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About to board the Dolphin Explorer are Massey marine biology researcher and student mentor Karen Stockin (front left) with secondary school pupils (from front left) Audrey Setiawan, Merel Kroonenberg, Shaka Ravishankar (all Rangitoto College), and (back row from left) Donald van der Westhuizen (Long Bay College), Hayden Hamilton (Manurewa High School), Craig Parker (Long Bay College), Laura Goudie (Westlake Girls' High School), Laetitia Kench (Rangitoto College), Fiona McMillan (Long Bay College) and Shannon Fraser (Rangitoto College).

## Aspiring scientists dazzled by dolphins

The thrill of seeing whales spouting and pods of dolphins swimming at close range on Auckland's Hauraki Gulf gave secondary school science pupils a vivid sense of life as a marine biologist.

Like many Aucklanders the pupils were stunned to find there are whales just kilometres off the North Shore coast between Rangitoto Island and the Coromandel Peninsula.

The pupils won vouchers at a recent Course Advice Day on biological sciences for a day out on the Dolphin Explorer – a tourist and research vessel operated by Auckland's whale and dolphin Safari.

The five-hour boat trip was more than a joy ride. Organised by marine biologist Karen Stockin from the Institute of Natural Resources at Massey's Albany campus, the journey over choppy seas was a unique chance for students to learn about the prolific marine life at their doorstep.

This includes marine birds such as gannets, shearwaters and petrels in addition to five Brydes whales and more than 100 common dolphins.

While some were beginning to wonder if they would spot a single dolphin after more than an hour at sea, the eventual sighting of a frenzied crowd of dive-bombing gannets and other seabirds gave the clue to where dolphins and whales would be feeding. Pupils braved drenchings at the bow for a glimpse of Brydes whales – spotted close to the boat.

Ms Stockin, who has recently completed her doctoral thesis on the common dolphin found in the Hauraki Gulf,

acted as guide and mentor for the group of ten students from Rangitoto and Long Bay Colleges, Westlake Girls' High School and Manurewa High School - all aspiring scientists interested in marine biology, zoology and evolution.

She shared fascinating facts and details of the common dolphin's behaviour and biology, including their voracious appetites resulting from their need to maintain their body temperature in temperate seas and their highly competitive mating and sexual antics.

The trip was a follow-up to the course advice day highlighting the extensive biological research being undertaken by New Zealand and international researchers at the institute as well as the growing opportunities for study and research with the introduction of an undergraduate marine biology paper next year.

Ms Stockin, a research officer for the Coastal Marine Research Group says she is excited about being involved in the expansion of marine research at Massey's Albany campus. Projects being conducted in both the Coastal Marine and Ecology and Conservation Groups at Albany's campus seem to be growing at an almost exponential rate, she says.

"It's been a privilege to be part of such a multidisciplinary team. Albany's biological science post-graduate students study an array of species from marine leeches to rats, geckos and gannets."

# Student exchange with European Union to begin

Massey has won funding for a project that will see students study climate change in the European Union, and top European students study at Massey.

The Government it will provide \$525,000 over four years for the programme, with a similar contribution coming from the European Commission. The programme will focus on developing better technology to monitor the parameters of climate change such as temperature, gas concentration and water quality.

Massey will lead the programme in New Zealand in partnership with Victoria University. Both universities will work with the lead European university, the University of Limerick in Ireland, and its partner institutions, Universität Rostock in Germany and City University in the United Kingdom.

Project leader Associate Professor Subhas Mukhopadhyay says the School of Engineering and Advanced Technology will send six undergraduate or Masters students each year to the partner institutions.

"Students will be able to study the leading research being carried out in Europe and add it to what they learn here," Dr Mukhopadhyay says. "And, of course, the students coming here as part of the exchange will add what we teach to their knowledge."

Massey's area of expertise concerns sensors for quality inspection of seafood, water quality and control, and clothes for the environment, he says. "But the University of Limerick, for example, specialises in optical fibre sensors for environmental monitoring."

The students will have their air travel paid for by a scholarship and receive a \$1500 per month allowance during their stay.

Dr Mukhopadhyay expects the first students will begin the exchange in semester two next year.

"This project will no doubt attract more engineering and computer science students to Massey, as the chance to take up the scholarship and add world-leading research to their study programme is an exciting opportunity."



Gordon Suddaby, Associate Professor Mark Brown, Minister of Communications and Information Technology David Cunliffe and Richard Wyles of the Flexible Learning Network at the awards ceremony on Wednesday.

## Massey-led project wins top prize

An e-portfolio system developed by a Massey-led research team has won the education section in the New Zealand Open Source Awards.

Mahara, which means "thought" or "to think" in Te Reo Maori, is an open source e-portfolio, weblog, resume builder and social networking system, connecting users and creating online learner communities.

A team including Massey staff Associate Professor Mark Brown and Gordon Suddaby, the Auckland University of Technology, the Open Polytechnic and Victoria University of Wellington developed it.

Dr Brown says the intention was to develop a system to collect digital artefacts and promote critical reflections on them to support self-directed and life-long learning.

"Mahara provides the opportunity for learners to collect, select, reflect, connect and share their goals and accomplishments," he says. "It helps learners to document their

learning journey and showcase their skills and achievements in a rich digital media format."

Mahara is now being used by institutions throughout the world, including the University of Southern Queensland, the University of London, the University of Glasgow, San Francisco State University and by educators across Georgia, in the United States.

"It has been highly successful in developing a community of educators in a short amount of time," Dr Brown says. "As an open source platform, it will be further developed by that community."

At Massey, several pilot Mahara e-portfolio projects are underway or planned, working through an externally hosted site MyPortfolio managed by the Flexible Learning Network.

Dr Eva Heinrich is leading the largest initiative in the College of Sciences, which aims to assist students on their paths toward becoming life-long and self-directed learners.

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# MS sufferers feel the benefits of vibration trial

A trial to determine the benefits of vibration therapy for Multiple Sclerosis sufferers is having an immediate impact on participants, one stating she could feel her feet again, and another saying the treatment left her legs tingling and buzzing like they hadn't felt in years.

Study supervisor Dr Steve Stannard says the trial was devised to see whether side-to-side alternating vibration therapy was able to assist MS sufferers, who often became unable to move their muscles normally due to damage caused in the central nervous system.

"People with MS have a neural condition which means that their brain often can't generate enough neural input to have their muscles contract and move in a fully co-ordinated way," Dr Stannard says. "The vibration stimulus is thought to cause a reflex contraction of muscle so in MS patients this might be therapeutic – it's a way of side-stepping the brain and making the muscles contract."

Early childhood lecturer Therese Trail is one of the study's first participants. Although she has been diagnosed with MS for nine years, she believes she has had it for much longer.

"I look well but there's a lot of things I can no longer do," she says. "I can't walk round the block but I do what I can at the gym."

She says that the therapy gives her "a good shake".

"I do think that on the days I have the treatment I can walk a little better – it makes my legs all tingly."

Rachael Mason is conducting the trial as her Masters of Science Exercise Physiology project.

"We wanted to apply vibration therapy to a group who could benefit the most," she says. "People with MS, because they can't use their muscles in a fully co-ordinated way, often don't get any physical activity. Some of the health problems they end up with are in fact related to the fact they are not exercising so there is real potential for these people."

Ms Mason says that after graduating from Massey with a bachelors degree in medical laboratory science, she started a postgraduate diploma in exercise physiology when this project came to her attention.

"It just appealed to me because this was a very relevant study for young women, it is quite a debilitating illness which often affects women in their early 20s."

Ms Mason is working with MidCentral Health rehabilitation specialist Dr Greg Denny. He is completing detailed medical assessments of participants before the therapy to ascertain their physical ability level.

"Dr Denny does a full medical screening and a neurological examination. The disability can be broken down into seven components and from there people's function can be graded as either normal or with a particular degree of disability," Ms Mason says.

"We then do a series of functional tests before and after participation in the study so we can see whether vibration therapy has been beneficial."

Participants must meet strict criteria to ensure the trial is safe and appropriate for them. With the first sessions underway, detailed results are expected early next year.

The research has received funding from the Palmerston North Hospital Medical Research Foundation and is being supported by the local Multiple Sclerosis Society, with therapy sessions taking place in its Carnation House centre.

The vibration equipment has been supplied by Massey. Professor Elwyn Firth, a musco-skeletal researcher, and vibration therapy expert Darryl Cochrane, who is completing his PhD in vibration therapy, are also supervising the trial.

Manawatu Multiple Sclerosis Society field officer Kristin Leslie says the society is looking at purchasing its own machine in order to make vibration therapy available for more members.

"I think because there's no cure for MS anything that may benefit our members is good," Mrs Leslie says. "Hopefully this trial will prove to be beneficial, improving people's mobility and balance and leading to a better quality of life."

"We would like our own machine so other people, especially people who are more disabled than current participants, can benefit."



Rachael Mason (left) monitors Therese Trail during a vibration therapy session.

# New head for Humanities and Social Sciences

Internationally recognised historian Professor Susan Mumm has been appointed Pro Vice-Chancellor of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Professor Mumm will join Massey in February from Mount Saint Vincent University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, where she holds the positions of Dean of Arts and Science and Professor of History.

Professor Mumm was raised on a sheep farm in Saskatchewan, Canada and studied British history at the University of Saskatchewan and the University of Sussex, England, where she was a Commonwealth Scholar.

Her academic career began as an Assistant Professor at York University, Toronto, in 1992 and she spent more than a decade at the Open University in England, moving from lecturer to senior lecturer to head of department, before moving to Mount Saint Vincent two years ago.

She has published three books and numerous articles in her area of research and is working on a fourth book on the history of



Professor Susan Mumm.

organisations for young working women in 19th century Britain.

