think fish are cool or important, what this is telling us is that the state of the freshwater that we humans depend on is getting pretty bad," Dr Joy says.

Dr Joy has spent the past 15 years researching whitebait and other freshwater fish, finding that whitebait have disappeared from around 75 per cent of their expected habitats in Manawatu and Horowhenua. The national group that monitors the fate of the adult whitebait (galaxiids) is reporting a similar level of disappearance.

"I recently attended a working group meeting in Gisborne and reports from all over the country are saying that the fish that were there 10 years ago cannot be found now. They are disappearing, and very fast."

Dr Joy says the issue is complex, with impacts both on the quality of water in rivers affected by pollution and hill country erosion, which is sending sediment downstream. His group has tagged 150 galaxiids in the Mangahao Stream, a tributary

of the Manawatu River. The Mangahao enjoys pure, clean water from diversion of rainfall from the top of the Tararua ranges into a hydroelectricity power station.

"There is one section of stream up there and adults go there and spawn every year. We have estimated 300 or 400 galaxiids can be sustained in every 200m stretch if the water is clean."

Impairing the ability of rivers to sustain the fish is sediment. Too much sediment washing into the habitat covers boulders. Galaxiids "hang out" under the boulders and in the semi-dark during the day, Dr Joy says, only emerging at night. "So it's crucial that a stream has boulders and especially, spaces between those boulders because they are a mostly nocturnal fish."

A key finding from the Mangahao study is that fish definitely prefer the cleaner water.

"We have taken huge 500-litre tanks of water from there and made the water flow through. When we put fish in they make a clear decision on which way to go – they have very good olfactory (smell) senses.

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Dr Mike Joy and Masters student Amber McEwan electrofishing in the Tokomaru river.

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"The analogy is a smoke-filled hallway in a building on fire. If you were trying to run out of the building you'd pick the cleaner hallway, and that's what the stream is like for them."

The dwindling numbers are further affected by the many New Zealanders catching the juveniles as whitebait, and selling them for up to \$150/kg, Dr Joy says.

"Not enough galaxiids are able to return to the streams because of the whitebaiting. Two of those species have the same threat ranking as a Kivi yet selling whitebait is a crucial incentive to get people out there. In the West Coast fishing stands sell for \$60,000. Clearly, it's an industry for some people.

"The Resource Management Act mentions trout specifically – these introduced fish can't be sold and they have so much protection – yet endemic and endangered whitebait species have no protection.

The trout fishery is probably the most sustainable fishery in New Zealand due to its

non-commercial status. If you could get \$150 a kilo for trout, there would be a whole lot more people out there fishing for them – and fishing as hard as they could."

Dr Joy says his computer modelling, which he has focused on the greater Manawatu catchment, shows him where the galaxiids should be, including the upper Oroua, upper Pohangina and upper Manawatu rivers.

"But they are not there, we have searched and searched for them."

Four of the five galaxiid species spawn inland in forested areas, at a spring flood. This makes them very susceptible to land use around them, Dr Joy says, while the fifth species spawns on a high spring tide around the tidal zone.

In all cases, the spawn hatch and are washed out to sea some weeks later, giving them a head start on their journey in the seas about New Zealand. Around six months later, the juveniles are a few centimetres long.

Returning to the rivers to the upstream home where they will spend their lives, the whitebait are fished from August to November.

Dr Joy says a few simple measures could protect what is left of the stocks: prohibiting the sale of whitebait in the same way trout is protected, minimising high-country erosion and cleaning up waterways from pollutants including sewerage and run-off.

He also believes better monitoring of waterways would provide a clearer picture of their state.

"On a motorway, if you simply measure the cars going through at 11am every morning you would possibly conclude that the motorway is way too big. But you are just measuring at one point in time. In the same way, taking a water quality sample in a flowing river at a set point in time doesn't reflect what may have been discharged over a period.

"If we don't do something quickly we won't have these species any more."

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Aimee-Rose Stephenson appraises an IVF composition that was part of her winning Te Waka Toi scholarship application.

Artist puts human hair under the spotlight

A visual artist who uses human hair in her compositions opens her first solo exhibition in Hastings this week.

Aimee-Rose Stephenson received one of two \$4000 Te Waka Toi scholarships at a ceremony in Wellington recently.

Ms Stephenson, 23, says some people feel uncomfortable when they see her work.

She is in her second year of a Masters of Māori Visual Arts at the Palmerston North campus and is due to complete her degree in February. She joins a long line of Te Waka Toi scholars including Massey graduates Ngaahina Hohaia, Israel Birch, Glen Skipper, Aimee Ratana, Hemi MacGregor and Kelcy Taratoa.

"I'm humbled that my work was considered up to the standard of previous winners," she says. "You apply to scholarships and you're never sure how far you will get with it. I'm stoked to have won. The money will go towards my fees and help with course costs."

She says there is a lot to consider, particularly from a Māori perspective, when using a medium that is body matter.

"There are many issues for Māori in relation

to dealing with hair. Hair is regarded as tapu or sacred, and the head is an important and significant part of the body. Considerations include where you place it, what you hold it in and how you dispose of it.

"Hair is a potent material; I'm interested and inspired by the way the work is received. People feel uncomfortable."

She consults two of her uncles about tikanga (protocol) issues and says they are her major critics and were apprehensive about the use of hair.

"While they did not initially understand, they realise that I am using hair in my work to challenge my own tikanga. Art should challenge boundaries.

"I have put my own hair out there in a public place and gifted pieces to people. My hair is going into another person's space, I no longer have control over where it is placed."

She says she explored stitching with hair, and developed a microscopic composition depicting the in-vitro fertilisation process. "Some people consider it to be an ineffable or taboo topic. I'm interested in how doctors consider hair from a scientific approach, as a

code for an individual's DNA and researched the ideas about hair from Māori and Pākehā cultures in New Zealand."

The work submitted for her scholarship application contained images from her *A Nice White Space* exhibition, shown in 2006 at Te Manawa Museum, Gallery and Science Centre in Palmerston North. "The submission included a wheelchair lined - and mattresses made - with human hair."

Ms Stephenson grew up in Palmerston North and is of Ngāti Kahungunu, Rongowhakaata, Ngāti Pahauwera ki Mohaka, Rangitāne ki Tāmaki nui a Rua descent. Her parents are from Waipukurau and Waipawa in central Hawke's Bay.

Her first solo exhibition *Neither hair nor there*, opens today at the Hastings Community Arts Centre.

"I decided to go home to where my whānau are from. I'm nervous, as it will be my first solo show.

"I've moved away from ovarian and scientific images to stitching indicative kupu [words] with and about hair, its removal and its bodily location."

University physicist on world particle team

Professor of physics Tony Signal is on the international team working to replicate the "big bang" that created the Universe.

Professor Signal says he has been involved with some of the design of the experiment, which will use the world's most powerful particle accelerator, the new Large Hadron Collider, to collide two beams of protons.

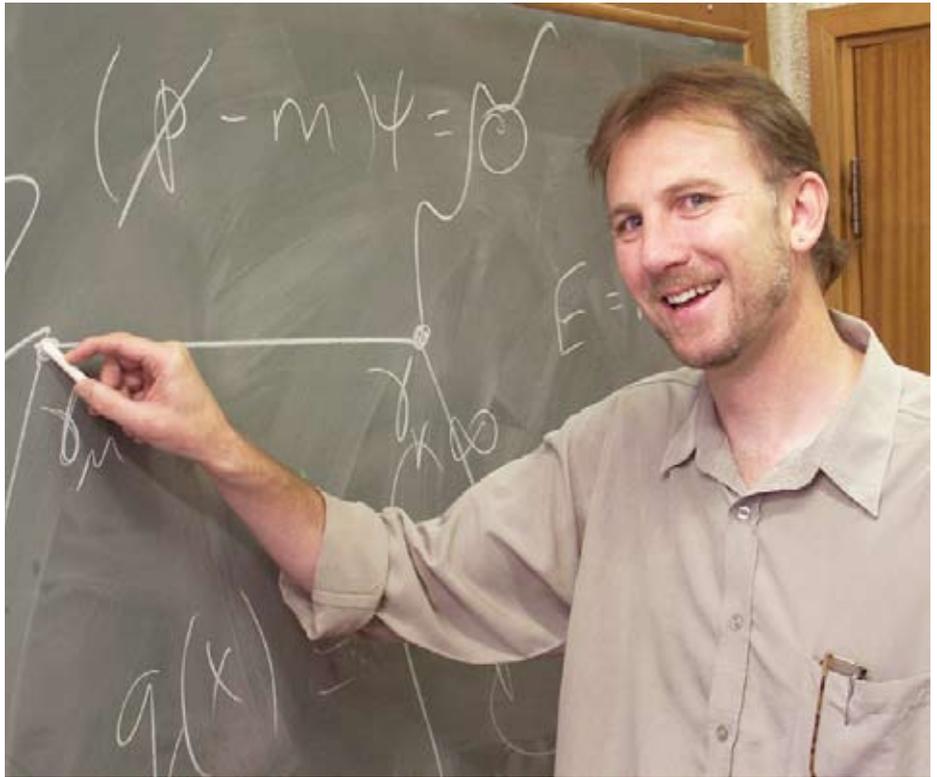
"Hopefully we'll see all sorts of new things," he says. "Obviously the number one thing people are looking for is the Higgs particle which is responsible for the masses of all the other particles. The way we think about mass is really to say how strongly other particles interact with the Higgs, some interaction is very weak and they are not affected while some have very strong interaction. This is really important because it explains the mass of everything and is the last piece of the jigsaw missing in the standard model of physics."

