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Dr Chris Wilkins.

P still easy to obtain but more middle-class saying no thanks

Methamphetamine remains widely available with no overall change in its level of availability in the past six months and continues to be a serious problem with most users describing it as easy or very easy to obtain, new research has found.

But there are signs of that middle-class drug users may be eschewing P as its reputation worsens, according to an ongoing Massey study of drug trends, known as the Illicit Drug Monitoring System, which provides information on current trends in drug use and the problems experienced by drug users.

Results of the latest study were based on interviews conducted last year. Researchers interviewed 318 frequent drug users in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch, including 114 frequent methamphetamine users, 111 frequent ecstasy users and 90 frequent injecting drug users. The aim of the monitoring system is to provide an annual snapshot of drug use and drug-related problems in New Zealand. It is used by several agencies concerned with drug issues, including police and drug treatment services.

Study leader Dr Chris Wilkins, from the University's Centre for Social and Health Outcomes Research and Evaluation (SHORE), says there are some indications of a move away from

P by middle-class users as its reputation worsens and it becomes increasingly associated with violence and addiction.

The more middle-class ecstasy users reported increasing use of LSD rather than methamphetamine. These trends may reflect a wider shift in methamphetamine use away from the middle class towards lower socio-economic sections of the community, Dr Wilkins says.

The number of methamphetamine laboratories found by police has climbed to about 200 a year compared with nine in 2000 and 41 in 2001.

The researchers note the imported variety of P, crystal methamphetamine or "ice" is reportedly less available than it was six months ago. They say this may well be as a result of the record seizure of 95kg of ice by police and customs in May last year.

More people are reported to be using ecstasy and the price of this drug is said to be declining. Opiates are easily procured although the price and availability of these drugs are stable. Cannabis remains the staple illegal drug in New Zealand and the easiest to get.

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Middle-class move away from 'P' use

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Amongst the frequent drug users interviewed, those taking drugs intravenously had the highest levels of drug dependency, and experienced the greatest number of physical and psychological problems from their drug use.

They were also the most likely to have been taken to hospital by ambulance as a result of their drug use in the previous six months.

The frequent P users reported a high incidence of serious psychological problems. A third of both these user groups reported having suicidal thoughts in relation to drug use.

Dr Wilkins says interviewing for the 2007 study has just begun and his team of interviewers would like to talk to frequent drug users in the three cities where

the data is collected.

"We have interviewers in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch ready to interview people wanting to take part in the study. They can call us on the 0800 numbers below to hear more about the study and how they can participate.

All the interviews are strictly confidential and anonymous. The information is only reported in aggregate and no individual's interview can be identified at a later time. Those who participate are given a \$20 food or petrol voucher for their time."

The main report of the 2006 IDMS and two research briefings summarising the findings can be downloaded at: http://www.shore.ac.nz/projects/idms_study.htm



Baby orca mutilated after death

The latest dead baby Orca found on New Zealand's coastline died soon after being born, a University expert has found.

Veterinary pathologist Wendi Roe says that while she usually saw at least a couple of dead baby marine mammals each year, including two Pilot whale babies already this year, she had never seen one "chopped up" as this male baby killer whale was.

"We do see babies who have died in storms soon after birth but I have never seen one mutilated in this way. We do also see adults with bits chopped off but not babies."

The baby orca was found on 5 July, 4km south of Waipapakauri ramp on Ninety-Mile Beach in Northland. He was missing his head, tail, dorsal and right pectoral fin, and his right side had been cut open.

"The mutilation of his body was performed after death," Ms Roe says, "and was done skillfully by a person well-versed in using a knife. Changes in his lungs showed that he had probably drowned,

but we have no way of telling whether he died in a storm, or, for example, was caught in a fishing net. The presence of net marks on the head and leading edges of flukes and flippers is common supporting evidence of entanglement as a cause of death, but almost all of these body parts had been cut off."

While it is not an offence to accidentally kill an orca, both failure to report a death and mutilation after death are offences under the Marine Mammals Protection Act 1978, Department of Conservation marine species manager Simon Banks says.

"It's pretty obvious why that's the case; most of these species like orca are rare, endangered or recovering after being driven close to extinction."

It is common practice in fisheries to cut fins from sharks caught in nets, so the carcasses sink. Marine mammals such as orca do not sink however, and can be washed up onshore.

Despite being known as a killer whale, the orca is actually the largest member of the dolphin family. Females tend to calve only five times in their lives.

Potter phenomenon stimulates learning

The *Harry Potter* series, which culminates in the release of the seventh title *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, is boosting children's interest in reading and stimulating learning, experts say.

Writing teacher Dr Lisa Emerson, a senior lecturer in the School of English and Media Studies, says the *Potter* series is a remarkable phenomenon.

"The fact that we have children desperately longing for a book to come out and speculating about its plot is very encouraging in that children are looking at books differently," Dr Emerson says. "Probably the only comparable literary event is when [Charles] Dickens was writing in the 19th century and people used to wait for the next edition to come off the boats. *Harry Potter* is a one in a hundred years phenomenon."

Dr Emerson says that while the books are not great works of literature, they are very clever and well-written children's books.

"Also the books have changed genre. The early books were school stories with a twist but they have now moved into fantasy, which is quite amazing. They have integrity – they work brilliantly from one to the next and it takes considerable skill to be able to achieve that. Some are better than others, of course, but I do think we'll still be reading them in years to come."

Senior lecturer in the College of Education Brian Finch is writing his doctoral thesis on the educational value of watching video, using the second volume in the series, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*.

He says that while it is encouraging that *Potter* has made reading a valued activity by children, watching movies also has educational benefits.

"When children engage with film they know lots of detail about the dialogues, the characters and they are immersed in the action. They have a very good depth of knowledge of the stories, so that too shows valuable learning."

Many of the nine and 10-year-olds he interviewed had read and re-read the second book, and watched the movie many times.



Dr Lisa Emerson.

"Harry as a hero is very attractive. He is not a superhero and like us, he's not top of the class or the best at ordinary things but he has these unusual talents we would like to have. Kids identify with him."

The first of the seven *Harry Potter* books, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, was published in 1996. British author JK Rowling has sold more than 300 million books worldwide.

FoRST boost for funding for University projects

Five major Massey projects have been successful in winning \$13.6 million in new funding from the Foundation for Research, Science and Technology.

The annual funding round is intended to assist New Zealand develop its economy, manage resources sustainably and respond to climate change.