Professor Mumm says she is looking forward to the next chapter of her academic career.

"I am honoured at having been appointed

to this position and am looking forward to working with the faculty, staff, and students of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences," she says.

"There is exciting work in front of us as we promote and enhance our contribution to the overall advancement of Massey University."

Acting Vice-Chancellor at the time of appointment Professor Ian Warrington said he is delighted to welcome a scholar of Professor Mumm's calibre to the University.

"Professor Susan Mumm brings a wealth of experience to the role in terms of both academic achievement and administrative skill. Her leadership will be vital as the college continues to grow in size and status."

Vice-Chancellor Steve Maharey is looking forward to working with Professor Mumm.

"Massey has an outstanding tradition in the Humanities and Social Sciences and Professor Mumm shares the University's determination to build on these strengths," he says.

# New professorial appointment in plant breeding

Professor Warren Williams has been appointed Professorial Fellow in Plant Breeding at Massey in an initiative between crown research institute AgResearch and the University.

Professor Williams is currently a senior scientist at AgResearch Grasslands in Palmerston North, and has had a long and distinguished career in plant breeding particularly with the important pasture legume white clover.

He is curator of the Margot Forde Forage Germplasm Centre and has an international reputation for expertise in use of exotic germplasm in plant genetic improvement.

His role at Massey will be to organise resources for the delivery of the postgraduate qualification in plant breeding as well as conducting collaborative research and joint postgraduate student supervision with plant scientists at the University.

Impetus for the appointment has been to support the new postgraduate qualification in plant breeding, an area critical to the success of the agricultural, horticultural and forestry industries and for the lucrative international seed markets.

The discipline of plant breeding has seen significant changes over the past decade

with the advent of gene technologies that have greatly changed the skill base needed by practitioners.

Many established breeders are now close to retirement and the industry is in need of both new graduates and retraining of existing personnel.

To meet this capability gap, Massey and Lincoln Universities, together, and in association with the key stakeholding industries, are to offer a one and two-year postgraduate qualification in plant breeding.

The new qualification is supported by the Partnerships for Excellence framework involving Massey and Lincoln Universities and the expertise of Professor Williams will be a significant factor in the success of the new programme.

Professor William's appointment is a joint one between AgResearch and the University's Institute of Natural Resources and Institute of Molecular Biosciences. He will work one day a week at the University with the rest of the time spent at AgResearch Grasslands.

The Partnerships for Excellence framework aims to increase private sector investment in tertiary education and foster better links between tertiary education institutions, industry and business.



Professor Warren Williams.

# Online Alumni Community a NZ university first

Massey has launched a new online forum for alumni to keep in touch with old classmates, hear the latest University news and receive invitations to events in their area.

Alumni relations manager Leanne Fecser says the website is the first of its kind in the country and will be a helpful tool for former students and the wider University community.

"We hope that alumni will find this site helps in managing and growing their relationship with Massey and we ask that they take some time to explore the site and test out its capabilities," she says.

"Many suggestions and requests from our members were taken into account when we built this site, so we encourage alumni to provide ongoing feedback."

Only registered users will have access to the online directory, with privacy controls able to be adjusted by the user. All of the information and services in the Online Alumni Community are password-protected and available only to registered users.

To register for the online community visit:  
<http://alumnonline.massey.ac.nz>





Tahuri Whenua Society members at a visit to a hop nursery at Motueka in February.

## Traditional knowledge key to future exports

The future export potential of natural Māori vegetables like taewa, the Māori potato, and kamokamo (gourd fruit), coupled with the need to capture traditional knowledge, are two discussed at a recent meeting in Bulls.

About 50 members of the Tahuri Whenua Society, the national collective of Māori vegetable growers, attended the society's annual meeting at Parewahawaha Marae.

Society chairman Dr Nick Roskrue, a senior lecturer at the University's Institute of Natural Resources, says the collective has more than 250 members from Kaitiaki to Invercargill, including growers, individuals, schools, kaumātua, and kōhanga reo.

Dr Roskrue was re-elected as chair and says succession is an issue in general in the horticulture industry and even more of an issue for Māori. "We need to have succession plans to ensure there will be someone to carry

the knowledge about traditional practices. In the old days, children who showed an aptitude and interest in horticulture were fostered into it. These days Māori are mostly urban and not doing anything directly on the land."

In 1999 a project was initiated at Massey where varieties of taewa – also known as riwai, peruperu, mahetau or parareka – were grown as a seed bank. Prior to that they were grown only in a backyard environment.

"Taewa are more available today than they were in the past. They are now being grown commercially, with seed available from some plant shops and growers.

"The intention of the collective is to ensure Māori ownership, management and control of this resource and others aligned to food production."

He says getting horticultural products such as taewa export-ready will take intensive

investment of manpower and finance. "In addition there has to be continuity in production, quality and consistency. The marketing opportunity to promote taewa is huge. Their characteristics are the same as they were 200 years ago. Unlike other potatoes, they have not been re-worked or bred for different uses.

"People are also more willing to try new types of foods now and chefs in particular are beginning to use taewa in their dishes for their distinctive flavour, texture and visual appeal. Some of the feedback we have heard is that eating them is like a new food experience."

The last meetings of the society were a regional hui in Blenheim and Motueka, which showcased those regions' horticulture opportunities for Māori.

The next hui will be held in Ruatoki in February.

## Massey lecturer appointed to ERMA group

Senior lecturer Dr Nick Roskrue has been appointed to the Environmental Risk Management Authority's Māori Advisory Group.

Ngā Kaihautū Tikanga Taio is a statutory committee that advises the authority on Māori issues and applications made to it that raise significant issues for Māori.

Dr Roskrue's appointment will be for a term of three years.

"It is a compliment to be appointed to the committee and the work will give me an opportunity to contribute at a higher level on

issues of national importance," he says.

"As well as bringing the elements of expertise in horticulture, resource management and genetic technology to the table, I expect it will be knowledge of tikanga [customary knowledge] that is the strength of the group," he says.

Dr Roskrue, based on the Palmerston North campus in the College of Sciences' Institute of Natural Resources, is involved in several research, government and non-government groups concerned with vegetable production, Māori land utility and soil systems.



Dr Nick Roskrue.

## Poor communication strategy from ANZ

The ANZ bank should have communicated far more openly about the staff cuts announced recently in order to allay rumour and fears about the health of the bank and the sector, says Director of Banking Studies Dr David Tripe.

He says news that the bank would be cutting staff and services was no surprise but the way the ANZ bank announced this was a "public relations disaster".

"Public confidence has been undermined because the bank has had so little to say publicly about why it is taking these steps. Consequently people are wondering if the bank is in trouble. By staying silent, the bank has left the way open for rumours to spread," Dr Tripe says.

"Without more information customers at the bank could think they should start looking for another bank."

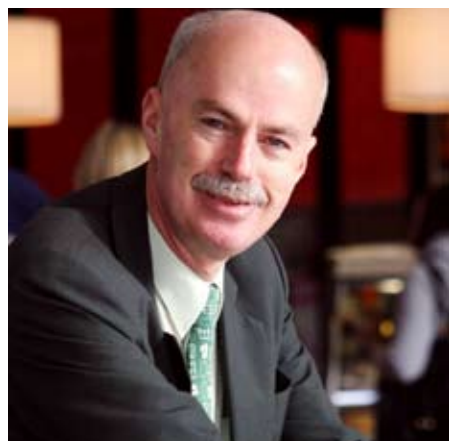
He wants to reassure customers, however, by saying that there is no evidence available to him that suggests that the bank faced any financial difficulties.

"With an issue like this, the ANZ should have been on the front foot with its communication strategy. If the other banks face similar issues, the ANZ has just shown them how to make a real public relations mess."

He believes the ANZ's move was not good for the bank because it had only recently started to show an improvement in ratings in customer service surveys, and there is a danger that this improvement will be undermined.

He says this means that the resources the bank has applied, at its shareholders' expense, to achieving an improvement in customer satisfaction ratings could go to waste.

"In the long run, banks will need fewer branches as customers make use of banks' services in other ways, but it is surprising that the bank thinks it needs to cut staffing with such urgency. Customers could feel much happier if the bank could tell them about the scale of any cutbacks intended, and whether or how the ways in which they deal with the bank might change. Change could have been sold as a positive story, but the bank has failed to do this."



Dr David Tripe.



Final-year Bachelor of Communication student Karlene Van Opdorp did a trial internship at Total Media.

## Internships now part of bachelor of communication degree

The first Bachelor of Communication students to include a workplace internship in their degree will graduate this year.

The internship was trialled with seven high-performing students. Communication, Journalism and Marketing department head Associate Professor Frank Sligo says the trial has been an outstanding success, with students gaining valuable professional experience and a number of workplaces are keen to host final-year students.

"Interns have been placed with communication consultancies, a media agency, a regional council and a rugby union and we now have companies making inquiries about joining the programme," Dr Sligo says.

"There is immense value for students in completing an internship, as it makes them more job-ready and attractive to employers.

"It is also important that students get

academic credit for the hard work they do while in the workplace, hence the decision to make the internships a formal paper offering.

"There are also benefits for the host organisation in having input from an enthusiastic person with a fresh and academically-grounded perspective."

The first Bachelor of Communication student to complete the internship was Karlene Van Opdorp, who had a placement at media service company Total Media.

"The internship gave me the opportunity to study while simultaneously broadening my career horizons," she says. "I learned heaps of things – how to deal with real life situations and with workplace stress, how to communicate more effectively and how to make the internship serve my purpose in my study and career development."

## External relations head appointed

Vice-Chancellor Steve Maharey has made his first new appointment to the University's senior management team, recruiting Sue Foley as director of external relations.