Professor Signal, who is chairman of the New Zealand group collaborating with the project, says another area of interest is the mysterious "dark matter".

"What everybody is really hoping is to see something new and unexpected. This could be hopefully be an explanation of dark matter – there's much more in the universe than what we can see. The dark matter is something we can't explain using normal physics."

The organisation running the collider project is known as CERN, using the French acronym for the European Organisation for Nuclear Research. It has built a 27km tunnel at its facility on the Swiss-French border. The proton beams have been tested in a clockwise direction, and will now be tested anti-clockwise, with the two beams fired into each other later this year.

"The beams are less than the width of a



Professor Tony Signal.

hair," Professor Signal says. "They have to enter the tunnel and be precisely aimed to hit each other. When they collide there's lots of energy and that's when we hope to see new particles or phenomena coming out. The energy densities we are looking at are really comparable [to the big bang] but the size is very, very much smaller."

The New Zealand team was involved in the design of the experiment including part of the central detector, near the collision point. They have also worked on ensuring the beams

enter the experimental apparatus correctly so they can collide at the centre.

Professor Signal says he is closely monitoring his computer from the Palmerston North campus to watch the experiment unfold. "Being part of the experiment, we have full access to all the data it will churn out and will try and do some analysis of that in New Zealand using our computers connected to the grid."

He says he hopes to have completed some analysis by the end of the year.

Decision closer on major food tech centre

A Massey University-led proposal for a major food technology centre in Manukau City that could reap \$3.5 billion in new added-value food products is under consideration by the Government's Fast Forward Board.

Food Technology Professor Ray Winger says he is "very excited" that a decision on government funding of \$9 million to create a state-of-the-art innovation centre to provide leading-edge research and commercialisation facilities to the 562 food manufacturers in the area has just been referred to the board after consideration by a team of government officials last week.

Professor Winger, Director of Massey's Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health in Auckland, has been pushing for the creation of the centre for the past five years. The long-term project is part of a national initiative involving food innovation centres in Waikato and Canterbury, as well as drawing on Massey's food science and technology expertise in Palmerston North and Auckland.

In a presentation to the New Zealand Institute of Food Science and Technology recently, he reiterated the purpose of the centre in Manukau as a means of enabling food manufacturers to develop new products for the national and international markets.



Professor Ray Winger.

"The current lack of innovation centres is the biggest constraint to commercialisation and added-value production of foods in New Zealand," Professor Winger says.

"We have companies in Auckland collectively generating more than \$8 billion in revenue who have to go overseas to do their development work - giving away their intellectual property and speed to market.

"It's a fundamental market failure and one that ideally suits government intervention."

The board will be briefed on the project on 6 October, and would be likely to announce its decision early next year. New Zealand Fast Forward is an initiative set up to distribute \$700 million in government funds to boost food and pastoral agricultural sectors. Its board is made up of seven industry representatives.

The government contribution, to be allocated over a 10-15 year period, is to be matched by private sector investment.

Professor Winger says a centre in Manukau would provide the Auckland region with an unparalleled opportunity to show the world how innovative New Zealanders are and to accentuate Auckland's place as the "food bowl of the Pacific".

The potential spin-offs for the region in terms of employment, economic benefits and the food and beverage industry transformation are enormous, he says.



Still image from Pacific Washup.

Pacific Washup shows at Busan Biennale

New Zealand is represented at South Korea's Busan Biennale 2008 by a work featuring the iconic striped plastic holdall bags used around the world.

The sea art festival component of the biennale entitled *Voyage Without Boundaries* is being held at Gwangalli Beach, Busan and features *Pacific Washup*, a work created by Massey Māori visual arts lecturer Rachael Rakena and two New Zealand-born Samoan performance artists, Fes Fa'anana and Brian Fuata, during a collaborative residency in Sydney in 2003. The biennale opened on 6 September and includes 200 artworks by artists from more than 40 countries.

Ms Rakena says *Pacific Washup* (a six-minute video installation) is in DVD format and so is the easiest artwork to transport. She says once it has been shown in Korea it will have travelled to 10 countries, and been to more places than she has. It has been on show in Australia and New Zealand, Britain, France, Germany, the United States, Thailand, Lithuania and Poland.

"It travels easy, unlike a painting or installation that can take a week to install, with this all you need is a DVD player and screen," she says. "It features people washing up on

Bondi Beach wearing the striped bags and was a collaboration with Mr Fa'anana and Mr Fuata."

Brisbane-based Mr Fa'anana is the director of Australia's only Pacific Islanders' festival, which was held in Brisbane. Mr Fuata is a writer and theatre-maker, currently working as a drama tutor in London.

Voyage Without Boundaries are tales about harbours as first contact points. All stories indicate that historical consequences can be reinterpreted through artistic imagination and possible reconstruction of events.

"There is a mix of Māori and Pacific people who feature in the bags on the beach," Ms Rakena says.

"We were trying to portray the notion of migration across the Pacific, arriving in new lands and having to learn a different language and culture.

"The plastic bags are iconic all over the world; Australians associate them with refugees, Samoan people use them to transport food, Māori use them to take their bedding to the marae, others for storage and in Venice last year, I saw them used for collecting rubbish.

"At the time of making this work, Australia

was dealing with immigration issues. Boat people were landing on beaches in north Australia and had been sent away unprocessed as refugees, contrary to international law.

"Back then there were about 26,000 Māori and 43,000 Pacific people living in Sydney. We incorporated themes of cultural alienation, dislocation, and displacement experienced by immigrants into the work as well as a vision of a brighter future and survival of their cultures and communities."

Ms Rakena was accompanied to the Biennale by Māori visual arts masters student Kylie Tiuka. "I have invited Kylie to attend as I am at the stage where I think it is important to share the experience of exhibiting at international events with others."

Expenditure is the overarching theme of the biennale – a major concept of the philosopher George Bataille – meaning consumption, discharge and emission. The biennale will highlight the aspect of expenditure and consumption, rather than excessive production.

As well as the sea art festival, there will also be a contemporary art festival based at the Busan Museum of Modern Art and a sculpture project at Naru Park.

Bill Oliver honoured for literary skill

A vital figure in the formation of the University's history department has been honoured with a 2008 Prime Minister's Award for Literary Achievement.

Emeritus Professor WH (Bill) Oliver was awarded the prize last Tuesday night for his work in the non-fiction field. The award, worth \$60,000, was presented by Prime Minister Helen Clark at Premier House in Wellington.

Feilding-born Professor Oliver was the foundation professor of history at Massey. He taught at the Palmerston North campus from 1964 until 1983 and now lives in Wellington.

His has written extensively on New Zealand history and his books include *The Story of New Zealand* (1960) and the first volume of the *Dictionary of New Zealand Biography*.

He has specialist knowledge of Treaty of Waitangi claims and has published several volumes of poetry.

Professor Oliver received an honorary doctorate in literature from the university in 2000 and last year the WH Oliver Lecture was established by the School of History, Philosophy and Classics in recognition of his contribution to history and the humanities.

Kerry Howe, a Distinguished Professor at the School of Social and Cultural Studies who worked with Professor Oliver for a decade, describes his work as "incisive and important".

"At work he was quietly inspirational, very low key, very understated," Professor Howe says. "But when he spoke it was very elegant. He has a very very sharp mind."

The awards are administered by Creative New Zealand.

Other recipients last week were Elizabeth Smither for her poetry and Lloyd Jones for fiction.

Each receives \$60,000 in recognition of their significant contribution to New Zealand literature.



Historian and writer Bill Oliver with Prime Minister Helen Clark.



Visiting artist Daniel Belton.

Visiting artist brings internationally acclaimed work to city

Visiting artist Daniel Belton's work has won over festivals in Europe and looks set to do the same in Palmerston North during the coming months.

The Dunedin-based dancer, choreographer and filmmaker has taken up a residency in the School of English and Media Studies until the end of October.

Mr Belton is a graduate from the New Zealand School of Dance. He has performed with many New Zealand and overseas companies. His dance films have been shown at more than 70 international festivals.

His work *After Durer* recently won the prize for most innovative work at the Festival Internazionale di Videodanza in Naples, Italy, while a more recent work, *Matchbox*, has been accepted by several other festivals.

He says finishing the editing of *Matchbox* is a priority while at the Palmerston North campus.

"But I'm also doing some research, using the fantastic library here, on a new piece about the archetypal clown and storyboarding another short film about a robot toy."

Mr Belton says the artist in residence post gives him both the time and money to work intensely on new projects.

"It's also good to have other creative writers around the school to work through ideas with," he says. "Having the opportunity to contribute to the drama papers run by Dr Angie Farrow is also very rewarding."

A screening of his recent work will be held at the Palmerston North City Library on Wednesday, 24 September. His work is also being screened at the Film Archive in Wellington throughout this month.

Mr Belton will be involved in the Festival of New Arts, which begins early next month and features drama, music, poetry and visual art at venues in Palmerston North.

Hector Medal for mathematician

Distinguished Professor Gaven Martin is this year's recipient of the Hector Medal in Mathematical and Information Sciences, awarded by the Royal Society.

Professor Martin is a founding Professor of the New Zealand Institute for Advanced Study, a world-leading centre for theoretical research and fundamental scholarship, and is based at the Auckland campus. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand.

The award is in recognition of Professor Martin's "deep and wide-ranging contributions to the theory of Kleinian groups, geometric function theory and other fundamental parts of modern mathematics, including the solution of a number of difficult and long-standing problems," the society says.



Distinguished Professor Gaven Martin.



Artist Keila Martin with her work, *Inhaler Pile*.