The projects to receive funding are:

- PolyBatics researchers based in the Institute of Molecular Biosciences received \$500,000 per year for two years for work on biodegradable nanoparticles made to order by genetically modified bacteria.
- Economic Integration of immigrants, a project led by Professor Paul Spoonley of the School of Social and Cultural Studies, receives \$627,000 per year for five years to investigate how well or poorly immigrants are able to participate in sustainable and productive employment.
- The Nanomaterials Research Centre receives \$1.4 million over two years for research into solar cells. Work on storage, generation and efficiency of solar energy has been undertaken by NRC for several years and has received ongoing funding from FoRST.
- A longitudinal study of ageing led by Dr Fiona Alpass of the Department of Psychology receives \$750,000 per year for five years. The work is focused on factors contributing to quality of life and independence in the elderly.
- The Riddet Centre receives \$4.275 million



The Riddet Centre's Professor Paul Moughan.

over five years for the Future Foods project, led by Centre co-directors Professor Harjinder Singh and Professor Paul Moughan. The project is a large programme to investigate the nanostructure of foods post-ingestion, with the aim of developing healthier foods.

The Riddet Centre was named by the Government as a Centre of Research Excellence last month, securing Government funding for six years and acknowledging its status as a world-class research institution.

The centre was formed in 2003 to initially bring together talent from Massey, and the

universities of Auckland and Otago. The partnership is now extended and includes AgResearch and Crop and Food Research, with a hub at the Palmerston North campus.

Professor Moughan said he was delighted that FoRST has elected to support the Riddet Centre's premiere foods research platform.

"The support is particularly important following the recent announcement of CoRE funding. Collectively the new government funding is a big boost to New Zealand's research and capability development in food innovation."

Why more and more Māori are jumping the ditch

Centre for Indigenous Governance and Development director Dr Manuhia Barcham says an increase of 27 per cent in the number of Māori living in Australia is probably due to a mix of family migration, economics and self-identification.

The number of people in Australia who identify as of Māori ancestry rose from just under 73,000 to almost 93,000 over five years, according to recently released 2006 Australian Census results. This compares with 565,000 people who identified as Māori in the New Zealand 2006 census. By some estimates, one in seven Māori now live overseas.

Dr Barcham, who has been studying Māori migration to Australia, says the mining boom in Western Australia has attracted many Māori workers.

"It is a fact that many Māori are employed in low skilled industries. In New Zealand, after the restructuring of the 1980s, there are fewer opportunities in those industries. However Australia still has a lot of heavy industry, much of it crying out for labour. At present Australia's economy is also experiencing something of a boom, compared to ours."

Dr Barcham says there is also the phenomenon of 'chain migration'. "This means

a family member comes home for Christmas from Perth and says to his brother, 'come and join me', and the same thing happens next Christmas, so you have three brothers over there."

He says there are flow-on effects. "Māori living outside New Zealand want to keep their sense of identity. As a result, some are now trying to establish marae in Australia, consulting with the local tangata whenua over some of the quite complex issues involved."

In the first phase of a broader project exploring the nature of Māori communities abroad, the centre has been studying communication between those communities and their iwi in New Zealand. "We have consulted more than 50 Māori governance bodies throughout New Zealand to determine if significant links exist," says researcher Amon Broughton.

"Preliminary results show that there has been a concerted effort within most iwi to maintain contact with their members who live overseas. Our research provides an insight into some of the difficulties iwi face in staying in contact with their overseas members, particularly with regards to iwi voting processes."



Dr Manuhia Barcham.

This section of the centre's research project on Māori overseas is being funded by Ngā Pae ō te Māramatanga, the National Institute of Research Excellence for Māori Development and Advancement.

For more information on the project go to <http://cigad.massey.ac.nz/research.htm#dia>

Research leaders in flagship lecture series

This year's flagship University lecture series in Wellington features four leaders in research into electronics, small business, sleep disorders and photography.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor Lecture Series for 2007 starts on Thursday 26 July, with the final lecture to be held in late August. Sponsor Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Wellington) Professor Andrea McIlroy says the series provides a showcase for the University's research strengths in Wellington.

"This year we feature four world class scholars, specialising in four very different fields," Professor McIlroy says. "However, those domains have one important factor in common: They each represent an area of research excellence that has flourished at the Wellington campus."

Professor Serge Demidenko, from the Institute of Technology and Engineering, delivered the first lecture last week, titled *Taming the Electronic Beast: New Challenges in the Electronics/Semi-conductor industries*. Professor Demidenko, a world expert in aspects of robotic systems, outlined new challenges and solutions within the two industries and examined their importance globally and in New Zealand.

The second lecture will be delivered on 2 August by Professor Claire Massey, Professor of Enterprise Development, Director of the Small and Medium Enterprise Research Centre and acting Head of the Department of Management. In what will also be an inaugural professorial lecture, she will analyse international approaches to SME development and

present a framework for developing New Zealand firms, focusing on the people who own and operate them.

The third lecture, on 16 August, features Professor Philippa Gander, Director of the Sleep/Wake Centre. Her lecture is titled *Fatigue and Work/Life Balance Among Junior Doctors*. Professor Gander's research has involved developing fatigue management strategies for pilots and other transport workers in industries involving shift work.

More recently, she has been involved in helping to make legislators, industry representatives and the wider community aware of the effects of fatigue on quality of work, productivity and on society in general.

Professor Anne Noble has titled her lecture, to be held on 30 August, *Of Landscape and Longing*.

She will reflect on the medium of photography and the questions that inform her long-standing investigation into the imagination and representation of Antarctica. Professor Noble is one of New Zealand's leading photographers. She is Professor of Fine Arts and Director of Research for the College of Creative Arts. This is also her inaugural professorial lecture.

The lectures are open to all University staff and to the public, with invited guests from each sector covered by the lectures. They are held at the Theatre in the Museum Building at the Wellington campus, in Buckle Street, starting at 6pm. Refreshments are provided and parking is available.

Auckland lecture series gets under way

The annual Chancellor's Lecture Series was opened in Auckland with a lecture by activist and author Nicky Hagar, on his book *The Hollow Men*.

The next speaker is Dr Jack Ross on Wednesday 1 August. Dr Ross teaches academic and creative writing at the Auckland campus. His lecture is titled *New Zealand Poets in Performance*.

On Wednesday 15 August economist Dr Susan St John presents *The Future of Retirement Incomes in New Zealand*. Dr St John, a senior economics lecturer, is co-director of the University of Auckland Retirement Policy Research Centre.

On Wednesday 29 August, Children's Commissioner and former Massey professor Dr Cindy Kiro will speak on *Children, Climate*

Change and Innovation: The big issues of the future.

The Deputy Director of the New Zealand Centre for Environmental Law, Prue Taylor, will present the third lecture on 12 September. It is titled *Climate Change: Seriously Missing the Point*. The lectures are held between 12 and 1pm in the Study Centre Staff Lounge at the Auckland campus.



Remembering New Zealand's darkest day

Almost 1000 New Zealand soldiers were killed in the first battle of Passchendaele, on 12 October 1917, more than in any event in the nation's history. Associate Professor Glyn Harper has played a part in commemorating the tragic events of the Western Front in World War I, contributing to the Royal New Zealand Returned and Services Association's new Poppy Pack by writing on the events.

The pack has been developed to commemorate the 90th anniversary of Passchendaele, linking to the Rugby World Cup taking place in France at the time of the anniversary.