Mr Maharey says he is extremely pleased to have attracted such a highly-skilled and experienced practitioner to the role.

"Sue Foley has an extensive background in journalism and public affairs and is widely acknowledged as one of the best communicators in New Zealand.

"We look forward to working alongside Sue as we enable more people to see and hear of the

University's achievements."

Ms Foley is currently general manager corporate affairs at KiwiRail, formerly Toll New Zealand. Her career has included working as chief of staff for TV3 News, chief of staff for the Leader of the Opposition, overseeing marketing and communications for the 2000 America's Cup Village, time as a senior public affairs consultant at a leading New Zealand agency and as an award-winning television journalist.

She takes up the new role at Massey on November 10, where she will lead communications, marketing and alumni activity.



New external relations director  
Sue Foley.





## Accounting method helps justify lifting energy prices

The method Contact Energy uses to do its accounting makes it easier to justify increasing power bills to consumers, says accountancy Professor Paul Dunmore.

Commenting on the recent announcement from Contact that customers in Wellington and the South Island face 10 per cent increases in their power bills, Professor Dunmore says accepted accounting rules allow Contact to appear only modestly profitable.

Professor Dunmore, from the College of Business School of Accountancy says that Contact Energy has consistently earned rates of return of close to 30 per cent but the profit figures are greatly reduced by the accounting practices used.

"In Contact's latest financial year it reported a profit of \$237 million on shareholders' equity of \$2.9 billion, an 8 per cent return on equity. This is a very low rate of profit, given the risk shareholders bear."

He says Contact Energy chooses to revalue its major assets using the optimised deprival valuation method, which in practice means the value reflects the future cash flows to be expected from using these assets.

Using this method, its property, plant and equipment assets have been re-valued by \$1.9 billion since 1999 to about \$4.4 billion, he

says, and he estimates this has increased the reported depreciation expense by some \$50 to \$60 million to \$148 million.



Professor Paul Dunmore.

"Based on what Contact's shareholders paid for the assets when they were acquired, Contact's profits would be around \$290 million on shareholders' equity of \$1 billion," Professor Dunmore says. "This is a return on equity of 29 per cent. The average over the last five years has been 27 per cent."

"If Contact increases its prices for any reason, that increases its operating cash flows, and so the optimised deprival value of its assets automatically increases. Under the accounting policies that Contact follows, this offsets what otherwise would have been an increase in reported profits and return on equity, providing justification for further price increases."

"In this way, accepted accounting practice provides cover for Contact and other energy companies to increase prices. Since there is no real profit figure against which the reported numbers can be verified, the choice of accounting methods, has important effects on how much consumers are expected to pay for their energy."

## Massey signs up online budgeting for staff

University staff figuring out what to do with their tax cut cash or how to afford Christmas now have free access to the award-winning online budgeting programme [www.whostolemymoney.com](http://www.whostolemymoney.com), after the University signed-up to provide the programme for all employees.

The deal follows the success of the company's operations manager Grace Xue, who recently won the Telecommunications Users Association's Innovator of the Year award.

Who Stole My Money is an online, personal budgeting tool that enables users to consolidate all of their bank accounts and credit cards, set a realistic budget and track spending at the click of a button.

Ms Xue says Massey University is the first major organisation in New Zealand to have signed such a contract.

The programme will be available to the University's 4000 staff, with its 35,000 students, including extramural students, able to access the programme early next year.

Who Stole My Money was mentored through the University's business accelerator unit the e-centre, and is believed to be the world's first online personal money management system.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Albany and International) Professor John Raine says the online budgeting programme is a tangible example of a highly innovative enterprise that's benefited from the e-centre expertise. He anticipated staff across the board would be keen to use the programme.

"We are delighted to be able to offer Who Stole My Money to our staff and students to help with personal money management."

Given the pressure on many people's wallets amid the current economic climate, Ms Xue says many could benefit from the programme.

"Companies may think that personal finances are not their concern. But accredited studies show that up to 12.5 per cent of an employee's time at work is lost due to personal financial problems. What's more, those workers also have more health problems," she says.



Who Stole My Money's Grace Xue signing a contract with Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Albany and International) Professor John Raine and Regional Registrar (Albany) Andrea Davies.

# Tāne and Rehua at centre of exhibition

*Tū Te Manu Ora i te Rangi* is a new exhibition that opened last week at the Thermostat Art Gallery in Palmerston North, featuring work created collectively by three artists from Massey:

Hemi Macgregor (Ngāti Rakaipaaka, Ngāi Tuhoe) lecturer in Māori art and Māori visual and material in Wellington; Ngataiharuru Taepa (Te Arawa, Te Atiawa), lecturer in Māori visual arts in Palmerston North; Saffronn Te Ratana (Ngāi Tuhoe), Massey graduate and former Māori visual arts lecturer.

Massey researcher and Māori language, customs and traditions specialist Dr Rangi Mataamua (Ngāi Tuhoe), based in Palmerston North was also involved in the collaboration.

Mr Macgregor says the focus of the exhibition is on Tāne, the deity of the forest, and Rehua, the star of summer. It investigates the deeper layers of ancient knowledge embedded in Māori cosmological narrative.

"These narratives provided the platform for the collaborative relationships between us and how the work has evolved and connected. The exhibition fuses together all four practices to produce another level of dialogue through the contrast and connection of materials."

Mr Taepa says they have all been mentored by a generation of kaumātua, who have encouraged them to work as a collective. "Our mentors have included Sandy Adsett, Manos Nathan, Kura Te Waru Rewiri, Timoti Karetu, Taiarahia Black and Bob Jahnke. We have been working alongside one another for the past 10 years and this is the beginning of us creating work together and exhibiting it within a public forum.

"In this exhibition we have all had a hand in, or some part in, each others' work, and together this produced the installation."

Mr Taepa says they have also been encouraged in their collective approach by Catherine Russ at Thermostat Gallery, who is committed to showing the variety of what art has to offer. "She is an artist herself and has supported and enabled us to playfully explore and exhibit *Tū Te Manu Ora i te Rangi*."



Part of the installation from the *Tū Te Manu Ora i te Rangi* exhibition.



Dr Mary Paul and Dr Nikki Hessel at the launch of *Lighted Windows* at the Women's Bookshop in Ponsonby, Auckland.

## Massey scholars shed light on writer Robin Hyde

A recently-launched book of critical essays on Robin Hyde, author of the renowned novel *The Godwits Fly* and a prolific poet, political columnist, travel writer and war correspondent, reflects growing interest in a remarkable writer overlooked in her own lifetime, says its editor Dr Mary Paul.

Titled *Lighted Windows*, the collection of 12 essays by New Zealand and overseas literary scholars is the first book of critical essays on Hyde, who committed suicide in 1939, aged 33.

Dr Paul, English programme coordinator at Massey's School of Social and Cultural Studies at Albany, argues in her introduction that Hyde's "influential contemporaries were blind to the scope and variety of Hyde's work and its mature development" because "it would have interrupted their version of a national literature".

Hyde is described in the book as having had the most significant output of any New Zealand writer during the 1930s, yet was regarded as of minor interest for many decades after her death.

The book extends and complements the reassessment of Hyde that has been taking place more recently, Dr Paul says, particularly the Marsden-funded project she helped to initiate in 1999.

Named after an unpublished short story of the same title by Hyde, the collection brings new insights and understandings of Hyde's fiction, poetry and life stories, as well as her travel writing and journalism. It ends with a discussion of Hyde's internationalist outlook and her visions for the future expressed in *Dragon Rampant*, her last book based on her travels in China in 1938 during the Sino-Japanese war.

Several essays deal with the fantasy novel in which "Hyde's early 20th century challenge

to contemporary Anglophile and conformist ideas of family and society is enacted in the extraordinary island society she creates in *Wednesday's Children*", writes Dr Paul.

Contributors include Palmerston North-based Massey journalism lecturer Dr Nikki Hessel, who focuses on Hyde's parliamentary writings in her essay *Novitia the Anti-Novice: Robin Hyde's Parliamentary Reports*. Examining her "Peeps at Parliament" columns, Dr Hessel's essay highlights what an intelligent, humorous, perspicacious writer the then Iris Wilkinson was, even at 19 years old, says Dr Paul.

Dr Hessel says Hyde, a budding feminist who was obliged to report from the Lady's Gallery, would not have been impressed by much of today's press gallery reporting and believes there is much contemporary journalists can learn from her insights and style.

Hyde, born Iris Wilkinson in 1906, renamed herself after her first son who died at birth when she was 20 years old.

Dr Paul wrote about Hyde in her previous book, *Her Side of the Story*, which focused on the work of three women writers. She was jointly awarded a Marsden Research Fund grant with poet and academic Michelle Leggott and Dr Pat Sandbrook, a Palmerston North-based Massey administrator who wrote a doctoral thesis on Hyde and edited and wrote the introduction for the latest edition of *The Godwits Fly*.

The project has encompassed the production of a biography, *The Book of Iris*, written by Hyde's second son Derek Challis and poet Gloria Rawlinson (2002), and a new edition of poems, *Young Knowledge* (2003), edited by Michelle Leggott, as well as research into the autobiographical writings. Dr Paul is currently preparing the autobiographical writings for publication.



# Olympians take top awards at annual sports Blues

Olympians have taken three of the top four awards at the Massey University sports Blues awards. Rower Hamish Bond and cyclist Catherine Cheatley were named the Bank of New Zealand Palmerston North campus sportsman and sportswoman of the year at a ceremony last week.

A collaborative effort between the University and the Massey University Students' Association, the annual event celebrates the sporting and cultural excellence of Massey students. This year 69 students representing 31 sports were presented blues at ceremonies in Auckland and Palmerston North.