Artwork celebrates life-saving asthma research

A tribute to life-saving asthma research captured in a painting by a final-year Massey student was officially launched on 3 August at the University of Otago's Wellington School of Medicine library.

Keila Martin's work, *Inhaler Pile*, celebrates the determination of four researchers who worked to prove asthma drug fenoterol was the cause of increased asthma mortality in New Zealand in the 1980s.

The researchers involved were Dr Richard Beasley (NZ Medical Research Institute director), Dr Julian Crane and Dr Carl Burgess (both department of medicine at Otago's school of medicine in Wellington), and Dr Neil Pearce, who now heads Massey's Centre for Public Health Research.

Wellington's Schaverien family commissioned the painting. Jane Schaverien, whose daughter Polly was severely affected through the use of fenoterol, described the researchers as "four heroes who fought a dragon".

Mrs Schaverien believes their work saved her daughter's life, as well as the lives of many others. She hopes the painting will inspire future researchers.

The four researchers formed the Wellington Asthma Research Group at the school of medicine in 1988.

Their work forced the eventual withdrawal of fenoterol, despite strong opposition from the pharmaceutical company manufacturing it, and many medical professionals.

Ms Martin, who is set to finish her Bachelor of Fine Arts majoring in painting at Massey's Wellington campus this year, says *Inhaler Pile* reflects her admiration of the researchers' work.

"The intense research process was quite a key idea for me," Ms Martin says. "It was my first commissioned work and quite challenging. I am quietly pleased with it."

Head of the School of Fine Arts, Professor Jeremy Diggie, who coordinated the competition to find an artist to work on Mrs Schaverien's commission, was also at the launch.

Professor Pearce wrote a book, *Adverse Reactions: The Fenoterol Story*, about the research.

Samuel Beckett exhibit on display at campus

An exhibit celebrating the life and work of novelist and playwright Samuel Beckett is currently on display at the Palmerston North campus.

Samuel Beckett won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1969. The exhibition was devised to celebrate the centenary of his birth in 1906.

It has taken two years to get to New Zealand because of the demand elsewhere – in libraries, universities, and cultural centres such as London's Barbican.

The exhibit was displayed in the Wellington Public Library before coming to Massey, where it is on display on the upper floor of

the Social Science Lecture block for the next three weeks. It may be viewed at any time during weekdays.

Last week, members of the School of English and Media Studies hosted a tour of the exhibit where several pieces of Beckett's work were acted and read. Professor Dick Corballis led the tour and read a short passage from *Waiting for Godot* and students performed *Come and Go*.

The display will be replaced early next month by a similar set devoted to novelist James Joyce, who was a close friend of Beckett's.



Leigh McLennon, Dione Joseph and Roslyn Craig act out a work by Samuel Beckett in front of the exhibit.

Lecture probes emotional impact of language learning

The "emotion revolution" that has taken place in language learning was the focus of this month's professorial lecture, presented by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Professor Cynthia White's lecture, entitled *Language Learning Beyond Reason – Why Emotions Matter*, discussed why emotion is important when understanding how a person learns a language.

"While learners have made reference to the fact that it's an intensely emotional experience, the significance has largely been ignored," Professor White says.

The importance of understanding the emotional journey when learning a language will be put in three different contexts: distance learning, one-on-one learning and the experiences of refugees in a new country.

"Learning a new language is a profoundly unsettling proposition," Professor White says. "So understanding those emotions will help make it easier to do."

Next month's speakers in the Professorial Lecture Series are Professor Richard Corballis with Alan Sanson - *The Race for Relativity: How the Hero of James Joyce's Ulysses almost Forestalled Albert Einstein's Theories*, to be held on 8 October

Technology award to courier company

Courier company Inter City Urgent was winner of the University's Excellence in Technology Award at the recent Westpac Enterprise North Shore Business Excellence Awards.

The North Shore-based company has implemented a simple-to-use GPS tracking system for client identification of shipped goods throughout New Zealand.

The judging panel said Inter City Urgent has created a near real time dispatch and fleet management system to provide more accurate and current information to its clients.

"This is a great example of Kiwi innovation and can-do attitude to problem solving," the judges said.

The courier operation ranges from urgent deliveries to large freight jobs and moves items from single envelopes to tonnes of goods.

Last year the company won the service delivery category, and was a finalist in the innovation category.



Tevita Funaki with Niue Premier and Massey alumnus Toke Talagi at the recent Pacific Islands Forum in Niue.

Taking Massey to the Pacific

While Pacific leaders discussed climate change and its threat to Oceanic communities at the 39th Pacific Islands Forum in Niue recently, Massey Pasifika representatives were on hand to encourage more Pacific Islanders to undertake study that could provide solutions to the issue.

Tevita Funaki, Pasifika students' liaison adviser for the University and its Pasifika@Massey strategy, attended the annual get-together of Pacific Rim heads of state last month as an observer and ambassador for the University.

He says being at the forum was a fantastic opportunity to network with Pacific leaders from diverse fields and to showcase specific educational opportunities of interest to prospective students. He also came across a number of high-profile Massey alumni from around the Pacific, including the Premier of Niue, Toke Talagi.

Agriculture, aviation, health and environmental planning were among knowledge areas of key importance to Pacificans, says Mr Funaki, but access to tertiary education was often problematic because of cost and distance.

Mr Funaki says one of his key concerns in talking to education leaders at the forum was ensuring they knew about the range of study scholarships available to Pacific Islanders so they could promote them at home.

Without such scholarships – provided by government, Commonwealth and aid schemes – the cost of tertiary education was prohibitive to many.

Another concern for Pacific Island parents was pastoral care for their young people while studying in New Zealand.

Mr Funaki says Massey offers a "double layer of support" through its International Office as well as its Pasifika@Massey strategy. Study support centres on each of its three campuses for Pasifika students, mentoring and research seminars for people undertaking Pacific research were among services provided by Massey as part of its unique strategy.

Launched two years ago, the strategy aims to encourage more Pacific Islanders to enrol in tertiary education, as well as to promote more Pacific-oriented research and collaboration between academics and community, business and government organisations.

Businesses sign up for workshops

North Shore businesses were quick to sign up for the first of a series of workshops on entrepreneurship.

The five-week course is the first of its kind in New Zealand, run by the University's business incubator the e-centre and lecturer Dr Marco van Gelderen. It is designed for those wanting to start a business and for existing business owners wanting to boost their entrepreneurial skills.

Dr van Gelderen, who is based in the Department of Management and International Business, specialises in the psychology of enterprising behaviour.

He says the critical factors for enterprise and success that make up the framework of

his course are: convincing others, networking, taking action, developing a vision, recognising opportunities, taking risks and persevering

Dr van Gelderen says there is a wealth of research on the behaviour that relates to enterprise that can be easily understood by people who want to set up a successful business.

"I am showing business people how to apply state-of-the-art research to their own context and how to study and practice the soft skills that underlie entrepreneurship."

The workshops are part of the e-centre's management series, supported by Enterprise North Shore, the Tindall Foundation and the David Levene Charitable Trust.



Associate Professor Jeroen Douwes.

Research shows farm kids breathe easier

Pre-natal exposure to farm animals and plants helps protect children from asthma, allergies and eczema.

Researchers from the Centre for Public Health Research discovered farmers' children had a lower incidence of allergic diseases than children not exposed to animals, grain and hay products. The findings have been published in the *European Respiratory Journal*.

Associate Professor Jeroen Douwes says it is the first study to show a direct link between exposures in-utero and a significant reduction in asthma symptoms, hay fever and eczema.

"The risk is further reduced if children are currently exposed to farm conditions and that suggests that current exposures play a role in the continued protection against disease later in life."

The research team surveyed 1333 farmers' children and a reference group of 566 children aged from five to 17 years for the study.

It found that children with both pre-natal and current exposure to farm

animals were 50 per cent less likely to have asthma than the reference group. Similar results were found for other allergic diseases such as eczema and hay fever.

Dr Douwes says a more detailed study of infants is needed to fully understand the link between exposure and reduction of disease.

"We need more information from pregnant women and their children, so we are continuing to recruit participants to the study," Dr Douwes says. "In future, we may be able to develop a vaccine that could mimic exposure, or outline how people could make lifestyle changes to reduce the risk of allergic disease."

The team is looking for pregnant women, mothers and children from both rural and urban areas from the lower North Island, including Taranaki, Taihape and Hawke's Bay.

Women who are interested can contact the centre's research nurse Heather Duckett on 0800-000-544.

e-centre business nets innovation award

The University's business accelerator unit, the e-centre, chalked up another success when a company under its wing scooped the Telecommunications Users Association's Innovator of the Year Award.

The awards are presented annually at a gala event for both the largest and smallest players in the telecommunications sector. Less than a year after coming into the e-centre with her on-line budgeting system, Grace Xue has won the inaugural innovator award for her unique business, Who Stole My Money.

Ms Xue believes she is one of the smallest enterprises ever to be among the association's winners. She was also runner-up in the commerce category of the awards, behind Kiwibank's mobile internet banking scheme.

Ms Xue's www.whostolemymoney.com was

founded just over a year ago and has 4000 members. Believed to be the world's first on-line personal money management system, it tracks data from the user's bank transactions to sort into spending categories.

Subscribers to the award-winning budgeting system can see their personal spending in several categories including groceries, entertainment and accommodation. They can also set up a spending plan and receive an on-line warning if they are close to the budget limit.

Ms Xue says bringing her product to the e-centre and having the centre's chief executive Steve Corbett as a mentor has been very significant in accelerating the development of her company.