Passchendaele and Ypres are in West Flanders, a region of Belgium, which had been invaded by the German army en-route to capturing key industrial areas in northern France. New Zealand, British, Australian, Canadian and South African forces fought on the Western Front in cooperation with their French allies.

Dr Harper, Director of the Centre for Defence Studies, has contributed articles on WWI on the Western Front, the Battle of Ypres and Massacre at Passchendaele, to the Poppy Pack.

Included in the information booklet are the details of 10 All Blacks who lost their lives on the Western Front, including Dave Gallaher, the

captain of the 1905 Originals, who was killed in the early stages of the Passchendaele battle.

The Poppy Pack, as its name suggests, contains several poppies and it is hoped that those attending the World Cup will leave them on the graves of New Zealand soldiers buried in France and Belgium. Some 12,483 New Zealanders remain buried in the soil of the western front, 4227 of them with no known grave. Dr Harper will also give two lectures during the Poppy Partners Passchendaele 90th Commemorations.

The first lecture is known as the Dave Gallaher Memorial Lecture. Dr Harper is also the only New Zealander speaking at the "Dead Reckoning: Passchendaele 1917" conference in November. The conference is the culmination of the Belgian government's cultural programme to commemorate 1917.

The Poppy Pack includes information on Dr Harper's latest book *Dark Journey*, which is launched in October. *Dark Journey* includes accounts of the three critical battles during *World War I: Massacre at Passchendaele, Spring Offensive* and *Bloody Bapaume*, the third major battle of the Somme.

Not all bananas and cherries for pokie players

Four Massey University students are helping to get the problem gambling message across to young people. Jess Michaels, Anna Smith, Janine Schenk and Tori Carew, who study Design and Photography at the Wellington campus, are working with the Problem Gambling Foundation in Wellington. Their first project is a range of T-shirts promoting the dangers of pokie machines and their link to problem gambling.

Foundation Health Promotion Adviser Louise Hill briefed the students on how the gambling industry works, where the money goes, and

the social harm caused, particularly by pokie machines. "I then asked them to think up ways to make gambling a 'sexy' issue and the T-shirts are one of their ideas," Ms Hill says.

"The rationale is that when young people become interested and engaged in a social issue, the issue tends to gain momentum. At present, problem gambling is not an issue with much profile amongst young people. Although it impacts on everyone, it often goes under the radar.

"To change this, young people need to be involved in informing other young people about

the issue. We chose Design students because they can work on the marketing of problem gambling as a social issue within the scope of their existing university work."

The T-shirts are branded "Pow! Pokies!" Some are comic book-style. Another features the familiar pokie fruit symbols, with the slogan: "It's not all cherries and bananas".

The T-shirts are available from the foundation and are also being promoted by the Downtown Community Ministry in Wellington which says it has many clients who admit to problem gambling behaviour.

Greenhouse gas expert new research professor

A new Professor of Environmental Sciences has been appointed, a joint initiative between the University and Landcare Research.

Landcare Research principal scientist Surinder Saggar was formally appointed to the first joint professorial research fellowship. Professor Saggar's area of expertise includes agricultural greenhouse gas emissions including mitigation, and soil organic matter and nutrient cycling.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Judith Kinnear says the appointment is an example of productive co-operation.

"The area of environmental science is something close to Landcare Research's heart and something which the University plays a key role in. In bringing together the two institutions, I look forward to real progress being made."

Landcare Research chief executive Dr Warren Parker noted the need to collaborate with people who shared similar values.

"When we look at Massey and its aspiration to excellence and its will to be a university that is willing to get its hands dirty in the soil, we identify with that because we as a company are also committed to making a difference. We want to see our science applied to make New Zealand a healthier and more successful country with a truly sustainable environment."

Professor Saggar has an outstanding record



Professor Surinder Saggar.

of research and service in agriculture and environment, both in India, where he spent the first few years of his career, at Massey and in his current position at Landcare Research.

A soil scientist with more than 35 years' experience in soil biogeochemistry and environmental research, his research spans across a broad spectrum in soil and environmental science related to sustainable primary production systems and greenhouse gas emissions. Recent strong collaboration with Massey has seen Professor Saggar co-supervise many postgraduate students.

Professor Saggar has been the recipient of numerous accolades: The M.L. Leamy

Award for the most meritorious contribution to soil science by a New Zealand Society of Soil Science member published in the past three years; Landcare Research Regional Achievement Award for pursuing possible mitigation strategies in trace gas research; Fellowship of the New Zealand Society of Soil Science (FNZSSS) for distinction in research and advancement of soil science, and for strong leadership in New Zealand and international soil science through commitment to excellence in research, communication and teaching; and the Norman Taylor Memorial Award for outstanding scientific contributions to New Zealand and international soil science.

He championed a tripartite memorandum of understanding between Landcare Research, the University and Punjab Agricultural University, India, which provides the mechanism for a number of projects including sabbatical research visitors and PhD student exchange.

Professor Saggar and his wife Seema have lived in Palmerston North for 20 years and have been involved with many community organisations. He is a Justice of Peace and has been a chairman of the Ethnic Council of Manawatu. He was also instrumental in organising the "Green Screen Awards", the signature event of Palmerston North City Environmental Trust.

Pasifika head challenges research methods

Director Pasifika Professor Sitaleki Finau is encouraging students to move beyond "aloof, oppressive" conventional academic research methods to ensure Pacific Island groups being studied benefit from knowledge gained through research.

In a recent two-day workshop on research proposal writing for Pasifika students, Professor Finau presented an alternative take on established research conventions of data collecting and analysis that boost one person's academic career but often have no positive spin-off for the subjects of the research.

As a long-standing, passionate researcher and promoter of public health issues and programmes throughout the Pacific region, Professor Finau wants to see more Pasifika students undertaking top-level research for publication. He also hopes to see the fruits of their work improving the lives of people they are studying.

Referring to "data prospectors", "mosquito scientists" and "parachute consultants" to describe orthodox Western research methods, Professor Finau spoke of the need for "cultural democracy over the primacy of 'science'", and "research by Pacificans for Pacificans".

He says many health and social problems in the Pacific have been thoroughly researched over the years. But the findings of such research were not always accessible to people who participated in the research.

Empowering Pasifika academics and promoting self-determination for Pacific Island communities underpins this collective rather than individualistic approach – particularly when it comes to health, education and development issues, he says.

His views reflect those expressed by the Health Research Council of New Zealand, which states in its Guidelines on Pacific Health Research that "Pacific research requires the active involvement of Pacific peoples (as researchers, advisers and stakeholders), and demonstrates that Pacific people are more than just the subjects of research."



Massey Pasifika students at a two-day research proposal writing workshop in Auckland organised by Director Pasifika Professor Sitaleki Finau (standing back, left).

Tongan fishing terms provided metaphors for alternative research approaches in a paper by Sione Tu'itahi presented at the workshop.