Ms Cheatley graduated with a Bachelor of Education and a Diploma in Secondary Teaching in 2005 and is currently completing a Bachelor of Business in accounting. She competed at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and placed 17th in the women's points race and 53rd in the road race. In July she won the Fitchburg Longsjo four-day race in Massachusetts, USA.

Third-year business student Hamish Bond also represented New Zealand at the Olympics in the men's coxless four. Mr Bond was unbeaten at the national championships earlier this year winning the pair, four and quad titles. Last year, Mr Bond won a gold medal in the men's coxless fours at the world championships in Munich, Germany.

Yachtsman Michael Bullof was named Albany sportsman of the year for at a ceremony on campus. Mr Bullof, a business student, is currently ranked sixth in the world laser standings and finished fifth at the world laser championships in March. He also finished fourth at this year's Sydney international regatta, fifth at Sail Melbourne and fourth at the 2008 Asia Pacific championships.

Second-year business student Juliette Haigh was named sportswoman of the year for the Albany campus for the second year in a row. Ms Haigh was fifth in the women's coxless pair at the Olympics and won silver in the women's pairs at world cup regattas in Poland and Lucerne in June.

Former Olympic swimmer and three-time Massey University Albany Campus sportswoman of the year Alison Fitch entertained guests at both the Albany and Palmerston North functions with stories of the road to international success and her time as a volunteer administrator at the New Zealand team base in the Beijing Olympic Village.

The Palmerston North MUSA Awards were made to the top performing men's and women's sports teams at the University. The Massey women's volleyball team won the women's sports team of the year after finishing second in the central zone tournament and fifth at this year's nationals.

The Massey Rams were awarded MUSA men's sports team of the year after winning the Manawatu Rugby Senior II grade championship and the John Clifford Memorial Cup. The team won all 18 competition games



Vice-Chancellor Steve Maharey with Juliet Haigh and Michael Bullof recipients of the Albany sportswoman and sportsman of the year awards.

this year. The Rams were also awarded the Irish Universities Shield as best overall team at the Massey University Rugby Club awards.

An outstanding contribution award was presented to Warren Smith for his coaching of the Massey University women's volleyball team over the past four years.



Palmerston North sportsman of the year Hamish Bond.

Rowing: Juliette Haigh

Rugby: Sam Ward, Shannon Willoughby

Skiing: Emilie Tait-Jamieson, Lucie Tait-Jamieson

Swimming: William Benson, Penelope Marshall, John Zulch

Waterpolo: Kristina Watson

Yachting: Michael Bullof, Joshua McCormack

## Blues awards, Palmerston North:

Artistic Roller Skating: Freyja Phillips

Athletics: Adrian Blincoe, Nicholas Kalivati, Laura Roozendaal

Barefoot Waterskiing: Kelly O'Donnell

Basketball: Natalie Moore

Canoe Polo: Olivia Spencer-Bower, Joanna Wright

Canoe Polo and Canoe Slalom: Tania Perrett

Canoe Slalom: Michael Dawson

Cycling: Catherine Cheatley, Simon van Velthooven

Equestrian: Chloe Akers, Hannah Appleton, Caroline Parkes, Sam Taylor

Football: Finlay Milne

Golf: James Betts, Gemma Mathieson

Hockey: Stacey Carr, Scott Falconer, Stephen Graham, Wendy Hull, Emily Naylor, Alice Trail, Jesse Workman

Inline Hockey: Khord Kopu, Hayden Nelson, Michelle Webb

Motorsport: Anthony Pedersen

Mountainbike: Stuart Houltham

Netball: Lauren Burgess, Lana Phipps

Rowing: Hamish Bond, Nathan Cohen, Amy Grundy, Storm Uru

Rugby: Dan Fitzharris

Sailing (Match Racing): Carl Syman

Shooting (Clay Target): Samuel Gregory

Swimming: Matt Woodrow

Triathlon/Duathlon: Struan Webb

Underwater Hockey: Rebecca Leach

Volleyball: Matt Quinn, Rebecca Reidy

## Blues awards, Auckland:

Athletics: Kate Campbell, Elizabeth Orchard, Aniel Smith

Badminton: Melissa Leviana Kartahardja

Golf: Jenna Hirst

Hockey: Simon Child, Amanda Green,

Kimberley Green, Shaun Matthews

Indoor Netball: Albertine Gysberts

Judo: Alister Leat

Kayaking: Scott Bicknell

Orienteering: Greg Flynn

# Fine arts lecturer takes artwork to New York, Paris

The original artwork of a dozen self-taught New Zealand artists will be showcased in New York, after a university lecturer was invited to host a stand at next year's International Outsider Art Fair in January.

Fine Arts lecturer Stuart Shepherd will also take work by self-taught Australian artists to the New York fair. It will be the first time in the fair's 17-year history that work by Australasian artists has been on show.

"To be invited to have a stand there is really thrilling," Mr Shepherd says. All the work will be for sale, and Mr Shepherd says sales that result will be a real affirmation for the artists, who often struggle financially on the fringes of the art community.

"I want to encourage serious investors to value this stuff. If it's for economic reasons, that's fine. It puts value on the people too."

He plans to show between 10 and 100 works by each artist. The stand at the fair will happen in collaboration with the New Zealand Trade Commission, Lower Hutt's New Dowse Museum and charitable trust Arts Access Aotearoa.

"I see this as an opportunity to close the gap between self-taught artists and the wider community. Some of my colleagues struggle to see why I'm excited about this work but this is a great opportunity to legitimise a section that has been marginalised."

After the New York fair, Mr Shepherd will also showcase the New Zealand work at a contemporary art show at the Galerie Impaire in Paris.



New Zealand artworks headed to New York include this painting *The Violinists* by Reece Tong.

## Campus name-change

The University's Auckland campus has had a change of name, reverting to its original title, Massey University Albany.

The decision was made following a consultation process that led to the University's new strategic document, which will be made available to all staff in the latter part of November.

Vice-Chancellor Steve Maharey says the core reason for the change is that the campus is clearly identified with the North Shore and it is intended to assert that through the campus title



Photograph of bulldozers in Ngawi, a Wairarapa fishing village, taken by student Kirsty Woods.

## Iwi Creativity on show at Wellington

Iwi Creativity, an exhibition showcasing the work of 13 Māori students at the College of Creative Arts, began at the Wellington campus on Friday.

The exhibition is being held at the Great Hall and runs this week before returning for the college's Blow festival in November.

Iwi Creativity is held annually to celebrate the success of Māori art and design students and highlight the contribution the University makes to the creative arts sector.

Students involved in the exhibition are studying a range of disciplines, from graphic design, spatial design, fashion, sculpture, textile design, performance design, time-based media and photography.

The exhibition was first held in 2006 to provide an opportunity to publicly display students' design work.

The work is put on display during the exhibition and at other official Massey functions. The exhibition was extended last year to include Māori students from the Auckland campus, postgraduate Māori students and a visiting indigenous artist.

Students taking part in this year's exhibition are:

Ranga Tuhi (Ngāti Maniapoto, Waikato), Amy Miller (Ngāti Maniapoto, Tainui), Vance Steele (Moriōri), Kirsty Woods (Ngāti Hauiti), Khamara Thomson-Baker (Ngāti Mutunga), Waimateo Famlton (Te Arawa), Jamaine Fraser (Te Arawa), Casey Schwass (Te Arawa, Te Ati Awa, Ngāti Awa, Ngāti Tama), Ruth Browne (Te Atiawa), Lyn Garrett (Te Atiawa), Jessica Sanderson (Te Atiawa, Ngāti Kahungunu), Monica Hall (Turanganui), and Esther Riddell (Ngāti Porou).

## Students name their lecturer of the year

Associate Professor Al Rowland has been named Lecturer of the Year by students at the Palmerston North campus.

Last week's ceremony marks the first time the awards, organised by the Massey University Students' Association, have been held in Palmerston North.

Dr Rowland, a senior lecturer in genetics and plant biology, was described by students as "inspirational" and they noted his willingness to help and encourage them at every opportunity.

Nominations were called for in the student newspaper Chaff, and nomination forms were available at the association's reception.



Associate Professor Al Rowland.

Students' Association vice-president Cassie Rowe says she is very happy with the response.

"It's nice to recognise the positive things lecturers do, from a student perspective," Miss Rowe says. "It gives students a chance to recognise the contributions their lecturers have made to their learning, and celebrate their commitment to high standards and quality education."

As well as a certificate, Dr Rowland was presented with a bottle of wine, flowers, a gym membership to the recreation centre and a double pass to see a show at Centrepoint Theatre.



# Flight of fantasy a winner for Massey graduate

A Massey University graduate says she was in shock after winning the supreme award at the 20th Montana World of WearableArt Awards.

Nadine Jaggi's intricate leather creation, Ornitho-Maia or bird mother involved more than a year's work, and was created using hand-dyed, hand-sewn, embossed and carved leather to create a unique feathered-look design.

Ms Jaggi, who works as a costume designer for Weta Workshop in Wellington, graduated in 2004 with a Bachelor of Design with first-class honours majoring in fashion.

She won her first WearableArt award in 2003 in the student category.

"My time at Massey gave me such a good grounding," she says. "It had its stressful times and its fun times, but I enjoyed it. It was a big part of what made me me."

After graduation, Ms Jaggi worked in Switzerland before returning to New Zealand and has been at Weta Workshop since 2006.

Ornitho-Maia was a real labour of love, she says. "I had been hoping to enter the awards last year but got too busy and when I realised the deadline was getting close this time, I worked late a lot to get it done. It was kept very separate from my work and was my own pet creation."