"Although the product was well developed



Grace Xue, founder of award-winning business Who Stole My Money, and e-centre chief executive Steve Corbett. "When I came to the e-centre, I have been very lucky to have the people here working alongside me," she says. "Now it is very nice to have recognition from the industry experts."



Zandra Turner sells tickets to the student day at the races at the Palmerston North campus.

Students primed for day at the races

The racing set had some competition in the fashion stakes at Palmerston North on Saturday when students went trackside.

Student day at the races was an event organised by sports management student Zandra Turner as part of her practicum paper.

Ms Turner worked with the Awapuni racecourse for the year and says Saturday's event was a fun day out for students.

"Sponsors were very generous, so there are lots of prizes to give away in categories such as best dressed and best hat."

The event was held in the Eulogy Room at the racecourse with a \$30 ticket giving the buyer a buffet lunch and free drinks.

Working with the racecourse company has provided many opportunities, she says.

"My phone book has probably tripled in size since I started my practicum and working here has helped prepare me for the transition from student to professional."

New e-learning advisor

The College of Education has appointed Simon Atkinson as its new Strategic e-Learning Advisor.

Mr Atkinson, who will be based at Hokowhitu is an educational developer with specialist interests in the future of education in the light of technologically driven social change.

He comes to Massey from the University of Hull in Britain, where he was the acting director of the Learning and Teaching Support Unit, and also the head of e-learning.

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Perigee #11

Creative temporary sculpture series launched

An adventurous public artwork by fine arts senior lecturer Maddie Leach has launched *One Day Sculpture*, a nationwide series of temporary artworks.

Miss Leach recently created *Perigee #11*; the first of 21 works in the series. The piece involved three key parts: a renovated cedar-lined boatshed in Wellington's Breaker Bay, the specified 24-hour time period, and weather forecasts made a year ago by forecaster Ken Ring for a huge storm on 28 August. The forecasts were published in newspapers as part of the work.

Miss Leach says the weather on the day being the opposite of the forecast added to the exhibit.

"My work often has a sense of expectation of what people bring to the work. If the storm had turned up, it would have been a very different work."

The storm would have been viewed from the boatshed, had it hit, Miss Leach says, the boatshed itself about "what was original and what was new".

"There were very strong differences outside and inside."

Miss Leach says her work was a commentary on risk, expectation and speculation. "The work is about potential. Does it fail because the storm's not there? No, I knew it was very possible it wasn't going to eventuate. Weather forecasting is an inexact science."

Project director and Associate Professor in fine arts David Cross says *One Day Sculpture* took on a life of its own in the planning stages.

"It takes a look at temporary sculptural practice and is hugely ambitious. We aim to produce outstanding work in the field of public sculpture."

One Day Sculpture is coordinated by Litmus, the School of Fine Arts' research centre. The event involves 21 artworks across five New Zealand centres. Six of the 21 were commissioned by Litmus. A book about the series is also planned.

For more information go to: www.onedaysculpture.org.nz



Design students tackle online banking project

The chance to create a prototype for an online banking security device for IBM gave final-year students at the Auckland School of Design a taste of international banking's most challenging issues recently.

The project was part of a seminar and studio workshop series run by visiting Swiss integrated design consultant Alexandre Robert.

Mr Robert spent three weeks bringing the fourth-year design students at University's design school in Auckland up to date with the latest international developments in integrated design – the industry buzz-word for a new approach towards more holistic design and product development. He says integrated design, including "interface" or "interactive" design, requires an understanding of all the design components, from visual, branding and marketing to technical, functional and sustainable features.

School regional director Azhar Mohamed

says the design workshop demonstrated the importance of integrated design. "Designers work not only on hardware and interface solutions, but also question and propose the way we interact with products and systems," Mr Mohamed says. "Mr Robert's visit is very timely as we are currently working to establish research co-operations with local and international partners."

As a product/interaction designer working as vice-president for customer experience for financial services company Credit Suisse, Mr Robert set students the task of applying integrated design theory to the creation of a device that IBM laboratory research technicians have been struggling with.

He says IBM's model, a hand-held gadget plugged into the user's computer for

additional security to protect customers from online hackers, was technically proficient but not easy to operate.

He also teaches interaction design at the Lucerne University of Applied Art and Design and plans to return to Zurich, Switzerland, with the students' designs to see if IBM is interested.

The school, part of the College of Creative Arts, recently launched a new Integrated Design Research Centre to undertake research and teaching focused on

the merging of two-dimensional and three-dimensional design disciplines. It will offer an Integrated Design programme from 2010 as a new major within the Bachelor of Design (Honours).



Alexandre Robert holding a mock-up of a desktop banking device.

New vet tech graduates will boost vet workforce

A new degree in veterinary technology will help address New Zealand's vet shortage.

Veterinary science programme director Professor Norm Williamson says the three-year Bachelor in Veterinary Technology will be both applied and academic, providing graduates that can give hands-on and management support for vets.

"There is a recognised vet shortage within New Zealand and this will help reduce the person-power issue. By rationalising vet activity and having well-trained support people we can free up vets' time. Work for veterinary technologists could include radiology, it could be on-farm work like ultrasound scanning or blood sampling, and even record collection, collation and analysis."

Vet technology graduates are already well accepted internationally, with established courses in the United States, Canada and Australia.

"It's part of an international trend and it's analogous to having paramedical and para-dental professionals," Professor Williamson says. "There is also an opportunity for the veterinary technologists to focus their studies, completing their final year in a large animal, equine,

small animal or business and management tracks."

The first students will begin study at the Palmerston North campus in February. Open entry allows all students who qualify for university entrance to undertake a pre-selection first semester, the same procedure and pre-selection semester as is used for Bachelor of Veterinary Science students.

Progress into the veterinary technology degree will be dependent on grades, documentation of 10 days of practical work experience and an application essay.

The three-year course includes basic physics, chemistry and biology, progressing to anatomy and physiology, pharmacology, diagnostic procedures animal production, and advanced clinical studies. It is anticipated that around 30 students will graduate each year.

The University has also defined a conversion programme allowing people who have qualified from Massey with a Diploma in Veterinary Nursing to complete the Bachelor of Veterinary Technology in a shorter timeframe. Around 25 vet nurses graduate from the University each year and about 95 vets.

Students to muck-in with community groups

A new initiative taking student teachers out of the classroom and into the community gets underway this week.

The University's teaching students will now have a first-hand knowledge of the communities they will teach in, as a new initiative takes them out of the classroom and involves them with local organisations.

For the first time, More than 100 first-year education students will undertake a community placement as part of their three-week practical teaching experience.

Professor of Teacher Education John O'Neill says students can learn a lot about teaching through hands-on experience within local communities.

"A community placement lets them learn from those who have wisdom and expertise in supporting community development," Professor O'Neill says.

"Community participation gives them

another view on teaching and learning.

"We are determined that our students should have at least one significant learning experience based in their local community, to enable them to better contextualise the big issues of globalisation, social justice and environmental sustainability," he says.

Two weeks will be spent, as usual, in a primary school classroom under the guidance of an associate teacher from the school. In the third week, students will be hosted by a community organisation.

Professor O'Neill says the idea is to approach groups and organisations to provide community learning environments for student teachers.

"Community-based groups up and down the country have really come on board with this initiative.

"We would not be able to do this without their willingness to host our students."

Local organisations involved include the Department of Conservation, the Cancer Society, Barnados KidStart, the Salvation Army, the Manawatu Ethnic Council, Palmerston North Community Arts Council, the YMCA, SPCA and Special Olympics.

"Some students have already suggested quite ambitious building or restoration projects for next year that would enable them to contribute in a concrete way to their community," Professor O'Neill says.

"That tells us a lot about the value of this placement initiative and about the community mindedness of the future teachers Massey is preparing."

The University redesigned its primary teaching programme to meet the diverse needs of New Zealand learners and their communities, and the first new graduates will emerge in 2011.

Hoiho on mend after rest at veterinary hospital

One of the world's rarest penguins has enjoyed a three-week stay at the University's wildlife ward. After almost doubling its arrival weight, a young adult hoiho (yellow-eyed penguin) is to return to Otago tomorrow and, hopefully, find a mate.

Wildlife vet Dr Roberto Aguilar says the penguin was found extremely emaciated on the Wellington coast. It was initially cared for by the Native Bird Rescue Wellington Trust and was then moved to Massey's specialist wildlife facility.

"It was a young adult and whether it had swum or followed a wrong current, it was very thin and extremely dehydrated. It was doing what we call hock-sitting, where it is unable to stand up properly," Dr Aguilar says.

Yellow-eyed penguins are a true sub-Antarctic species, Dr Aguilar says, and the penguin was either lost or at the very least wandering to have arrived at the North Island. Staff at the wildlife ward, which is sponsored by Shell New Zealand, did the usual medical tests but found nothing other than some parasites.

"We treated those and short of being debilitated there was nothing else wrong," Dr Aguilar says. "It may just have had what we call mal-adaption, that is he just didn't know how to survive properly without access to proper food.

"We started feeding it, making sure it got enough energy and it started coming around pretty fast. It has gone from 3.5kg to 5.3kg and it's gaining about 100g a day. It now looks pudgy, which is good because it's the fat store that protects them from the environment."

Although it is not known whether the penguin is male or female, it is being sent back to the Otago Peninsula early tomorrow, so that it will be able to find a mate.

Department of Conservation programme manager David Agnew says the penguin will be taken straight to a site where there are no dogs and the area is bordered by public conservation land.

"We will just let it go on the edge of the vegetation and allow it find its feet - find its way into the sea to fish when it is ready," Mr Agnew says.