The Massey Pasifika Student Learning Adviser and doctoral student spoke of Tongan concepts such as 'toutai', which means 'to fish'.

"'Toutai' has another meaning – to search, to hunt for the benefit of others," he says in his paper.

"Like research, fishing is searching for an answer/outcome, which is then used for the benefit of society."

Professor Finau stressed he is not advocating students relinquish established research methods and principles. Rather, he wants them to recognise that Western scientific research imperatives are "culture-bound", and may be limited when imposed on differing cultural realities of Pacific communities.

The workshop attracted a dozen graduate and postgraduate Pasifika students, some of whom are in the midst of research projects and others who are formulating proposals. It is the first in a series on Pacific research to be offered across all Massey campuses in the coming months.

Battling to save the world's endangered tigers

While the population of tigers surviving in the wild continues to fall alarmingly, conservationists the world over are battling for a way to stem the trend.

With the latest count suggesting there are now just 1400 tigers left in the wild, it's time for a dramatic change of conservation strategy, says 'tiger expert' Dr Brendan Moyle.

In July, when conservationists converged on China for the International Workshop on Strategy for Tiger Conservation, Dr Moyle was among them – and out of step with many.

Dr Moyle specialises in wildlife management and wildlife economics, and although he is based in the College of Business in Auckland, he has joint qualifications in zoology and economics. He was at the most recent workshop as a consultant to the Chinese wildlife authorities.

The tiger populations surviving in the world are found in India, and from the frozen stretches of Siberia, down to southern China. They have been hunted for their skin and for the tiger bone widely used in traditional Chinese medicine, mostly as a cure for bone diseases. Although use of the highly sought after bone was banned in 1993, poachers have kept a black market well and truly alive – and have seriously threatened the survival of the tigers.

However, in China there is a large captive population of tigers estimated to number up to 5000 animals. Today, in a bid to stem poaching but meet the ongoing demand for tiger bone, the Chinese authorities have approached Dr Moyle to assist them in the evaluation of a dramatic change of approach – one that has some conservationists outraged.

The Chinese are considering using their captive population of tigers to re-open the trade in tiger bone and skins.

"While I have no enthusiasm for trading in tigers whatsoever, it is time to consider new strategies and the ban is simply not working. You cannot lightly convince people with such a long tradition of using tiger bone in their medicines, that they should stop using it. It is time to move on from the simplistic approach of bans to a more sophisticated packet of strategies if we are to help the tigers," Dr Moyle says.

In China, Dr Moyle presented a paper *Deterrence of Wildlife Poaching: Trade versus Bans*. He draws on his experience as a member of the Crocodile Specialist Group, and the Sustainable Use Specialist Groups, both worldwide networks of wide ranging expertise in conservation.

The crocodilians are the only endangered group that has seen poaching reduced and wild populations restored to natural levels, he says. A key component of this success was the role of legal trade, which effectively crowded out the poachers. This effect was not exerted by depressing prices, but by offering a superior grade product, Dr Moyle told the strategy workshop in China.

"This success was not predicted by supporters of bans as a means to



Dr Brendan Moyle.

deter poaching. These relied upon past experience and overly simplistic bio-economic models.

"Bans are widely advocated as effective but contain two basic risks. The first is that prices are likely to rise if demand is not reduced, and this generates a tacit subsidy to poachers to ply their trade. The second is that law enforcement becomes complacent and the expected sanctions facing poachers actually declines."

With the recent tiger count reportedly down to 1400 – well below estimated numbers, the Chinese authorities are seeking a new approach to managing the tiger scenario.

As a consultant to the Chinese, Dr Moyle points out his mixed background in both wildlife management and economics, makes him, the 'tiger expert', a rare breed himself.

Whatever the views of other conservationists, he says there are three key things needed to destroy poaching – legal trade, credible law enforcement and a good monitoring system.

Taking science and technology to the small screen

Product development lecturer Chris Chitty has a colourful alter ego who is about to burst back to life on the nation's television screens. He is Dr Robotech, on-screen consultant to some of the nation's most creative kids in the popular TV series *Let's Get Inventin*.

Filming for a new series of this award winning programme is about to start and Auckland-based Chitty, is already working behind the scenes, with the help of the two product development senior students pictured right, Karl Wagstaff and Michael Garnett.

Chitty, who joined the University's Institute of Engineering and Technology at the start of the year, is widely known for his inventive skills and he is the man who developed the robotic sheep for the movie *Babe*. He was a key member of the on screen and technical team in the last series of *Lets Get Inventin* which won a Qantas Media Award in 2006 for Best Children/Youth TV show.

The show has invited kids aged from eight to 14 to submit their invention ideas for the next series to be screened later this year. Those selected are partnered in a workshop with leading inventors, including Mr Chitty, and helped to turn their inventions into real working prototypes to be showcased on the television series.



The goal of the programme is to popularise science and technology and foster innovative thinking in the next generation – and to make interesting viewing.

Student tops scores at motor sport academy

A 19-year-old first-year business student has topped this year's MotorSport Elite Academy after a week of physically and mentally gruelling tasks.

Anthony Pedersen, of Palmerston North, was one of nine young race and rally drivers selected from 23 applicants who attended the academy in Dunedin recently.

Organised by the MotorSport New Zealand Scholarship Trust, the academy is unique in world motor sport.

Participants are tested on their ability to concentrate and perform under stressful and difficult conditions, including temperatures above 40 deg. One of the events involved a team running race up Baldwin Street, said to be the world's steepest street.

Another test of hand-eye co-ordination involved a machine called a wombat, which participants control using two joysticks while reacting to patterns and performing bonus tasks. Mr Pedersen's score on the wombat was the highest achieved since the academy was established four years ago and equivalent to the best scores achieved by pilots.

Trust chairman and MotorSport NZ president Steven Kennedy said the levels of fitness displayed by this year's participants were the highest ever.

Mr Pedersen is one of this year's members of the Massey Academy of Sport on the Palmerston North campus, which provides benefits like gym membership, specialist mentoring and other support.

He says the skills the degree will give him will be valuable if he achieves his aim of becoming a professional driver.

"I have to work really hard to keep up because of the all the racing," he says. "I do miss a bit but I passed all my papers last semester."



Anthony Pedersen.

He says he inherited the motor racing 'bug' from his father, V8 driver Paul Pedersen, starting with motorcross bikes as a pre-schooler and go-karting from age 14. Last year, while at Rotorua Boys' High, where he was deputy head boy, he won the national schools championship for go-karting.

He competed in the national motor racing circuit over summer, driving a Mini Cooper, and finished fourth overall.

"I belong to an Auckland-based team called International Motorsport, which has produced some of New Zealand best drivers like Scott Dixon, Denny Hulme, Bruce McLaren, Craig Baird. There were four of us racing in the Mini contingent of the New Zealand Motor Racing Championship."

That took him to the race meetings in Pukekohe, Taupo, Feilding, Christchurch,

Timaru and Invercargill.