Ms Jaggi says it was a thrill to win the Air New Zealand South Pacific section and she was still "buzzing" about that when her name was called again as supreme winner.

"I was still in a bit of a dream about my section win, and I was totally stunned when I heard my name again.

"My family was jumping up and down and I realised 'it's the big one'," she says.



Ornitho-Maia, designed by Massey graduate Nadine Jaggi, won the supreme award at the 20th Montana World of WearableArt Awards. Photo: World of WearableArt Ltd.



Tanya Marriott's Kanak. Photo: World of WearableArt Ltd.

Her awards include a trophy, \$15,000 and \$10,000 worth of travel.

Tanya Marriott was runner-up in the Shell Student Design Award with her garment, Kanak. She is working on her masters in Design, and also tutors at the University.

The garment is made of plywood, and demonstrates Ms Marriott's commitment to testing new techniques to construct her designs – in this case, laser cutting.

She usually enters the awards, often completing three or four garments.

Her closet is full of past entries, as well as dolls and sculptures she has created over the years.

"I have so many ideas, I just have to get them out," she says.

Andrea Clinton, who has an advanced diploma in fashion design and technology,

was runner-up in the Air New Zealand South Pacific section with her garment, 5 Maarama Crescent.

She has entered the awards for 12 years, and has nine section wins to her credit. This year's entry is a stylised moon, and was inspired by the night sky on a drive with her daughter.

"We saw what we refer to as a toenail moon and I just thought 'What a great shape'," Ms Clinton says.

A hairdressing tutor, she used some of those skills to tame the nylon fibre her garment is made from.

The process of creating a garment for the awards is exciting, she says.

"You have a drawing, and this thing starts to appear in front of you. It's so rewarding and such a kick to see it up on stage."

# Rough guide to politics for perplexed voters

Help is at hand for voters struggling to unravel the daily sound bites, slogans and political sermons in the run up to the November 8 election.

Massey social policy lecturer Dr Grant Duncan is presenting a "rough guide" to New Zealand's political landscape.

"At election time we are asked to think about who to vote for.

"But underlying that is the more durable question of the fundamental values and ideals that we wish to express through our choices as voters: in other words, what values to vote in favour of," he says.

Dr Duncan will give a lecture on 14 October at the Albany campus, addressing the traditional values and aspirations that, he says, "give colour and texture to New Zealand's political landscape".

"New Zealand shares many of the principles and values common to the western democratic world, but it also has its unique history of political events, and a unique mix of core social and political ideals," says Dr Duncan, author of *Society and Politics: New Zealand Social Policy*.



Dr Grant Duncan.

One of the key areas he will explore is the contemporary clash between our historic socialist ideals dating back to the 1930s, and the market-led deregulation and individualism hatched in 1984 and prevalent today.

Other issues covered in the lecture include Māori self-determination, environmentalism and liberty, individualism and property.

New Zealanders' "cosmopolitan aspirations" represent an area rife with philosophical contradictions, Dr Duncan says.

"On one hand people seek a cohesive, independent society through a jingoistic desire to identify with symbols of national culture, and on the other, we want to be recognised on the world stage, to enjoy the benefits of imported goods and the dismantling of protectionist policies."

Dr Duncan says he wants to emphasise that New Zealanders do not share a single vision for a better future, but our disagreements are interesting and healthy in themselves.

Free lecture: What are we voting for? A rough guide to our political landscape – Tuesday Oct 14, 7pm, Neil Waters Lecture Theatre Building, Room 200, Albany Campus.



Professor Ian Warrington, Mark Yungnickel, Mike Dawson, Rob Eastham, Samuel Gregory and Olympic hockey player Emily Naylor.

## International athletes honoured

Six Massey athletes have been awarded inaugural Elite World Travel Awards at a lunch in Palmerston North last week.

The awards provide assistance of up to \$3000 to elite Massey athletes representing New Zealand at international sporting events.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Palmerston North) Professor Ian Warrington says the University is proud to support its sportspeople.

"2008 has been an incredible year for Massey sport, with 23 of the 185 athletes representing the country at the Olympics this year having ties to the University," he says. "It's an achievement which could not be matched by other universities around the world."

He says the six athletes to receive the Elite World Travel Awards have also achieved some incredible results.

2008 Elite World Travel Award recipients:

**Mike Dawson – World University White Water Canoe Championships.**

Mr Dawson was selected to represent New Zealand at the World University White Water Canoe Championships in Slovenia. He finished 18th overall in the Men's K1 event.

**Rob Eastham – Beijing World Cup (Olympic athlete).**

Mr Eastham had a very successful year,

shooting at the Beijing, Munich and Milan world cups before heading to the Olympics in Beijing. He placed 8th equal, and had a final placing of 14th in the qualifying round of the 50m rifle.

**Samuel Gregory – World Clay Target Shooting Championships.**

Mr Gregory was a member of the New Zealand team that competed at the World DTL Clay Target Shooting Champs in Ireland, winning a silver medal.

**Khord Kopu – World Inline Hockey Championships.**

Mr Kopu was a member of the New Zealand men's team that competed at the World Inline Hockey Championships in the United States, where it finished 15th.

**Mark Yungnickel – World University Canoe Slalom Championships.**

Mr Yungnickel was selected to represent New Zealand at the World University White Water Canoe Championships in Slovenia. He finished 16th in the Men's C1 event.

**Struan Webb – World Duathlon Championships.**

Mr Webb was selected for the New Zealand team to compete at the World Duathlon Champs in Rimini, Italy. He won gold in the under-19 age group.

## World title for Massey duathlete

Massey athlete Struan Webb has won a gold medal at the world duathlon championships in Rimini, Italy.

Mr Webb won the under-19 event, which features a 10km run, 40km cycle and a 5km run. He says he's delighted to have won and plans to return to Palmerston North soon to finish his studies for the year.

He is in the second year of a Bachelor of Business Studies degree.

Mr Webb won the Manawatu triathlon championships this year and the under-19 section of the New Zealand national standard distance triathlon championships in March.

The former Feilding High School student is in his second year as a member of the University's Academy of Sport, which provides a holistic range of services enabling students to study, compete at the elite level and prepare for a future career outside sport.



# Historic Tiritea open home attracts wide interest

Vice-Chancellor Steve Maharey opened Tiritea, the traditional Palmerston North residence of the University's vice-chancellors, to staff last Tuesday and Thursday.

The open days attracted large numbers of staff who were interested in seeing the interior of the homestead, built in 1902-03 for businessman Richard Abraham.

Among the visitors were Mr Abraham's grand-daughter Prue and her daughters Philippa and Nicki – a staff member at the Palmerston North campus.

Tiritea was originally situated where the Old Main Building now stands. It had 24 rooms to house the family's seven children and was surrounded by 12ha of mostly bush. Its sweeping driveway entrance is now the main drive.

In 1920, it was sold to Percy McHardy, a sheep farmer from Hawke's Bay, and became known as the McHardy Homestead. Six years later it was purchased by the Palmerston North Borough Council, following a poll of ratepayers, and then donated to the new Massey Agricultural College. Part of the land was set aside as a reserve, which is now Bledisloe Park.

Tiritea was later literally cut in two and moved, the larger section forming what became known as the principal's residence and the rest initially used for teaching space before becoming the College Registry, now Old Registry situated opposite the Old Main Building which opened in 1931.

Mr Maharey says Tiritea is part of the Massey heritage and will remain so, with its central location making it a possible location for part of the University's art collection and other memorabilia. It may also be used for University functions or VIP guest accommodation.



Reminiscing in the dining room at Tiritea is Prue Russell, grand-daughter of Richard Abraham, and her daughters Nicki and Philippa. Below: The entrance foyer and dining room.



Above: Tiritea as it looked in the 1920s. Below: The building is separated, with the right-hand side becoming Old-Registry. Left: As it stands today.



## 17 September

*Timaru Herald:* Professor **Bob Hargreaves**, from the Department of Economics and Finance says the market is riding high thanks to the dairy boom and while the ETS is not currently factored into the market, it is going to have an effect if predictions of the scheme are proven correct.

*scoop.co.nz:* **Genevieve Packer**, a Massey Wellington design student, is Overall Winner at the 2008 NZ Student Craft/Design Awards for her piece titled Aerial Antics, with a prize of \$3000, which responds to the sight of a fantail performing its distinct aerial manoeuvres.

*Wairarapa News:* Professor **Jacqueline Rowarth**, from the Institute of Natural Resources, is to speak to the Chamber Business Breakfast about the importance of science in the future of the region and the country.

*Radio Live:* Dr **David Tripe**, Director of the Centre for Banking Studies, has commented on the AIG fall-out and says New Zealand's economy is not as big as the economy processes in the United States, and there is no one to monitor the lending process.

## 18 September

*The Dominion Post:* Professor **Jacqueline Rowarth**, from the Institute of Natural Resources, is to speak at national conference for the Guild of Agricultural Journalists and Communicators golden jubilee.

*The New Zealand Herald, scoop.co.nz:* **Michelle Wilson**, a former School of Design student, has won a \$10,000 development grant contributed by the Verge label, which runs a mentoring programme and stages the Verge Breakthrough Show to give new designers a start.

*The Dominion Post:* **Tania Marriot**, from the Department of Two Dimensional Design, first entered the World of Wearable Arts in 2002 and won an award in the silk section and has this year entered the architectural section, but when she is not creating costumes she is designing children's toys for Marmalade Monkey and lecturing in design.

*Manawatu Standard, stuff.co.nz:* **David Collins**, from the Library Section, has won the inaugural International Playwriting Competition for his play *The Thought Experiment*, which is the centre piece of the School of English and Media-sponsored Festival of New Arts.