Feeding time: Wildlife vet Dr Roberto Aguilar takes care not to get his fingers munched.

He says there are about 470 breeding pairs in the South Island, with the rest of the 6000-7000 population on Stewart and the sub-Antarctic islands. The penguin will be tagged so that if it is picked up again by the department its history will be available.

The penguin is named for its distinctive yellow headband and yellow iris, with the Māori name hoiho referring to its shrill call. Some hoiho can live until their 20s, with the birds reaching 65cm and 5.5kg.

Trust and security key to pre-schoolers' learning

Flexible learning environments and shared decision-making help create a sense of security for children and teachers that strengthens learning, according to new research findings by the University's Child Care Centre at Palmerston North.

A team of seven researchers, led by centre director Faith Martin and colleague Raewyne Bary, and guided by Dr Barbara Jordan and Cushla Scrivens, the research associates, carried out a study that focused on relationships between teachers, children and families. It questioned the ways in which educational leadership impacted on infants' and toddlers' levels of enquiry – their propensity to try new things and ask questions.

The research investigated a collaborative teaching structure, where such things as the absence of rosters and a hierarchical leadership system allows teachers to create a learning environment based on the needs of the children.

Ms Martin says a sense of security is developed when staff are able to manage and own their teaching environments, and it brings about benefits for the children.

"Children feel secure in a learning environment that is shaped around their needs," she says. "Consistent, long-term relationships between teachers and children also supported children's individual learning and resilience."



Zinzan Deans gets hands-on with his learning.

Ms Bary says the research found that infants and toddlers are more inclined to enquire if they feel secure.

"Children are researchers," she says. "They flourish when they are allowed to develop their own working theories and step outside the status quo."

The research also found that when infants and toddlers were not feeling secure (for reasons to do with health, family circumstances or relationships) their level of enquiry diminished.

It found that an indication of this is shown in the way that the children have displayed a

strengthened disposition to enquire, which has endured over time and into new situations.

The research concluded that the development of an organisational culture which supports shared knowledge and leadership among staff, has fostered a climate of trust enabling teachers to work collaboratively and develop ways of working with infants and toddlers that supports their learning.

The three-year project was commissioned by the Ministry of Education as part of the Centre of Innovation programme to improve the quality of early childhood services in New Zealand.

Sports management students helping union win

The Manawatu rugby team has improved on the field this year but Massey University students have been helping it excel off it as well.

Three third-year sports management students are working with the Manawatu Rugby Union as part of their practicum paper, continuing a 15-year relationship between the union and the University.

Senior management lecturer Dr Andy Martin says it is a valuable experience.

"It gives them the opportunity to establish a strong network of contacts within the sport industry," Dr Martin says. "These practical experiences provide a point of difference that future employer's value."

Mike Wootton is the assistant event manager for the Turbos' home games. His role involves planning and organising crowd entertainment, volunteers, security and the half-time show.

Rachel O'Connor has been selling the popular students packs that include a Brazilian wax voucher, among other giveaways. Ms O'Connor promoted the concept on campus and with buckets that were sold at early home games.

Michelle Adams has focused more on the commercial and sponsorship side of the Turbos. Earlier this season she organised the "strip launch" evening as a charity event alongside the Downtown cinema complex and Colspec Construction. The event included a



Manawatu Turbos in training at the Palmerston North campus, where they are now based.

fashion parade with the proceeds going to the Palmerston North Hospital's children's ward.

Former students who worked with the Turbos are also proving the experience is valuable.

Recent Massey sport management graduate Haylee Mutch, who was assistant event manager for the Turbos two years ago, is now

the sponsorship and marketing manager at Awapuni Racing.

Last year's event manager with the team, Troy Thurston, has recently taken up a sponsorship and marketing manager role with Sport Manawatu focusing on the Jets Basketball and Young Heart Manawatu Football events.

Clubs on display at Palmerston North campus

The recreational opportunities available to students and staff at the Palmerston North campus will be showcased at the "Have a Go Day" this Saturday 20.

The event is run by Recreation Centre staff and is being held at the centre and the adjoining fields and courts.

Centre activities co-ordinator Gemma Lindegren says it will give current and prospective students and staff the opportunity to sample some of the activities on offer.

"There are a number of activities scheduled for the day that will give people a chance to see demonstrations from clubs, then have a go at the activities themselves," Ms Lindegren says.

"Recreation Centre staff will also be showcasing what it has to offer in terms of gym facilities and other activities."

The day begins at 10.30am and runs through to 3.30pm with a wide range of activities from drumming, rugby and juggling to Les Mills gym classes. Ms Lindegren says year-13 pupils from around the city have also been invited.

"We hope to show them what's on offer besides academic study at Massey and help bridge the gap between high school and university so that first-year students start the new academic year with some familiar faces." Some of the Manawatu's up-and-coming rock bands that have played in the Smokefree Rockquest this year will perform.

Award for iron-boosting kiwifruit and cereal study

An investigation into whether kiwifruit in breakfast cereal could help women overcome iron deficiency has been given a \$5000 grant by the New Horizon for Women Trust.

The author of a doctoral study, dietitian Kathryn Beck and her supervisor, Dr Cath Conlon, from the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health in Auckland, received one of two research grants awarded by the trust this week.

Ms Beck says lack of iron is the world's most common nutritional deficiency and young women are particularly at risk. "Iron deficiency can cause fatigue, decreased cognitive functioning and reduced work capacity," she says.

The grant will enable her to more than double the number of participants in the survey, which

is partly funded by Zespri International.

Eighty-nine participants with mild iron deficiency are being provided with a four-month breakfast programme combining cereal with different fruits to assess the impact on iron levels.

The grant will enable Ms Beck to screen a further 150 women to take part in the study to identify those with low iron stores.

She says dietary intervention is the recommended first treatment for iron deficiency. This can include using iron rich foods or foods high in vitamin C – such as kiwifruit, which increase the absorption of iron.

The Wellington-based trust was launched in 1992 to provide grants for women to develop their academic and research potential.



Kathryn Beck.

19 August

What's Really In Our Food TV3: Dr **Andrew Foskett**, from the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, has commented on the myths surrounding the benefits of coffee, and says caffeine makes sports player's performances a little better.

Rural News: Professor **Jacqueline Rowarth**, from the Institute of Natural Resources, sees the Government's science funding initiative as a key to encouraging more young people into science careers, and there is huge importance surrounding the statement from the Government about the value of primary industries to New Zealand.

Feilding Herald: **Rei Hendry**, from the Centre for Educational Development, visits Kiwitea School every two years to help with the implementation of art projects, and this year has focused on 3D construction as it develops very powerful learning curves.

Rural News: Professor **Peter Wilson**, from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Science, has recently published a paper in the NZ Veterinary Journal reviewing Leptospirosis in farmed deer in New Zealand.

stuff.co.nz / www.manawatustandard.co.nz: Professor **Srikanta Chatterjee**, from the Department of Economics and Finance, has written an article "Taxpayer comes to the rescue" analysing the factors and forces that have contributed to the ongoing international financial turmoil, and prognosticating its future.

City Life – South & East Edition: **Stan Abbot**, from the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, says Wellington East Girls College's E4E Rain Water Harvesting project is a partnership in water sustainability, and an ideal project for pupils to work with the community and the university in an action experience.

Te Atiawa Toa FM; Kapi Mana News (29 July): **Kura Puke**, from the Department of Arts and Design Studies, discusses her Muramura exhibition at Pataka Museum of Arts and Cultures and the inspirations for it.

20 August

The Press, Waikato Times: **Roy Speed**, from the Institute of Technology and Engineering, says the energy-saving lightbulbs are safe statistically, and of the approximate 13 million sold, they are barely out of single figures in terms of reported problems.

Otago Daily Times, The New Zealand Herald/NZPA, The Press/NZPA, Bay of Plenty Times, Timaru Herald/NZPA, Hawkes Bay Today/NZPA, Wanganui Chronicle/NZPA, Radio Live, Newstalk ZB, nzherald.co.nz, newstalkzb.co.nz, clearnet.co.nz, 3news.co.nz; Manawatu Standard (21 August): **Stuart McLaren**, from the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, and Dr **Steve Humphries**, from the School of Psychology, say fitting teachers

with a microphone and installing classroom speakers can dramatically improve pupils' test results, and tests given to pupils when the system was in use boosted the numbers of correct answers by up to 60 per cent.

Radio New Zealand: **Rory Flemmer**, from the Institute of Technology and Engineering, discusses the invention of the robotic kiwifruit picker at a workshop in Palmerston North.

Wairarapa News: **Jacob Walker**, studying for a Bachelor of Fine Arts in painting and sculpture, has received the C'Art Award, a \$500 scholarship.

yahoo.com; Westport News/NZPA (21 August): Professor Tom Nicholson, from the School of Education, says phonics could help Māori children and advocates teaching how to sound out words using phonics, an approach which has been largely dropped by the New Zealand education system in favour of a whole language approach.

Manawatu Standard: Professor **Peter Lineham**, from the School of Social and Cultural Studies, says there is no church sanctuary, in the sense of safety from the law, and never has been in New Zealand and the concept is something that doesn't have any legal standing.

www.clearnet.co.nz; The New Zealand Herald/NZPA, nzherald.co.nz (23 August): **Professor Kerry Chamberlain**, from the School of Psychology, is part of a research team conducting a study into whether people take daily medications to stay alive or improve their lifestyle, and the team will consider all forms of medications, medical drugs, alternative medicines and dietary supplements.