"The team organises the car and everything. We just turn up with our driving gear and helmet."

This summer he will move to driving a Porsche 997 GT3 cup car, which has a sequential gearbox and a top speed of 340km/h.

He says the Mini Cooper, with a 1.6 litre supercharged engine, is great fun to drive and surprisingly fast considering its engine's size, achieving top speeds of around 215km/h, but the Porsche is in a different league. He says on Pukekohe, New Zealand's fastest track, it will get up to about 260km/h.

His plan is to race Porsches for two years and, "all going well, try for a V8 drive in Australia".

For more information: <http://www.antpedersen.com/Ant%20Pedersen/Home.html>

Editor gets sound and fury of baby boomer poets

Raunchy, provocative poetry forged amid the sex, drugs and rock n' roll era will be read and heard in a new collection co-edited by English lecturer and author Dr Jack Ross and poet Jan Kemp.

They anticipate readers will be jolted as well as entertained by verbal antics and stirring images from page one. Take the opening lines of the book's first poem by Peter Olds called *Waking Up in Phillip Street* as he sets the scene: "This two-layered cake full of puking TV sets/knife cuts & blood on the furniture, and later the drug-bag arsehole in the room below".

Contemporary New Zealand Poets in Performance – published by AUP (Auckland University Press) with two CDs of sound recordings of 27 poets who came to maturity in the 1960s and 70s – reflects that "turbulent era of social, sexual, musical and artistic experimentation", say Ms Kemp and Dr Ross in their introduction.

Launched on 27 July at Auckland Public Library to coincide with National Poetry Day, the volume is the second in a trilogy made up of *Classic*, *Contemporary* and finally *New New Zealand poets*, the last to be published next year.

Contemporary Poets trails last year's highly successful *Classic New Zealand Poets in Performance* which featured the likes of James K Baxter, Janet Frame, Hone Tuwhare, Denis Glover, Fleur Adcock and C K Stead on the page and on two CDs.

It sold several thousand copies and was reprinted seven months after

publication – extremely rare for a book of New Zealand poetry.

This second volume showcases well-known poets of the baby boomer generation, including famously gravel-throated, stove pipe trouser-wearing bard Sam Hunt, as well as Bill Manhire, Alan Brunton, Fiona Farrell, Ian Wedde, David Eggleton, Keri Hulme, Bob Orr and Cilla McQueen.

Dr Ross, who teaches English at the Auckland campus and is the author of several books of poetry and prose, says the challenge as an editor for this volume lay in deciding who to leave out, as much as who to include.

He anticipates some controversy and criticism on this score, but says he and Ms Kemp didn't set out to produce an encyclopaedic, all-inclusive anthology.

What they've offered is "some good poems by some good poets, which should be entertaining," he says.

"There's a lot of controversy about what's called the canon (of seminal literary works). This is not supposed to be a canon-building exercise."

The selection was determined largely by the quality of recorded material available through the Waiaata Recordings Archive, collected in 1974 by Ms Kemp, and the Aotearoa New Zealand Poetry Sound Archive, gathered by Ms Kemp and Dr Ross between 2002 and 2004.

"Some poets are better readers than others, and that has a definite bearing on who's put into a sound anthology," says Dr Ross.

Evaluating what it means to be privileged in New Zealand

The University's Māori research group Whariki will study what it means to be privileged in New Zealand. The researchers say that while disadvantaged groups are the subject of intense scrutiny from many quarters, this new study will explore the lives and expectations of the more privileged population.

Their aim is to explore the issues of cultural, racial and ethnic privilege in relation to health systems by examining three domains – health policy, the media and experiences of a diverse group of participants.

Lead researcher Belinda Borell says that while notions of gender privilege are widely understood by men and women, the issues relating to having privilege across social groups at large are not publicly aired.

"If we accept that there are forces in our society (other than socio-economic) that are significant in creating and maintaining disadvantage within certain populations, it is also likely that equivalent forces – environmental, cultural, societal, institutional, interpersonal – protect and perpetuate advantage in other populations groups," says Ms Borell.

"We know that society's core structures and institutions serve some populations better than others. Rather than continuing to focus on those groups that experience a disproportionate amount of society's burdens, our research is interested in exploring the other end of that spectrum. We want to throw more light on the fact that what some populations understand as their right, i.e. good health, other populations may feel is attainable only by luck."

The Whariki Research Group was established within the University in 2002. It aims to support Māori communities and organisations, to provide high quality research within Māori paradigms and to further the development of a Māori health research workforce.

The research is funded by the Health Research Council of New Zealand and will run for three years.

The study will gather data from health policy and professionals within the health policy field. The main outcome of the research is expected to be greater understanding of the bearing of privilege on recent health policy and the implications of this.

Four of the best for students

The College of Business has offered Year 13 students a taste of higher education in the complex areas of economics and accountancy.

In a new venture, the first of a special Accountancy and Economics seminar series was held this month for students studying economics and accountancy at secondary schools in the Manawatu, Horowhenua and Wanganui regions.

Around 160 students and teachers from eight schools attended the first seminar at the Palmerston North campus on Friday 20 July.

They heard from some of the College's leading academics on a range of topical issues.

Professor Anton Meister and Stuart Birks discussed property rights.

Dr James Obben talked about money market theory and the effect of the official cash rate. Professor Paul Dunmore gave a presentation on the financial analysis of company reports, with specific reference to Contact Energy, and also led a session on international reporting standards and corporate scandals.

Professor Dunmore says the aim of the seminar was to encourage bright senior high school students to pursue further study and a career in accountancy or economics.

He says both are growth areas, offering steady career paths, and both provide opportunities to work in areas that contribute to national and local economies.

The seminar was also designed to fit in with the students' current studies: Contact Energy's financial report, for example, will feature in this year's university scholarship examinations.

The event was organised with the help of the Commerce and Economics Teachers' Association. Secretary Jenny Scott, who teaches accounting and information technology at Palmerston North Girls' High School, says the initiative is novel and valuable.

"It gives our students an opportunity to gain knowledge from leading academics and also exposes them to the real tertiary experience.

"We hope that as a result many will decide to further their education beyond the 7th form. We are sure the day will provide the foundation for further interactions between secondary and tertiary Institutions at this higher level."

Oxford quads for International Business lecturer

International Business lecturer Dr Romuald Rudzki has had four papers accepted at two Oxford conferences.

The first, the Oxford Business & Economics Conference, was held at St. Hugh's College from 24-26 June. The Philosophy of Management was held at St. Anne's College from 8-11 July. Dr Rudzki, who has just returned from Oxford, says they attracted delegates from around the world.

The first paper was co-authored with one of his Master's research students, Shaomei Li. It is concerned with why businesses offer 'freebies'. The answer has led to the development of a model that identifies the rationales in strategies used in brand building for new products, customer retention (for example, free product samples in supermarkets or magazines), income generation (such as free newspapers), and information gathering (for example, free software so that personal details can be on-sold).