*Radio New Zealand:* Professor **David Mellor**, from the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, is part of The Panel, and says in terms of intolerance, we need to be open to a great realm of thinking.

*Ashburton Guardian:* Professor **Colin Holmes**, from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Science, is to speak on milk production from pasture at Hotel Ashburton in Ashburton next month, and will also talk

about maintaining profit in a more regulated industry, feed options, pasture, supplements and winter feed.

*Opunake & Coastal News:* Dr **Fiona Alpass**, from the School of Psychology, is part of a team of researchers looking into the transition from work to retirement and the effects this has on people's health, and the study has found that those still employed past the age of 65 rate their mental health higher than those who have stopped working.

## 19 September

*The New Zealand Herald:* **Brian Whitworth**, from the Institute of Information and Mathematical Sciences, says providing the process is simple, e-voting should increase electoral participation.

*Waikato Times:* 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.

*Manawatu Standard:* **Shirley Barnett**, from the Department of Management, is an awards judge at the 2008 Manawatu Business Awards, and said Spidertracks, the winning business, and their technology would become increasingly important.

*3news.co.nz, clearnet.co.nz, Greymouth Star:* Dr **Mike Joy**, from the Institute of Natural Resources, has called for a ban on the sale of whitebait as he believes the catch is preventing bait getting to the spawning grounds.

*NZ Education Review; www.linkpeopletogether.com (22 September):*

**Faith Martin**, from the Massey Childcare Centre, **Raewyn Bary**, from the School of Arts, Development and Health Education, are leading a study guided by **Barbara Jordan**, from the School of Arts, Development and Health Education, and **Cushla Scrivens**, from the School of Educational Studies, that focuses on relationships between teachers, children and families and found that flexible learning environments and shared decision-making help create a sense of security for children and teachers.

*NZ Education Review; The Dominion Post (24 September); Western Leader (25 September):* **Gaven Martin**, from the Institute of Information and Mathematical Science, is this year's recipient of the Hector Medal in Mathematical and Information Sciences, awarded by the Royal Society in recognition of his deep and wide-ranging contributions to the theory of Kleinian groups, geometric function theory and other fundamental parts of modern mathematics.

*NZ Education Review:* **Stephanie Schilderink**, a fashion design student, has won finalist honours in the Style Pasifika Awards 2008, with her dress Bahay Kubo that she created

for her third year fashion design paper. Design student Morgan Cotton was a finalist in the Traditionally Inspired category, with her Māori-inspired piece including stencilled and cutout lettering of her whakapapa, and Bachelor of Design student Philippa Lake entered a geometric dress in the Urban Pasifika Street Wear category.

## 21 September

*www.nzherald.co.nz, Herald On Sunday; Oamaru Mail (26 September):* Dr **David Tripe**, Director of the Centre for Banking Studies, says New Zealand banks have got quite a lot of capital and last year generated combined \$17 billion of profit, so they have a lot of capacity to absorb losses.

*scoop.co.nz:* Dr **Cath Conlon**, from the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, has provided expertise for the DVD titled Little Sprout, which aims to highlight the need to instil healthy eating habits in infants and toddlers.

*globalclimatesolutions.org:* Dr **Peter Read**, from the Institute of Technology and Engineering, and also an International Biochar Initiative Board Member, says it has been found that with some soils and crops, productivity can be increased eight-fold, and devoted researchers are working in developing countries to realise the benefits of biochar for indigenous communities.

*research.possumpalace.org:* Dr **Graeme MacRae**, from the School of Social and Cultural Studies, believes that the international human sector is always there and always does its best to help, but because of the way global, industrial and top-down approaches are built into it so deeply, it has inherent weaknesses that are repeated again and again.

## 22 September

*www.businessday.co.nz, www.nbr.co.nz, 3news.co.nz, yahoo.com; The New Zealand Herald, Otago Daily Times/NZPA, The Press, Waikato Times/NZPA, Nelson Mail, radionz.co.nz, nzherald.co.nz, www.livenews.com.au (23 September); Manawatu Standard, stuff.co.nz (24 September):* Professor **Bob Hargreaves**, from the Department of Finance, Banking and Property, says home affordability has now improved for three consecutive quarters, and the housing cycle is still in the downturn phase with sales at very low levels. *scoop.co.nz; Gisborne Herald (24 September); NZ Education Review, Radio New Zealand (26 September); Bay Weekend (27 September); radionz.co.nz (28 September); Central District Times (30 September):* Professor **Hugh Blair**, from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Science, says enabling New Zealand farmers to produce lamb year-round is the backbone of a tripartite agreement between Massey and two Chinese institutions,



Peking University and Xinjiang's Shihezi University, but the benefits will be much greater.

*Challenge Weekly:* Professor **Peter Lineham**, from the School of Social and Cultural Studies, says there should be a kind of generally Christian context in Parliament, and there should be prayers.

## 23 September

*Rangitikei Mail, Feilding Herald:* Dr **Mike Joy**, from the Institute of Natural Resources, warns that if we continue to pollute our rivers at the current rate, we may destroy the whitebait fishery for good, and the dwindling numbers are affected by the number of fishers who catch juvenile whitebait and sell them for up to \$150 per kg.

*Rangitikei Mail:* Dr **Alan Cameron**, from the Department of Management, and Dr Chris Malone, from the Department of Economics and Finance, are two of the three judges for the 2008 Down Edi Works Rangitikei Business Awards.

*Hutt News:* **Genevieve Packer**, a Massey Wellington design student, is Overall Winner at the 2008 NZ Student Craft/Design Awards for her piece titled Aerial Antics, with a prize of \$3000, which responds to the sight of a fantail performing its distinct aerial manoeuvres.

*Otago Daily Times/NZPA, beattiesbookblog.blogspot.com; Nelson Mail/NZPA (24 September); Northern Advocate/NZPA, Hawkes Bay Today (25 September); Waikato Times/NZPA (30 September):* Dr **Hazel Riseborough**, a previous senior lecturer in history, has won a \$35,000 writer's grant from Copyright Licensing Ltd to write the first history book on the people from the nation's shearing sheds.

*TV3 Campbell Live:* **Stuart McLaren**, from the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, has commented on audiologist Sargunam Siviraj's warning that New Zealanders risk permanent hearing damage from the over use of iPods.

*scoop.co.nz; The Dominion Post, Radio Live (1 October):* Dr **David Johnston**, Director of the Joint Centre for Disaster Research, is to give a free public lecture titled And the Walls Came Tumbling Down; Surviving Future Disasters in New Zealand, and says New Zealanders have become too complacent after 70 relatively benign years.

*scoop.co.nz:* Massey staff have been awarded a total of \$5.4 million in funding over the next three years for research projects in the sciences, engineering, maths and information sciences, and social sciences and humanities, from the Marsden Fund administered by the Royal Society.

*www.scoop.co.nz; Manawatu Standard (25 September); The Tribune (28 September):* Professor **Ray Kemp**, formerly the Institute of Information Sciences and Technology, has

been awarded the RG Freen prize for critical or expository work, as a student of the School of English and Media Studies for his essay Did Hedda Gabler and Miss Julie have to Die?

*Wanganui Chronicle:* Professor **David Mellor**, from the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, is the final guest for the year in U3A- Whanganui's notable speakers series, delivering his topic titled White gold – milk. Making muscle, medicine, and mountains of muck.

*The Daily Post/NZPA; Northern Advocate/NZPA (24 September):* **Kathryn Beck** and her supervisor Cath Conlon, both from the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, have received a \$5000 grant awarded by the New Horizon Women Trust, for their research into whether kiwifruit in breakfast cereal can combat iron deficiency in women.

*AgBrief:* **Nick Roskrige**, from Kaitautoko Māori, Institute of Natural Resources, is collaborating with Crop and Food Research and Auckland University scientists in the Best of Both Worlds programme to promote the economic, cultural and environmental sustainability of Māori horticulture.

*AgBrief:* Nick Roskrige, from Kaitautoko Māori, Institute of Natural Resources, says people were excited by Māori potato varieties and their Māori names, which he took to the International Potato Centre in Peru, for the International Congress of Ethnobiology.

## 24 September

*The New Zealand Herald, nzherald.co.nz, newsonfeeds.com:* Vice-Chancellor **Steve Maharey** is planning a book which is an analysis of politics over the past twenty years with some human interest to get a wider audience than Massey students, and says it is dangerous for departing politicians to be unprepared to move on.

*The Dominion Post:* **Linda Shailer**, first-year sport-and-exercise student, is heading to China to compete in the second World University Water Ski Championships, held at Vanke Dongli Lake International Water Sports Park in Tianjin.

*bFM:* Professor **Peter Lineham**, from the School of Social and Cultural Studies, discusses the history, religion and legacy of France.

*www.scoop.co.nz, www.agresearch.co.nz; Bay of Plenty Times (30 September):* Dr **Warren Williams**, from the Institute of Molecular Biosciences, has been appointed as the AgResearch Professorial Fellow in Plant Breeding at Massey, primarily to support the new post-graduate qualification in plant breeding offered by Massey and Lincoln Universities

*scoop.co.nz; www.radionz.co.nz, Radio New Zealand (25 September); Waikato Times, Straight Furrow (30 September); Taranaki Daily News (2 October):* Professor **David West**, from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal

and Biomedical Science, has confirmed that meat workers are exposed to leptospirosis from handling sheep carcasses.

Professor **Cord Heuer**, from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Science, says the infection has claimed at least one life in New Zealand.

*Oamaru Mail:* Dr **Henry Chung**, from the Department of Commerce, says Fonterra would have made a serious business mistake if it had issued a public recall of contaminated milk powder without cooperation in China, and Fonterra must work within Chinese rules such as the saving face tradition.