21 August

Radio New Zealand, www.waatea.blogspot.com: **Professor Tom Nicholson**, from the School of Education, is advocating marae classrooms to emphasis the importance of education to Māori children, and believes Māori children can become number one in international literacy if the right steps are taken.

bigplanetthehealth.livejournal.com: Professor **Elwyn Firth**, from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Science, sees the aim of research into equine obesity being to address major equine health problems and target research to improve.

www.scoop.co.nz: Dr **Christine Cheyne** and Dr **Imran Muhammad**, both from the School of People, Environment and Planning, has been awarded research contracts funded by the New Zealand Transport Agency's 2008-2009 research programme. Dr Cheyne will gather data on transport implications of population shifts in non-metropolitan regions, and Dr Muhammed will prepare a best-practice guide for public transport planning in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch.

South Taranaki Star: **Liz Allen**, who has a Bachelor in Fine Arts degree, is artist-in-

residence at the Govett Brewster gallery in New Plymouth and her artwork displayed as part of the One Day Sculpture series commemorates author Ronald Hugh Morrieson.

22 August

Nelson Mail: Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Māori) Professor **Mason Durie**, was the guest speaker at the launch of a \$450,000 mental health pilot programme, with a raft of groups and ethnicities attending the launch.

scoop.co.nz: **Ann Shelton**, from the School of Fine Arts, has her exhibition titled Room Room on display at the Michael Hirschfeld Gallery, which depicts and inventory of vacated institutional rooms at the Salvation Army's former Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Facility.

waateablogspot.com, Radio New Zealand: Professor **Robert Jahnke**, from the School of Maori Studies, is a guest speaker at the Toi Awhio Research Symposium at Te Wānanga ō Aotearoa's Palmerston North campus, and says that Māori students and teachers often don't do themselves justice in the way they present the portfolios which are used for marking or grant funding.

NZ Education Review: **Jyh-Bang Jou**, from the Department of Economics and Finance, has been appointed a new professor in the property group within the Department of Economics and Finance, and will teach contemporary issues in real estate.

NZ Education Review: Professor **Howard Lee**, from the School of Educational Studies, and Gregory Lee, from the University of Waikato, have together written an article of the educational contributions of the late Frank Milner.

Te Waha Nui: **Lis Ellison-Loschmann**, from the Centre for Public Health Research, is partaking in a study that aims to find out why Māori women are less likely to see a doctor soon after displaying cancer symptoms, and says her team is going to cast a wide net in their search for answers as to why Māori women are less likely to survive breast cancer than non-Māori women.

Dr **Denise Wilson**, from the School of Health Sciences, has been looking into the ways in which Maori women experience the health-care system in New Zealand, and explained her findings in the annual Oteha lecture to Massey's Te Mata ō Te Tau Academy for Māori Research and Scholarship.

23 August

The New Zealand Herald: Adjunct Professor **John Birkbeck**, from the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, says the Sellman advice for lifestyle change and long-term weight-loss sounds very sensible.

Rural Delivery TV One: Dr **Jennifer Burke**, from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and

Biomedical Science, has commented on the research on the use of palm kernel feed in New Zealand pasture-based systems, carried out by Massey and AgResearch Grasslands. *The Press; Manawatu Standard (25 August):* **Michael O'Brien**, from the Institute of Information Sciences and Technology, says the Gini coefficient, an international measure of income inequality, could well be considered a valid economic target because narrowing the income gap would contribute at least as much to the national sense of well-being as any sheer growth measure.

24 August

Herald on Sunday: Dr **Philip Battley**, from the Institute of Natural Resources, says the bar-tailed godwit is quite remarkable as they just get up and fly and keep going, travelling mammoth distances across the Pacific and Asia to breed in western Alaska.

Herald on Sunday, nzherald.co.nz: Dr **David Tripe**, Director of the Centre for Banking Studies, says the move by the Bank of New Zealand to make more than half its mobile mortgage managers redundant, is probably more a reflection of the home loan slowdown caused by the downturn in the property market.

The Tribune: **Murray Hill**, classics student, is the organiser of Catapult Camp, a programme focused on teaching students the history, theory and safe operation of pre-gun powder artillery with a focus on team-based activities.

25 August

Radio New Zealand: **Agnes McFarland**, from the Department of Te Uru Maraura, is undertaking a PhD study on the different regional dialects of the Māori language.

Radio New Zealand: Dr **Fei Wu** is undertaking research into the habits of stockbrokers and speculators.

Radio New Zealand: Adjunct Professor **John Birkbeck**, from the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, says rising food prices force many people to make decisions at the expense of good food choices.

www.purplepaw.com; North Shore Times (2 September): **Frank Newman**, from the Department of Economics and Finance, has created a board game titled The New Zealand Investment Game simulating five years of investing in two hours of play time, which interfaces with a computer programme that changes the variables in the share market, property market and money market in response to player's moves.

scoop.co.nz; www.radioaustralia.net.au (27 August); Auckland Pacific Today, NZ Education Review (29 August): Professor **Regina Scheyvens**, and Professor **Glenn Banks**, both from the School of People, Environment and Planning, have won two of four inaugural research grants awarded by the New Zealand Agency for International Development.

Dr Scheyvens will examine how tourism can more effectively contribute to poverty reduction in Fiji and Vanuatu, and Dr Banks will work on mining and community development in Papua New Guinea.

Challenge Weekly: Dr **Gina Salapata**, Dr **Karen Jillings** and Dr **Chris van der Krogt**, all from the School of History, Philosophy and Classics, have devised a new extramural paper entitled Magic and Witchcraft, which looks at how the supernatural has been revered and reviled through history, and has students studying the use of sorcery in the classical world, medieval and early modern times and in colonial Māori culture.

www.scoop.co.nz: **Taumata Maunsell-Petersen**, from the School of Psychology, says there is a need for more Māori psychologists and clinical psychologists, and that isolation has been a key factor in students giving up their studies.

Dr **Te Kani Kingi**, from the Research Centre for Māori Health and Development, and Dr **Rangi Mataamua**, from the School of Māori Studies, are guest presenters at the hui, who have both been through to doctorate level and have an understanding of the issues.

26 August

The Press: **Matthew Brodie**, a biomechanics PhD student, says he called on the Kiwi 'No. 8

wire' ingenuity for his invention of a system for measuring the exact movements of an alpine skier racing downhill, which is attracting attention from national skiing teams across Europe, and the United States and Russian squads who are curious to find out whether it has medal-winning potential.

Radio New Zealand: Professor **Robert Anderson**, Pro Vice-Chancellor College of Sciences, has commented on the University's move to lift the profile of its degrees in agricultural science.

clearnet.co.nz, scoop.co.nz, yahoo.com; stuff.co.nz (27 August): Professor **Gurvinder Singh Virk**, from the Institute of Technology and Engineering, is heading the project Massey Robot Society where lecturers in electronics, computer systems, mathematics and engineering will guide teenagers nominated by their schools for six weeks, after which they will take on individual robotic projects.

Radio New Zealand: Professor **Michael Belgrave**, from the School of Social and Cultural Studies, is the author of a book on the Waitangi Treaty Claim process, and says complainants are most likely to lose out from the deadline for lodging historic treaty claims. *Bay of Plenty Times:* Professor **Kerry Chamberlain**, from the School of Psychology, is part of a research team conducting a study into whether people take daily medications to stay alive or improve their lifestyle, and the team will consider all forms of medications, medical drugs, alternative medicines and dietary supplements.

City Life – South & East Edition; City Life – North Edition (27 August): **Angela Blachnitzky**, digital media design lecturer, is showing her photography collection titled Outside Culture, portraying New Zealander's quirky habits, at Toi Poneke Gallery.

27 August

The New Zealand Herald, nzherald.co.nz; Otago Daily Times/NZPA (28 August): Dr **Linda Mitchell**, from ..., has produced a study claiming that more families are finding preschool costs easily affordable and says the change is partly linked to the Government's controversial 'free hours' early childhood





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Radio New Zealand: Professor **Michael Belgrave**, from the School of Social and Cultural Studies, says the impending deadline for lodging treaty claims is unlikely to have much effect on the settlement process.

bFM: Professor **Peter Lineham**, from the School of Social and Cultural Studies, has commented on the conversion to Christianity, and says there is growing political pressure in religion.

Western Leader; Rodney Times (28 August): **Matthew Brodie**, a biomechanics PhD student, has received runner-up in the MacDiarmid Young Scientists of the Year Awards, for his invention of a system for measuring the exact movements of an alpine skier racing downhill. He also took out the Future Science and Technologies section.

Southland Times; stuff.co.nz (28 August); NZ Education Review (29 August); Management (30 September): Students from the Albany campus have gained first, second and third places in female GS skier section at the New Zealand University Snow Games at Cardrona Alpine Resort. Winners were Lucy Tait-Jamieson (first), Emilie Tait-Jamieson (second) and Monique Oosterbaan (third).

3news.co.nz; Otago Daily Times, Gisborne Herald/NZPA, Hawkes Bay Today (28 August); Southland Times (29 August): Professor **Anne noble**, from the School of Fine Arts, has won a United States National Science Foundation grant for a six week photographic venture in Antarctica to document the unique qualities of Antarctic light, space and atmospheric phenomena.

scoop.co.nz: Dr **Hayley Lawrence**, from the Allan Wilson Centre for Molecular Ecology and Evolution, has been awarded a Te Tipu Putaiao Fellowship from the foundation for Research, Science and Technology for three years for research into the grey-faced petrel seabird.

28 August

The Dominion Post; Marlborough Express, Timaru Herald (29 August); Taranaki Daily News (2 September): Dr **Mike Joy**, from the Institute of Natural Resources, has written an article based on whitebait, stating that scientists are beginning to notice an ominous absence of these fish in the small number of habitats that are left, meaning not enough juveniles are surviving to adulthood.