The second paper was co-authored with Sabina Jaeger, another of Dr Rudzki's PhD students and a former colleague in the College of Business who is now teaching at the Auckland University of Technology. It looked at how small New Zealand companies overcome obstacles to achieve success with their products or services overseas.

"The way large corporates, such as Fonterra and Zespri, achieve success is very different from how cash-strapped small companies export," says Dr Rudzki. "This research found



Dr Romuald Rudzki.

that the latter develop a 'bricolage' approach – making do and using everything that is useful, from a focus on core competences, through industry associations, to use of networks. The remarkable thing is that even a sole trader can successfully export 100 per cent, as in the case of a local honey producer who sends her pure New Zealand honey to Japan."

The final two papers are on different aspects of Dr Rudzki's own ideas for a new political economy known as 'domism' (meaning 'home'), which raises the need to create what he calls an "economics of eternity". He says he is pleased that as a result of his paper, scholars from many countries will offer their perspectives on the principles upon which a new paradigm could be built.

Māori women, mental health and maternity

Studying the experiences of mentally ill Māori women and the impact of pregnancy and childbirth on them has produced a groundbreaking Master's thesis for Auckland social worker Wendy Semmons.

Hers is the first qualitative study to date examining the experiences of women whose identities and experiences embrace being Māori alongside diagnosis of mental illness and being pregnant.

Impending motherhood often propelled women closer to their Māori roots, she wrote. But when a woman's Māori identity overlapped with the dual pressures of dealing with pregnancy/childbirth/motherhood and being mentally unwell, she often felt shortchanged in terms of receiving appropriate care, according to her research.

"Lack of Māori midwives, lack of understanding by non-Māori midwives and non-Māori mental health workers caused the women to ask "who is there for me?" Stereotyping Māori, the stigma of mental illness, and the inconsistency of care raised the question "is it too much to care for me?" she wrote.

The Western model of health care dominant in New Zealand meant that a more holistic approach to maternity care favoured by Māori, as well as a desire for traditional values (tikanga Māori), was often overlooked.

She interviewed seven women for her thesis that examined, among other issues, the impact of diagnosing Māori mental health patients with Western models and criteria.

Her study makes a number of recommendations on how health services can better meet the needs of these women, such as better coordination between maternity, mental health and Māori community support services and increasing the number of Māori midwives.

She concludes by saying that "a service that could provide ante-natal, birthing and post-natal care at one location for Māori is not unrealistic".

"It should be based on a kaupapa Māori paradigm that combines Māori beliefs and values with modern medical interventions and technology, as and when required."

Ms Semmons worked full-time as a social worker at St Luke's Community Mental Health Centre during the five years she studied part-time for her Master's degree and raised her two teenage sons.

She says having a supportive employer who offered her one paid study day a week for five years, as well as a Te Rau Puawai scholarship, enabled her to tackle a masters degree.

Ms Semmons continues to work full-time at St Lukes community mental health centre, where she is the only Māori among 70 staff.



Joanna Lyes before and after her own weight-loss.

PhD student seeks women with weight-loss success stories

Auckland-based PhD student Joanna Lyes is seeking women who have succeeded in losing a lot of weight – and keeping it off for at least five years.

Ms Lyes says that the majority of people who lose a significant amount of weight, put it all back on within five years. For her PhD studies at the University's School of Psychology, Ms Lyes wants to talk to the very small percentage of people who have lost weight and successfully maintained their reduced weight.

"It is the people who keep the weight off for over five years who are the real success stories. They are the true experts and I want to know much more about what has made them successful." For the project she is seeking just eight to 12 women from the North Shore and Rodney region to take part in four, in-depth interviews.

"I have chosen to confine the research to women who have struggled with obesity and I want to conduct interviews of real depth. I want them to tell me their stories and each woman's story of losing weight and maintaining weight loss could be quite different. For me finding out how each woman sees herself now that she has lost a lot of weight is going to be especially interesting."

Ms Lyes wants to talk to women who have

had a body mass index (BMI) of at least 30, (which would classify them as having been obese), and have lost at least 20kg. In order to be suitable candidates for her study they will need to have maintained their weight loss for at least five years.

"It is a very complex thing. Obviously there is a lot more to successfully losing weight than just managing calorie intake and exercising."

Ms Lyes, once obese herself, waged her own battle with obesity in 2004, which eventually led her back to Massey and to the PhD she is now embarking on in mid-life.

She completed postgraduate studies in Palmerston North in the early 1980s. A postgraduate Diploma in Audiology from Melbourne University in 1982 was followed by 20 years as a clinical audiologist, 10 of which were spent in private practice on Auckland's North Shore.

A two-year posting in Switzerland with her husband and children gave her the opportunity to re-evaluate her life – and her dangerously obese condition. More than two years on she has kept off most of the 40kg she shed.

"For me, staying slim is a constant battle. I hope my research will help me make sense of something which for so many people seems impossible to achieve – losing weight and successfully maintaining weight loss."



Students at Peterhead School in Flaxmere, Hastings, wearing their Adidas raincoats provided by KidsCan.

Radio gig proves popular for religion professor

A regular radio gig discussing religious issues with celebrity host Mike Havoc has made Associate Professor of Religious History Peter Lineham a popular evangelist of godly themes.

In a 15-minute slot on Auckland-based BFM student radio every Wednesday morning titled *That's the Spirit*, Dr Lineham and Havoc tackle topical issues – from the anti-gay stance of the Catholic Church to Brethren behaviour.

Havoc says he contacted Dr Lineham earlier this year for a one-off interview on the Brethren Church and so enjoyed talking to him that he proposed a regular series on religion.

The 9.35am slot – which has been running for the past two months – has proved a hit, says Havoc, who hopes listeners will be better informed about religious matters and have a better understanding of world religions – especially in an era of heightened fundamentalism among some Christian and non-Christian groups.



Associate Professor Peter Lineham.

"It's such a pleasure talking to him," says Havoc, who says Professor Lineham is gifted at articulating and explaining religious concepts in an entertaining, accessible manner.

So far, they've covered a range of religions and what makes them tick, including Islam, Buddhism, Catholicism and Anglicanism.

Dr Lineham says he too enjoys their spirited chats, and hopes to talk about other world religions as well as various concepts of Heaven and Hell, reincarnation and the afterlife.

"It's always good to be able to communicate ideas in a contemporary vogue," he says.

Havoc says although he is not connected to a particular religion, he considers himself a spiritual person who is passionately interested in how religion influences society. He says he can't understand how someone from a particular church can see themselves as above others, as superior to everyone else.

Dr Lineham is head of the School of Social and Cultural Studies in Auckland. His major fields of research are New Zealand religious history, and 18th and 19th century English religious history. His major books include *There We Found Brethren*, *No Ordinary Union*, *Bible and Society* and *Transplanted Christianity*.

Free raincoats aid health, self-esteem at low-decile schools

A programme tackling child poverty by giving raincoats to children at low-decile schools has done more than simply keep kids dry – it has boosted their self-esteem, pride in their school and attendance in the process.