*Hawkes Bay Today:* **Aimee-Rose Stephenson**, Maori visual arts masters student, has recently opened her first solo exhibition in Hastings, which incorporates human hair.

*Wairarapa News:* Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor **James Chapman**, from the College of Education, and Dr **Keith Greaney**, from the School of Educational Studies, are a guest speakers at Speld Wairarapa Association's 20th birthday seminar in Masterton.

*Wairarapa News:* **Kevin Tate**, from Landcare Research, will discuss climate change at a seminar session to be held at the biennial national conference of NCWZN, with the theme Towards a Sustainable Future.

*Bay of Plenty Times:* **Tim Upperton**, from the School of English and Media Studies, is holding two workshops in Tauranga in conjunction with University of Waikato and the Centre for Continuing Education, his first being Writing Against The Current which explores the definition of poetry and its uses, and his second titled the Loaded Image which explores the power of poetic devices.

## 25 September

*The Independent Financial Review; stuff.co.nz, kiwidollar.com.blogspot.com (26 September):* Dr **David Tripe**, Director of the Centre for Banking Studies, says the banks' plummeting share prices will become an issue only if one or several of the banks has to recapitalize.

*Otago Daily Times:* **Caroline McQuarrie**, from the School of Fine Arts, has an exhibition displayed at the Blue Oyster Gallery titled *We Hold Back the Night*, which contains reworked family portraits.

*The Press, stuff.co.nz:* Dr **Brett Gartrell**, from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal, and Biomedical Science, says the cause of the seagull's death on a Christchurch beach was probably contact with a toxic substance, but it is not known what the substance is, and testing for a non-specific toxin would cost thousands of dollars.

*Kapiti Observer, Horowhenua Mail:* Dr **Mike Joy**, from the Institute of Natural Resources, has called for a ban on the sale of whitebait as he believes the catch is preventing bait getting to the spawning grounds.

*North Shore Times; North Harbour News (26*

## Massey people in the news

*September*: Professor **Michael Belgrave**, from the School of Social and Cultural Studies, is speaking at the Albany's campus's annual bicultural seminar, and will discuss whether the rise in Māori history over the past three decades has had a significant impact on non-Māori understandings of New Zealand's past. *Radio Live, Radio New Zealand; Newstalk ZB (26 September)*: Dr **David Tripe**, says ANZ were enthusiastic about its branches some years ago, despite the fact that the number of transactions going through branches was always likely to fall, and the decision to downsize its workforce shows the bank is failing to attract customers.

*Radio Live, Newstalk ZB, yahoo.com; Radio New Zealand (26 September); Manawatu Standard (27 September)*: Vice-Chancellor Designate **Steve Maharey** has delivered his valedictory speech to Parliament, and says it is time for New Zealand to become a republic. *Western Leader*: Professor **Anne de Bruin**, from the Department of Commerce, takes up her Fulbright New Zealand Senior Scholar Award next month for research at the Babson College in Boston, United States, and says she is delighted to have a period of research time with leading international scholars in the field.

*Western Leader*: **Grace Xue**, the founder of the Who Stole My Money business, has won the Telecommunications Users Association of New Zealand award for innovator of the year and was runner-up in the awards' commerce category, and says having Steve Corbett, from Information Technology Services as a mentor has been very significant in accelerating the development of her company.

*River City Press*: Dr **Mary Breheny**, from the School of Psychology, and a team of researchers suggest that future policy for older people should reflect their concerns about independence and their preference for reciprocating help, and more emphasis is needed on the contributions older people make to their families and society over their life span.

*Bay of Plenty Times*: **Nigel Borell**, who has a Bachelor of Maori Visual Art, is coordinator of Bay of Plenty Polytechnic's two-year Aka Rakai Toi Diploma in Art Level 6 course, which will produce its first graduates this year.

*Te Awamutu Courier*: **Emma Petersen**, a Bachelor of Science student, is the reigning New Zealand under-19 women's road champion, and is focusing on the national road championships in Wanganui in October, and the Oceania Championships in Adelaide in November.

*Wairarapa Times-Age*: Professor **Kevin Stafford**, from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Science, is a guest speaker at the New Zealand Companion Animal Conference in to be held Masterton, and will speak on whether animals like us.

### 26 September

*Newstalk ZB, yahoo.com*: Professor **Steve Flint**, from the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, says the Food Safety Authority is an outstanding organization with a good selection of experts, who are doing their best in trying circumstances in regards to the Chinese melamine scandal.

*tvnz.co.nz*: Dr **David Tripe**, Director of the Centre for Banking Studies, says ANZ are hurting their public image by not talking openly about its plans, and believes ANZ customers have a right to know what is going on.

*scoop.co.nz*: Professor **Mark Brown**, from the School of Curriculum and Pedagogy, and **Gordon Suddaby**, from the Training and Development Unit, have co-developed an e-portfolio system called Mahara, which connects learners and creates online learner communities, and has won the education section in the New Zealand Open Source Awards.

*NZ Education Review; tvnz.co.nz (28 September)*: **James McCarthy**, a graduate from Massey, has won the supreme award at the Manawatu Business Awards with the aviation tracking company Spidertracks he helped create, which was also named as the Emerging Business category winner.

*TVNZ 7 News*: Dr **David Tripe**, Director of the Centre for Banking Studies, believes the ANZ brand may eventually be disestablished.

### 27 September

*The Dominion Post, chinesefashionshow.blogspot.com; Hutt News (30 September)*:

**Nadine Jaggi**, a Massey graduate from Wellington and costume designer for Weta Workshop, has won the supreme award and the Air New Zealand South Pacific section at the 20th Annual Montana World of Wearable Art Awards with her garment Ornitho-Maia (bird mother) which was created using hand-dyed, hand-sewn, embossed and carved leather to create a feathered-look design.

*The New Zealand Herald, nzherald.co.nz*: Dr **David Tripe**, Director of the Centre for Banking Studies, says that should Wall St's US\$700 billion bailout package deal fail, the status and solvency of the US banking sector would at least remain uncertain.

### 28 September

*The Tribune*: Professor **Richard Archer**, from the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, was a key speaker at the opening of the microbrewery at the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health which was hosted by The Bio Commerce Centre, and discussed the development of the microbrewery which was designed and largely built by Massey staff and students with industry donations of equipment, advice and welding work.

*The Tribune*: **Leanne Fecser**, from the Office of Development and Alumni, says the new online forum is a helpful tool for former students and the wider university community.

*The Tribune*: **Val Diggle**, from Student Support, and Massey graduate Adam Dodd, will exhibit their works in the Manawatu Festival of New Arts, opening in October.

*The Tribune; www.eventfinder.co.nz (2 October)*: Professor **David Penny**, from the Allan Wilson Centre for Molecular Ecology and Evolution, is a guest speaker at Science Cafés focusing on the Theory of Evolution, and will lead discussions on fascinating science and ethical dilemmas.

### 29 September

*Nelson Mail, Ashburton Guardian*: Dr **David Tripe**, Director of the Centre for Banking Studies, says there is no evidence that other banks are following suit in regards to ANZ's actions, suggesting that ANZ has a bigger problem with its retail network rather than its





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*yahoo.com, Newstalk ZB:* Professor **Bob Hargreaves**, from the Department of Finance, Banking and Property, says developments such as Pegasus Town in North Canterbury may slow because people have lost confidence in property, and developers need to be able to pre-sell parts of their development to keep on track.

*Newstalk ZB, waatea.blogspot.com:* Nick Roskrige, from Kaitautoko Māori, Institute of Natural Resources, says growers identify the need to add value from their crops.

*www.scoop.co.nz:* **Ruakere Hond**, one of nine PhD candidates completing their doctoral thesis in reo Māori at Massey, has been given the go-ahead to complete his thesis into the creation of Māori speaking communities, after a presentation in te reo Māori at Palmerston North campus.

## 30 September

*Primary Industry Management:* Professor **Yusuf Chisti**, from the Institute of Technology and Engineering, is leading a research team that is producing algal oil from marine micro-algae in photo bioreactors.

*Primary Industry Management:* Professor **Ray Winger**, from the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, has written an article on changing consumer tastes and dietary patterns, and explores new product's successes in the market.

*Country News:* **Jacqueline McCormack**, a Massey graduate and member of Aongatete Coolstore's horticultural technical team, questions whether cicada insects could be a threat to kiwifruit growers and has found that sooty mould, caused by cicada secretion, was very prevalent of kiwifruit this packing season.

*Food NZ:* Dr **Tony Mutukumira**, from the University of Swaziland, joins the Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health at the Albany Campus, and for the future he hopes to focus his research on food safety and quality management, as he feels the subject of food quality management is of particular importance to the development of New Zealand's export driven economy.

*NZ Dairy Exporter:* Dr **Nicolas Lopez-Villalobos**,

from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Science, has conducted research that encourages the investigation of possibilities for exploiting genetic variation in metabolic efficiency in grazing dairy cattle.

*NZ Dairy Exporter:* Professor **Colin Holmes**, from the Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Science, has retired after over 40 years of teaching countless agriculture and veterinary students, supervising masterates and doctorates, and working with farmers in several countries, and has strong views on where New Zealand dairying is heading and some warnings about dangers it ignores at its peril.

*NZ Business:* Dr **James Lockhart**, from the Graduate School of Business, says small to medium enterprises, SMES, are better equipped to capture the benefits of MBA education, by virtue of the fact that key decision-makers are the managers attending class, and in larger organisations the individual benefits first and the company second.

*Lifestyle Farmer:* Dr **Attilio Pigneri**, from the Institute of Technology and Engineering, says that while the Biochar Initiative has exciting possibilities, as far as using it as a carbon sink, putting biochar into the soil is only half the exercise – the other half is keeping it there.