Taranaki Daily News: Student **Gemma Mathieson** has been selected as part of the Taranaki women's golf team to compete in the annual Sybil Green quadrangular tournament at the Hokowhitu Golf Club.

Rodney Times, North Shore Times: Acting Vice-Chancellor Professor **Ian Warrington** says Massey's strong showing in the Olympic team is a reflection of the University's

commitment to supporting and nurturing talented sportsmen and women.

The Guardian Country: Venues Manager **Stewart Davies**, says replacing FLT's throughout university campus buildings is a never-ending task, and the \$6000 Bulb Eater is a smart invention for the light bulb recycling issue.

29 August

New Zealand Listener: Dr **Stephen Stannard**, from the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, says eating breakfast before exercise will not build muscle, rather, the circulating glucose from that breakfast is preferentially oxidised so fat oxidation is lower. **Matthew Barnes**, also from the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, says muscle growth is encouraged when the right diet is combined with an appropriate training regime of lower resistance weights lifted at a higher repetition rate.

Radio New Zealand (also 31 August), radionz.co.nz: Professor **Sally Casswell**, from the Social and Health Outcome Research and Evaluation Centre, discusses the report stating that school-based drug and alcohol education programmes such as DARE have little or no effect on long term substance use, and drug and alcohol use remains a major issue among young people.

Manawatu Standard: Distinguished Professor **Paul Moughan**, from the Riddet Centre, has been appointed chair of an international committee to review post-graduate research and teaching at Wageningen University in the Netherlands, which has one of the world's leading grifood programmes and ranks in the top 200 universities in the world.

www.medicalnewstoday.com; news.bbc.co.uk, cosimobingham1967.blogspot.com (30 August) yahoo.com, healthnewsfromindia.blogspot.com, clearnet.co.nz, www.odt.co.nz, www.newspostonline.com, (31 August); The Press, Timaru Herald/NZPA, Ashburton Guardian, 3news.co.nz, www.accessibility.com.au, www.google-sina.com, www.redorbit.com (1 September); Nelson Mail, bunpai.com, www.hollywood.namithapix.com, www.findmeacure.com (2 September); petpositive.blogspot.com (5 September): Professor **Jeroen Douwes**, from the Centre for Public Health Research, and a team of researchers, say it is already known that children living on farms with mothers who were exposed to animals, have a lower prevalence of asthma, and they have reported in the European Respiratory Journal that exposure before and after birth halved the risk of the allergic diseases.

30 August

Kai Tiaki Nursing: Professor **Jenny Carryer**, from the School of Health Sciences, was the

opening speaker at the 14th National District Nurse Conference, the theme being Taking Hold of the Future: Generating Change, and spoke on servant leadership and the important role leadership plays in nursing.

Kai Tiaki Nursing: **Margaret Bazley**, past New Zealand Nurses Association president, received an honorary doctorate from the University, in recognition of her distinguished career in the public service, and was guest speaker at the nursing graduation ceremony.

The Dominion Post, Timaru Herald; The Press (1 September): Dr **Chris Wilkins**, from the Social and Health Outcome Research and Evaluation Centre, says a research team is recruiting 400 heavy drug-users in Wellington, Auckland and Christchurch for a confidential survey including questions on drugs and driving and recreational use of pharmaceutical drugs, including Ritalin, Viagra and Prozac.

Manawatu Standard: Vice-Chancellor Designate **Steve Maharey** attended a hui at the Te Wakahuia Manawatu Health Centre in Highbury, to celebrate the centre's accreditation.

31 August

The Tribune: Venues Manager **Stewart Davies**, is proud of recent initiatives for recycling but wants to do more than promote recycling of common products, and wants to minimise the environmental pollution in all its forms.

Fashion Quarterly: **Alexandra Owen**, design graduate, has featured in Fashion Quarterly, and discusses her line of clothing, which she describes as sophisticated, high-end and feminine.

Countrywide-Southern: Professor **Nicole Shadbolt**, from the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, and a panel member at the competition, says the positive relationship between owners Jim and Lois Reynolds and manager Paul McGill, was a key factor in their successful win of the 2008 PPCS Wairapa Farm Business of the Year title.

Countrywide-Southern: Professor **Steve Morris**, from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences, has been awarded The Sir Arthur Ward award for application of research to animal production, and received the award at the recent joint conference of the New Zealand and Australian Societies of Animal Production in Brisbane. Professor **Tom Barry**, also from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences, says a key feature of Morris' work is its industry relevance.

NZ Food Technology: Professor **Charles Brennan**, from the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, says the university's pilot plant complex is unique for New Zealand and Australia and showcases Massey's commitment to innovation, and will provide a vital service to local and national industry

wanting to produce export quality produce.

Prodesign: **Stephen Smith**, industrial design graduate and winner of the 2007 Dyson Product Design Award, is starting a job at Dyson's global research and design headquarters in the UK, and says the award is unique as it puts you at the forefront of design trying to make products better and can be a huge stepping stone in your career.

Wares: **David Williamson** has been appointed to the role of category manager for audio visual and information technology products at Appliance Connexion, and is currently working on a graduate Diploma in Business Administration and has a Bachelor of Technology from Massey.

Wares, Prodesign: **Alexander Wastney**, industrial design graduate, won the eighth annual Dyson Product Design Award in June with his sports therapy table designed for professional sports teams, and says while he has researched the marketplace, produced a prototype and applied for a patent, the product is at concept stage only and welcomes an opportunity to commercialise his design.

Prodesign: **Matt McKinley**, masters student of industrial design, has designed a mobile sheep testing station for rural vets to scan pregnant ewes, and says scanning is labour and time intensive and current equipment is neither ergonomic nor portable.

Prodesign: Professor **Robyn Phipps**, from the Institute of Technology and Engineering, notes that a study in the UK deliberately tried to create a healing environment at a hospital, which found the improved environment cut recuperation time and visits. Dr **Philip Dickinson**, from the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, says careful design in buildings is the best way to control noise, and you have to think about limiting noise in the design stage because barriers can take out 14 decibels at most.

NZ Aviation News; pacificwingsmagazine.com (1 September): **Paul Kearney**, from the School of Aviation, has won the Civil Aviation Authority's top flying instructor award, awarded to an instructor who shows outstanding dedication and makes a significant contribution to the quality of flight training.

Prodesign: Professor **Tony Parker**, from the Department of Three Dimensional Design, says would-be designers have to have some basic skills as well as an aptitude for visual and material culture, and it is not necessarily the top students who are going to make the best designers.

Canterbury Farming: Professor **Jacqueline Rowarth**, from the Institute of Natural Resources, has been appointed to the New Zealand Fast Forward board, along with six others.

www.scoop.co.nz; Manawatu Standard, www.scoop.co.nz (1 September): **Aimee-Rose Stephenson**, Māori visual arts masters student,

has recently opened her first solo exhibition in Hastings, which incorporates human hair, and has received one of two \$4000 Te Waka Toi scholarships at a ceremony in Wellington.

Deer Industry News: Dr **Simone Hoskin**, from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences, has recently moved into a new role at AgResearch but will be maintaining her connections with deer-specific research at Massey.

Deer Industry News: **Jaimie Glossop**, from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences, has been appointed to a leadership role in the John's Management Limited project.

1 September

The New Zealand Herald, nzherald.co.nz: Dr **Ian Laird**, from the Department of Management, claims that standards in the workplace tend not to translate to the home environment where injuries are five times more likely to occur.

Manawatu Standard, stuff.co.nz: **Rachael Mason**, from the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, is part of a project focussing on the effect of WBV on people with Multiple Sclerosis, and says previous research suggest it is a good thing for people with health problems who find it difficult to exercise and were increasingly losing mobility as a result. The study is being supervised by Dr **Stephen Stannard**, from the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, Professor **Elwyn Firth**, from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences, and Darryl Cochrane, from the Department of Management.

thedispersalofdarwin.blogspot.com: Professor **Paul Rainey**, from the Institute of Molecular Biosciences, has commented on life's evolution from the perspective of major evolutionary transitions, including that from solitary organisms to societies.

Professor **David Penny**, from the Allan Wilson Centre for Molecular Ecology and Evolution, poses the question can we find anything in biology that is not understandable or not explainable, by the things we can observe and measure in the present, and says that evolution is by far the simplest possible way of understanding ourselves, our past and our future.

NZ Farmers Weekly; Straight Furrow, Manawatu Standard (2 September): Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor **Robert Anderson**, from the College of Sciences, says that Applied Science graduates produced by Massey have been major players in agriculture education but it is time for a change, and his comments follow the announcement of three new 'Agri' degrees being introduced next year to replace the Applied Science courses of the past fourteen years.

Student Liaison Adviser **Trevor Weir**, from

National Students Relations, says the University is embarking on the annual rounds of advising school students on the University's courses, and is excited about the new degree structure.

2 September

The Dominion Post: Professor **Claire McLachlan**, from the School of Arts, Development and Health Education, says New Zealand's world literacy ranking of 24 has remained the same for the past seven years and a review of early childhood programmes and teaching practices is overdue.

The Dominion Post, Waikato Times, stuff.co.nz; Marlborough Express: Dr **Martina Battisti**, from the College of Business, has formed research highlighting the ageing of small business owners and a lack of planning on how to get out of their businesses, and found that a bulk of business owners are nearing retirement, but only 17 per cent had a formal succession plan.