Associate Professor Mike O'Brien, who teaches and researches social policy at Massey's School of Social and Cultural Studies, has just evaluated the charitable trust KidsCan's free raincoat scheme – believed to be unique internationally. A concurrent scheme provides free muesli bars and fruit for a quick nutrition boost to children in poorer areas.

Dr O'Brien found that many children were so proud of their quality black Adidas rain jackets adorned with the All Black silver fern logo that they wore them rain or shine.

"It is resoundingly clear that gifting of a normally expensive and quality item has made a huge impression on the children for whom this rarely, if ever, occurs," he says in the just-released report titled *Full Tummies and Dry Clothes: Evaluating the KidsCan Programmes*.

"The All Black logo has also played an important part. Reports of some children wearing them every day and all day and of all children taking much more care of their raincoats than any other item of clothing is clear evidence of this. Furthermore, there are numerous reports that it has lifted self-esteem and pride in both themselves and their schools."

Anecdotal evidence suggests that having a raincoat means more children attend school on rainy days, when they might otherwise have stayed home because they lacked one.

A food distribution programme offering free muesli bars and pottles of fruit to children was also deemed successful by the report.

KidsCan was founded two years ago by Julie Helson and Carl Sunderland, concerned by the high levels of child poverty in New Zealand. Consultation with 90 schools about the most

pressing needs for children revealed that wet weather gear and food topped the list.

It has distributed 16,000 jackets, 2000 pairs of shoes and currently supplies muesli bars and fruit salads to 6000 children at 68 schools a week.

Lack of food interferes with a child's ability to concentrate, learn and affects behaviour.

The study, through recording teachers' and principals' observations, confirmed that offering a nutritious health bar and fruit pottle helped children cope with class work.

The availability of food at school had been pivotal in extreme cases of deprivation, such as reported by one school principal who told Dr O'Brien: "There are children who don't have dinner. They might get some bread and make a sandwich. They might then come to school with no breakfast. And you can see the unhappiness they bring with them. [It's] on their faces, you can see them walking to school unhappy at the beginning of the day and you can ask 'what's up' and they say, 'I'm hungry'. They fill their tummies on what they get out of the water fountain."

Dr O'Brien praised the schemes, but recommended that organisers ensure schools with real need were the key recipients of the products, that clear guidelines be given for fair and wise distribution of raincoats and food, that children did not feel left out or singled out, and that parents were well-informed about the programmes.

He concluded that the Government should play a greater role.

"If it is true that children 'fill their tummies on what they get out of the water fountain' this is indeed an indication of a serious level of hunger faced by some children in New Zealand today.

"Perhaps the Government should seriously consider taking responsibility for ensuring all children are adequately fed, until such time as poverty is eradicated in New Zealand."

Engaging Māori in local government

On the eve of the opening of candidate nominations for the 2007 local authority elections on 27 July, researchers have released findings that highlight the need for candidates to have much greater skills in how they engage with Māori in their communities.

The report, *Māori Engagement With Local Government: Knowledge, Experiences, and Recommendations* by Dr Christine Cheyne and Veronica Tawhai, presents research that explores Māori interactions with local authorities. It reveals that Māori have a considerable interest in the activities of local authorities but that many councillors and staff in local government have limited skills for engaging Māori.

"Participation in local authority decision-making, such as voting in local elections, is important to the representativeness and legitimacy of local government," says Dr Cheyne. "Low voter turnout was a big concern following the last two elections in 2001 and 2004. The research set out to understand what Māori think about voting and other opportunities for participation in local government. It identifies ways that local councils can improve Māori participation. This is especially important for the growing population of rangatahi Māori [Māori youth], who increasingly will make up a larger proportion of new voters."

"Māori have provided clear messages on how local governments can improve their engagement of citizens," says Miss Tawhai. "Relevant and diverse forms of information and ways to participate is a start. However, overwhelmingly, Māori desire local authorities that are connected, responsive, and accountable to Māori communities. That Māori feel this is not the case is the primary reason why they choose not to participate."

"Some major changes are required in the ways local authorities operate if we are to encourage full participation from our communities," says Dr Cheyne. "The legislation that local government operates under requires councils to establish, maintain and improve opportunities for Māori to contribute to decision-making processes and provide relevant information to Māori. When we talk to Māori we find that this isn't happening. Too often councils lack the necessary skills."

"Local authorities' efforts to secure full Māori participation are important to both upholding the terms of the Treaty of Waitangi and ensuring the health of our democracy," says Miss Tawhai.

"There is some good work now being done by the Electoral Commission in trying to reach young people using innovative ways of communicating with them about getting on the electoral roll, such as texting. However, we need much better efforts by councils themselves as they are the front line."



Associate Professor Regina Scheyvens meets with Vaasilifiti Moelagi Jackson, Vice President of the Samoan Association of non-government organisations in Apia.

Pacific neighbours face challenges

Associate Professor Regina Scheyvens says there are serious economic and social challenges facing Pacific Island nations.

Dr Scheyvens, who heads the Development Studies programme in the School of People, Environment and Planning, recently returned from a visit to the Solomon Islands, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and Samoa. She was one of four academics in a delegation of 67 led by Foreign Affairs Minister Winston Peters.

The aim of the trip was to emphasise the importance New Zealand places on its strong links with other Pacific nations and its part in that community. As such the delegation had the opportunity to meet with a wide range of government, private sector and civil society actors in each destination.

Formal meetings, visits to aid projects, and round table discussions raised a number of pressing issues facing countries in the region, notably:

- The role of the Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands (RAMSI) forces in the Solomons: peacekeeping or governance?
- Youth unemployment, with more than 60 per cent of school leavers in both Solomon Islands and the Marshall Islands jobless.
- Economic self-determination. About 70 per cent of the Marshall Islands' public spending budget comes from the Compact of Free Association, which allows the United States Army to continue to use Kwajalein atoll

as a missile test range.

While Samoa has sustained good rates of economic growth in recent years and is seen as something of a shining light in the Pacific, it too faces challenges.

For example, there are pressures to change the land tenure system to encourage greater foreign investment in sectors such as tourism.

Dr Scheyvens says she agrees with commentators who feel that it is not necessary to attract large, foreign-owned hotel and resort chains to boost growth in Samoa.

"Samoa presently has a tourism sector dominated by small to medium-sized enterprises that are largely locally-owned and controlled."

"This is unique in the Pacific, and it means Samoans can ensure that economic growth in the sector does not compromise social and cultural wellbeing."

Dr Scheyvens organised meetings with tourism authority staff in both the Marshall Islands and Samoa, sharing findings from her previous research on sustainable tourism in small island states and also asking how they planned to develop this important economic sector.

"I was intrigued to find that the Marshall Islands were using dive tourism to Bikini Atoll – the site of numerous nuclear tests after World War II – as a key drawcard to boost their tourist numbers. They are essentially struggling to find economic options which will free them from dependence on American monies."