*Management:* **Claire Robinson**, from the Institute of Communication Design, believes the Greens and Māori party have a valuable added factor being that their MPs live their brands, and being "Green or "Māori" is a way of life, not just a set of politics.

*NZ Marketing Magazine:* Professor **Janet Hoek**, from the Department of Management, believes universities have always needed to teach their students to think critically and creatively, which means resisting the pressure to offer superficial 'recipe book' solutions and assessment, and creating programmes that require students to reflect on and evaluate competing ideas and develop their won conclusions.

*NZ Property Investor:* Professor **Bob Hargreaves**, from the Department of Finance, Banking and Property, says the market has further to fall and there are some pretty negative stories coming through and the statistics always lag.

*Kai Tiaki Nursing:* **Suzi Penny**, from the

Institute of Food, Nutrition and Human Health, has written an article on chronic pain, and feels the fear and misunderstanding about the nature of addiction may be stopping many patients from getting the proper relief they need from chronic pain.

*Asset:* Dr **Michael Naylor**, from the Department of Economics and Finance, says principles-based regulation is the only way to manage the financial advisory industry, and has the weight of international academic research on his side.

*NZ Education Review:* Professor **Paul Moughan**, from the Riddet Centre, says the Riddet Institute is appreciative of the support which Agilent is giving, after receiving two pieces of scientific equipment, and hopes to make the equipment available to other research staff and students.

*NZ Education Review:* Professor **Jacqueline Rowarth**, from the Institute of Natural Resources, has written articles based on the role of education, the Y-generation, creating a successful supervision environment, and the importance of time management for post-graduates.

*Chartered Accountants Journal of NZ:* Chancellor **Nigel Gould**, from the Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor, has been awarded a celebratory centennial Fellowship pin.

*Chartered Accountants Journal of NZ:* Professor **Claire Massey**, from the Department of Management, has given a presentation at the New Zealand Leadership session at the Looking Forward one-day conference, and reminded attendees that 98 per cent of businesses in New Zealand are small to medium enterprises (SMEs) and explained that this sector is different to the rest of the economy.

*Manawatu Standard:* **Struan Webb**, a second year business studies student, has won the under-19 event at the world age-group duathlon championships in Italy, which features a 10km run, 40km cycle, and a 5km run.

*Taranaki Daily News:* **Rosemary Hawera**, a property and agriculture student, has won equal fourth at the TW Moore Duelled Bracelet over 2000m at Matamata.

*Hutt News:* Dr **Mike Joy**, from the Institute of Natural Resources, says Māori are concerned increasing disappearance of whitebait.

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## Notices

### PN – Mon 13 - Sat 18 October

7.00pm – 9.30pm

#### Latin American Film Festival

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It is next to impossible to catch these movies in commercial cinemas, and that's why events such as this offer a unique opportunity not to be missed.

The Festival runs from 13-18 Oct, showing the following films:

Monday 13: The Last Train (El último tren, Uruguay)

Tuesday 14: How Much Further? (Qué tan lejos, Ecuador)

Wednesday 15: Days of Santiago (Días de Santiago, Perú)

Thursday 16: The Violin (El violín, México);

Friday 17: To the Other Side (Al otro lado, México)

Saturday 18: Elsa & Fred (Argentina/España).

All movies are in Spanish with English subtitles

Venue: Wool Bldg # 1

Contact: Leonel Alvarado, ext: 7037

### AK – Tuesday 14 October

7.00pm – 8.00pm

Free Lecture Series: Dr Grant Duncan

*"What are we voting for? A rough guide to our political landscape"*

This lecture will be a rough guide to the main traditions of thought that give colour and texture to our political landscape.

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

Venue: Sir Neil Waters Lecture Theatres, Gate One Entrance, Albany Expressway, Albany

Contact: Leanne Menzies, Ph: 09 441 8163

### AK – Wednesday 15 October

1.00pm – 3.00pm

*Biculturalism and the Past: Have the Historians been Listening*

Professor Michael Belgrave

This talk will discuss whether the rise in Māori history over the last three decades has had a significant impact on non-Māori understandings of New Zealand's past.

Venue: Staff Lounge, Study Centre Massey University, Albany Campus Gate 1, State

Highway 17 Auckland

Contact: Hala Elattar

Ph: 09 4140800 ext 41121

### AK – Wednesday 15 October

12.00pm – 1.00pm

Dr Vladimir Petkov

*Dept of Commerce Seminar Series: Time-Consistent Taxation of Addictive Goods*

This paper studies government taxation in a framework with habit persistence and oligopolistic industry structure. The social planner's policy seeks to address three sources of inefficiency that arise in our setting: i) negative consumption externalities, ii) excessive consumption due to self-control problems (i.e. internalities); and iii) market power. We characterize a time consistent tax rule that implements the social optimum and we compute a linear quadratic example. Finally, we also calibrate the model to match some key facts of the U.S. cigarettes market.

<http://www.victoria.ac.nz/sef/pages/staff/>

Contact: Dr Steffen Lippert

Ph: 9283

### PN – Monday 20 October

5.15pm – 7.30pm

Massey Agriculture - 2008 Address Series

*Dr Jan Wright – Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment: "Prioritising Environmental Challenges: What Matters Most?"*

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Venue: AH.1 - Ag/Hort Lecture Block, Riddet Road, Turitea Campus

Contact: Denise Stewart, Ph: ext 5996

### AK – Tuesday 21 October

7.00pm – 8.00pm

Free Lecture Series

Dr Jenny Lawn and Dr Eleanor Rimoldi

*"Who is Matilda? Character and Place in Mister Pip."*

Lloyd Jones' award-winning novel surprised its readers by grafting a Charles Dickens novel

into the story of the civil war in Bougainville. This presentation will outline the literary sources of Mister Pip and bring to life the rich culture of the Bougainvillean people.

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Venue: Sir Neil Waters Lecture Theatres, Gate One Entrance, Albany Expressway, Albany

Contact: Leanne Menzies, Ph: 09 441 8163

### AK – Wednesday 22 October

12.00pm – 1.00pm

Murat Koyuncu PhD Candidate, University of Washington: *Can Progressive Taxation Explain Cross-Country Variation in Labor Supply?*

University of Washington

Average weekly hours gap between the United States and the Continental Europe has been widening since the 1970s. To explain this phenomenon, this paper develops an endogenous growth model with two key properties: agents are heterogeneous - differing in their initial capital levels and rates of time preference-, and the model incorporates progressive income taxes.

Model is calibrated to the US and Germany for 1970-1974 and 1993-1996

periods. Our findings suggest that the degree of progressivity is a major factor in explaining the pattern of US and German labor supply over time.

The model also produces analytical and numerical results on the relationship between the progressivity of the tax system and the income distribution.

Venue: QB8

Contact: Dr Peren Arin, Department of Commerce Ph: ext 9278

### AK – Tuesday 28 October

7.00pm – 8.00pm

Free Lecture Series

Associate Professor Kathryn Rountree

*"Between the Worlds: Researching Wiccans and Pagans in a Catholic Mediterranean Society"*

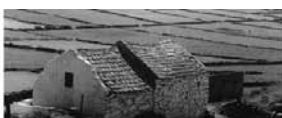
Most studies of contemporary Pagans have been conducted in societies which are predominantly Protestant (for example, the US, UK, Canada and Australia) and largely secular. This talk explores the world of a small, hidden sub-culture in a society where 98% of people are Catholic.

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Te Rau Puawai Workforce Development Scholarships – 31 October 2008  
Alex C P Chu Trade for Training Scholarship – 1 November 2008  
New Zealand Undergraduate Study Abroad Awards – 1 November 2008  
Palmerston North Campus Elite Sports Bursaries – 1 November 2008  
Don Linklater Memorial University Bursary – 3 November 2008

## Postgraduate

Sarah Beanland Memorial Scholarship – 22 October 2008  
Rehabilitation Scholarships – 29 October 2008  
Annie Rumble Trust – 31 October 2008  
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Ann Sinclair Charitable Trust – 31 October 2008  
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NZ Property Institute Postgraduate Scholarship – 31 October 2008  
Te Rau Puawai Workforce Development Scholarships – 31 October 2008  
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The six research funds are:  
Hopkirk Research Institute Fund - animal health research.

Animals and Society Research Fund - animal welfare, companion animal and wildlife research.

Ruminant Nutrition and Sustainability Research Fund - forages, nutraceuticals, and mineral supplements and their impact on animal health, environmental sustainability and product quality research.

Animal Genetics, Epigenetics and Growth Research Fund - quantitative, molecular and epi- genetics and growth and development across the animal industries.

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A copy of the application form may be obtained from the BRCSRA Fund Secretary, Debbie Hill, Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences, Massey University; email [ivabs.postgrads@massey.ac.nz](mailto:ivabs.postgrads@massey.ac.nz)

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Liz McLeay, Adam Lawrie, Ashleigh Hook and Rhian Firmin prepare for a lunchtime performance of *Falling*

# Festival of New Arts showcases University talent

The Manawatu Festival of New Arts wrapped up its week-long programme at the weekend with a final matinee performance at the Globe Theatre in Palmerston North.

The festival showcases new works of film, creative writing, music, visual arts and performance.

It opened to a packed house in the Old Main Building's auditorium at the Palmerston North campus and took in other venues around the city including the City Library and Centrepont Theatre's Dark Room.



Ash James, Joy Pratt, Phil Anstis, Megan Andrews and Sean Sexton in *The Thought Experiment*.



Phil Anstis, Megan Andrews, Ash James and Sean Sexton in *The Thought Experiment*.