Radio New Zealand: **Claire Robinson**, from the Institute of Communication Design, has commented on the unveiling of the National Party's new election billboards, and says they are a lot different from the controversial Iwi/Kiwi billboards of 2005, and fail to grab your attention.

Radio New Zealand: Professor **Gurvinder Singh Virk**, from the Institute of Technology and Engineering, has commented on the notions that there are moves to make robots more ever present in every day life, and says people are now focussed on developing robots to perform service tasks.

Radio New Zealand: Professor **Dennis Viehland**, from the Institute of Information and Mathematical Science, says producers of spam start with the most common letters of the alphabet before working their way down, and anti-spamming legislation is forcing spammers into smaller spaces.

Ruapehu Bulletin: **Ken Kilpin**, from the Centre for Educational Development, recently worked with teachers at Ruapehu College.

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Events

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AK – Wednesday 17 September

12.00pm – 2.00pm

Potentials for Conflict and the Possibilities of Peace

Dr Tracey McIntosh (University of Auckland)

This talk will briefly canvas historical conflicts and peacemaking and will look at a variety of peace-making traditions from diverse religious and cultural perspectives. The possibilities of peace will be explored by examining our understanding of individual and collective responsibility. A PEACE WEEK 2008 event.

Venue: NW 200

Contact: Peter Lineham

Ph: 4140800

PN - Wednesday 17 September

5.15pm to 7.30pm

MASSEY AGRICULTURE – 2008 ADDRESS SERIES

DR JIM SALINGER, CRSNZ – President of the World Meteorological Organization Commission for Agricultural Meteorology
Wednesday 17th September, 5.15 pm, AH.1, AgHort Lecture Block

Global climate change is starting to impact significantly on world agriculture. New Zealand is not immune to this change, which heralds a transition for pastoral industries and opportunities for horticultural and arable activities. This address will consider the past, present and future, and what this means for farming activities.

This is the third of the 2008 addresses being hosted by Massey Agriculture.

The address will be followed by refreshments – for catering, could you please reply to Denise Stewart -

email: d.m.stewart@massey.ac.nz; or extn 5996, by Friday 12th September 2008.

Venue: AH.1 - Ag/Hort Lecture Block

Contact: Denise Stewart

Ph: 06 350 5995

AK – Thursday 18 September

4.00pm – 6.00pm

Peace Poetry Reading

Bringwonder - story teller facilitator

An opportunity for students, staff, and others to read their original (or favourite poet) poem with a focus on 'peace'.

Special guests: Ron Riddell of Poets for Peace, NZ - and Rosemary Menzies reading from her 'Poems for Bosnia'. An event for PEACE WEEK 2008

Venue: AT 1

Contact: Diana Hibbert Ph: 4140800 extn 9212

AK – Friday 26 September

4.00pm – 5.30pm

ETHICS in real Life - Dr Stephen Munn

The seminar will deal with definitions including: meta-ethics; ethics; and ethical principles (beneficence, nonmaleficence, justice and autonomy). Practical examples will be given relating to medical ethics including: living donation of organs; organ allocation and high cost medical treatments. Discussion time will be provided to allow examination of the philosophical underpinnings of ethical systems. An important conclusion will be that we make a multitude of decisions every day that either reflect or contradict our stated ethical principles. The perspective I will bring to the subject will be strongly influenced by the fact that I'm a practicing Christian.

Venue: NW 100

Contact: Ricky Waters

Ph: 4140800 ext 9224

PN – Monday 29 – Tuesday 30 September

8.00am – 3.00pm

Conference: Assessment for learning, enquiry and curriculum

Dr Rose Hipkins and Prof Helen Timperley

A Conference for all educators interested in Assessment for learning, enquiry and curriculum.

As well as keynotes there will be sessions by and for teachers, school and centre leaders, facilitators and researchers. They include: Teacher presentations; classroom practice and learning stories.

School session; a school tells their development story.

Facilitated workshops; practical activities with a learning purpose.

Research papers; presented for a teacher audience.

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

Venue: Massey University College of Education, Hokowhitu Campus, Centennial Drive, Palmerston North

Contact: Brian Coles

Ph: 06 350 9275

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.

Scholarships and Awards

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

Full information about these scholarships and all others scholarships can be found on [http://awards.massey.ac.nz/](http://awards.massey.ac.nz)

Undergraduate

Hamilton City Council Planning Scholarships – 19 September 2008

Lower Hutt Suffrage Centennial Scholarship – 19 September 2008

Dorothy L Newman Scholarship – 28 September 2008

BAYERBoost Scholarship Scheme – 30 September 2008

Institute of Fundamental Sciences Summer Scholarship – Chemistry – 30 September 2008

Institute of Fundamental Sciences Summer Scholarship – Mathematics – 30 September 2008

Institute of Fundamental Sciences Summer Scholarship - Physics – 30 September 2008

Putaruru Veterinary Club Education Trust – 30 September 2008

Rebecca L Lynch Memorial Scholarship – 30 September 2008

The Alex Lindsay Memorial Award – 30 September 2008

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Postgraduate

Dorothy L Newman Scholarship – 28 September 2008

IVABS Masterate Scholarship in Small Animal Surgery – 30 September 2008

French Awards Scholarship – 30 September 2008

Institute of Fundamental Sciences Summer Scholarship – Chemistry – 30 September 2008

Institute of Fundamental Sciences Summer Scholarship – Mathematics – 30 September 2008

Institute of Fundamental Sciences Summer Scholarship - Physics – 30 September 2008

NZ Federation of Graduate Women Harriette Jenkins Award – 30 September 2008

Putaruru Veterinary Club Education Trust – 30 September 2008

Quest for Excellence Scholarship – 30 September 2008

The Alex Lindsay Memorial Award – 30 September 2008

Edward & Isabel Kidson Scholarships – 1 October 2008

Betty Loughhead Soroptimist Scholarship Trust – 1 October 2008

BING'S Scholarship – 1 October 2008

Cambridge Commonwealth Trust Prince of Wales Scholarship – 1 October 2008

Camellia Memorial Scholarship – 1 October 2008

Dan Watkins Scholarship in Weed Science – 1 October 2008

Dave Smith Memorial Research Scholarship – 1 October 2008

Dick and Mary Earle Scholarship in Technology – 1 October 2008

Fish & Game New Zealand Research Scholarships – 1 October 2008

Frank Knox Memorial Fellowships – 1 October 2008

Freemasons Postgraduate Scholarship – 1 October 2008

Freemasons University Scholarship – 1 October 2008

Freyberg Scholarship – 1 October 2008
Health Research Council Summer Studentships – 1 October 2008

Henry Kelsey Research Scholarships – 1 October 2008

Lovell & Berys Clark Scholarships – 1 October 2008

Marion Rayward Memorial Scholarship in Music – 1 October 2008

Massey University Vice-Chancellor's Doctoral Scholarship – 1 October 2008

Massey University Doctoral Scholarship – 1 October 2008

Massey University Masterate Scholarship – 1 October 2008

Massey University Masterate Scholarship for Maori Students – 1 October 2008

Pukehou Pouto Scholarship – 1 October 2008
Resource Management Law Association

Postgraduate Scholarship – 1 October 2008

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ACADEMIC STAFF PROMOTIONS 2008 Review of Decision

Decisions on Academic Staff Promotion Applications up to the level of Associate Professor have now been advised. Academic staff who wish to seek a review of the decision may only do so on procedural grounds. Such requests must be detailed in writing and must clearly identify any matters of procedure that the applicant wants the Committee to review. Written requests are to be forwarded to the Director - Human Resources by 4.00 pm Friday, 26 September 2008. Please note that requests received after this date cannot be accepted.

Academic staff who wish to apply for a review are advised to consult with their Head of Department/Institute/School and Pro Vice-Chancellor in the first instance. Independent Observers were appointed to the College Promotions Committees and a copy of their report for the relevant College Promotions Committee is available to academic staff in that College from either the Pro Vice-Chancellor's Office or the AUS Office, Commercial Complex.

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Culturally-inspired creativity puts three Design students in Pasifika fashion finals

Colourful creative garments with a difference have netted high honours for three students who were finalists at Westfield Style Pasifika fashion awards show in Auckland recently.

For her entry in the Traditionally Inspired section, Morgan Cotton of Wellington, took her cues from traditional Maori clothing. Her design is three pieces - a bodice, piupiu (skirt), and cloak. Cut-out and stencilled lettering of Miss Cotton's whakapapa make up the bodice and are printed on the cloak.

She says her first major competition entry was "time-consuming but worth it", having spent "hours and hours" threading red tubing for the piupiu.

Stephanie Schilderink made the finals of the Asia Pasifika section with a dress made of organza and bamboo, inspired by her Filipino heritage.

Miss Schilderink, originally from Waihi, is in her third year of a Bachelor of Design, majoring in fashion design at the Wellington campus. This was her first major competition entry.

"I'm half Filipino, half Dutch so I really looked into the Filipino culture for this design," she says. "A lot of people there have to stand on their own two feet from an early age. Life's tough and the people have to be tough, just like the traditional Filipino huts.

"I based my design on the hut, using bamboo strips and light see-through copper organza to reflect communal living and the hut's structure."

All three students who were finalists are taking a fashion competition paper this year.

Philippa Lake, also a third-year Bachelor of Design student from Wellington, was a finalist in the Urban Pasifika Street Wear category with a black and white geometric dress (right) she made during a holiday break.

"When it was finished, mum said it looked like a Pasifika tattoo so I entered at the last minute."



Top: Entry by Morgan Cotton
Left inset: Entry by Stephanie Schilderink.
Right inset: Entry by Philippa Lake.