Spirit of Samoa sees student reach rugby design finals

Wellington Textile Design student Charlotte-Rose Ferguson has reached the finals of an international competition to celebrate the Rugby World Cup, and sports brand Puma's sponsorship of the Samoan rugby team.

The International Rugby Fashion Redesign Competition began in early March, with entrants asked to customise a Puma lifestyle rugby shirt in the spirit of Samoa or the sport of rugby.

The students could re-design, stitch, draw, paint, bead, or use patches and iron-on transfers to personalize their shirt.

Ms Ferguson, whose entry focused on the spirit of Samoa, is one of five finalists in the category of Best Original Men's Design. The other finalists are from Milan, Moscow and Paris.

Antonio Bertone, from Puma International, says all of the finalists added relevant themes and imagery to the existing Puma lifestyle

rugby shirt or tailored the Puma rugby lifestyle shirt fabric to their liking, redesigning the silhouette.

"Shirts were decorated with symbolic Samoan elements that included flowers, eagles, tattoo-inspired designs, and tribal Samoan masks. Other submissions included a bathing suit, a dress, a tote bag made to look like a rugby ball, and a scarf," says Mr Bertone.

"Puma brings style to sports, and these students did an incredible job capturing the spirit of Samoa, and the performance lifestyle element that's in our DNA."

The most original and distinctive designer will be announced in September on the eve of the 2007 Rugby World Cup and will receive either a cash award or a trip to Paris. Winning shirts will be displayed online at www.PUMA.com, and the original winning designs will be displayed at an exhibition in Paris.

Study aims to increase condom use

As the diagnoses of HIV cases in New Zealand increases, researchers are conducting a study that could increase condom use among gay men who practise anal sex.

The data compiled by the Massey research team will be used by the New Zealand Aids Foundation to develop a campaign encouraging increased use of condoms.

The research is a collaboration between researchers from the Centre for Social and Health Outcomes Research and Evaluation (SHORE), the Māori health research group Te Rōpu Whāriki and the School of Health Sciences at the Auckland campus.

In the first steps to shaping this social marketing campaign, the researchers are seeking men who have sex with other men, to participate in a qualitative study.

Lead researcher Jeff Adams says the aim is to help find out why some men who have anal sex with men are not using condoms and what may influence them to change their behaviour.

For the survey, 58 men from the Auckland region are sought to take part anonymously in online discussions and individual interviews.

The researchers also want to hear from men who may not identify as gay but who have anal sex with other men.

HIV diagnoses have increased markedly in recent years. In 2000 there were 29 cases, 38 in 2001, 53 in 2002, 71 in 2003, 70 in 2004 and 86 in 2005. The increase in HIV cases is concentrated among gay, Pakeha men in Auckland between the ages of 30 and 39 years.

Blackfriars open-day Shakespeare



North Shore secondary school students responded enthusiastically to the first "Humanities and Social Sciences Day" held on the Auckland campus recently. Over 200 senior school students came to the day-long programme of lectures.

The University's lecturers in psychology, history, social work, sociology, anthropology, and media studies worked hard to keep the youthful audiences attentive and impressed with what the College had to offer.

The Blackfriars, a theatre group of young Pacific Island men, gave Shakespeare a very different feel in their sessions. They're pictured with the co-ordinator of English programmes, Dr Mary Paul.

Filmmakers prepare for the classroom



Students enrolled in the graduate diploma of secondary teaching travelled from all over New Zealand to take part in a three-day workshop on filmmaking for the classroom, at the Palmerston North campus recently.

The students formed groups and were required to produce a three-minute film using given genres that included film styles, a line from a Dylan Thomas poem, and art movements such as dada, pop art, or surrealism.

The workshop task reflected the unique make-up of the programme that integrates subjects across different curriculum areas.

Senior Tutor in Educational Technologies Fiona Murray says that the workshop has been designed to give students skills for the classroom, necessary to cope with visual strands in the English and arts curricula.

"The idea is that often these students understand the theory of filmmaking but leave with a reluctance to teach the practical aspects unless they have had an opportunity to undertake such a task for themselves," she says.

Pictured editing their film are Dr Margo Symes who has studied extramurally at Albany and Fuminori Watanabe, an internal student who has studied Music.



Sports academy's second year

Members of this year's Massey Academy of Sport are all proven athletes, including age-grade national champions and competitors at international level.

To help them balance the requirements to achieve academically as well in their chosen sport, the academy provides free access to personal trainers, recreation centre facilities, high-performance laboratory testing, nutritional advice, academic advisors and physiotherapy.

From left, front row: Stephanie Hamblyn (barefoot water skiing, Bachelor of Sport and Exercise), Loren Wadsworth (equestrian, Bachelor of Veterinary Science), Abby-Jean Hull (netball, Bachelor of Applied Science), Megan Laing (equestrian, Bachelor of Science); second row: Samuel Howard (squash and tennis, Bachelor of Applied Economics), Ricky Clark (hockey, Bachelor of Business Studies), Cathryn Finlayson (hockey, Bachelor of Education – Secondary Teaching), Grace

Davison (touch rugby, Bachelor of Veterinary Science); third row: Nathan Nelson (hockey, Bachelor of Applied Science), Hanchen le Roux (canoe polo, BSpEx), Emma Hamby (athletics, BSpEx), Sarah Chapman (highland dancing, Bachelor of Science); fourth row: Scott Mullinger (cycling, Bachelor of Engineering), Ben Sutton-Davis (athletics, BBS), Nina De Muth (basketball, BSpEx), Monica McAuley (javelin, hockey, BSpEx), Wendy Hull (hockey, BAppSc); fifth row: Louis Booth (rugby, Bachelor of Technology), Elliot Power (cricket, Bachelor of Applied Science), Struan Webb (rugby, BBS), Amanda Martens (athletics, BVSci), Gemma Mathieson (golf, BBS), Hannah Kelly (netball, BAppSc), Samantha Burkhart (netball, BSpEx); sixth row: Scott Lewis (rugby, BBS), Paul Tietjens (rugby, BSpEx), Anthony Pedersen (motor racing, BBS), Peter Beech (rugby, BBS), Robert Eastham (shooting, BSc), Gareth Pottinger (rugby, Bachelor of Resource and Environmental Planning).

Walk on water, fly like a bird at Open Days



Fancy a career in aviation but never flown a plane before? Now is your chance. Massey's School of Aviation is offering 25-minute trial flights in its training aircraft for just \$70 at the second of two Open Days on the Palmerston North campus on Wednesday and Saturday (August 1 and 4).

Prospective students interested in flying will be accompanied by a qualified instructor and will be given the opportunity to take the controls and fly the plane. The flights should be booked in advance (follow the web-link below) and are weather-permitting.

Also on display at the school will be its new flight simulator and visitors will be given full details of the courses available.

For those with an interest in the sciences, there will be an opportunity to see someone really walk on water, thanks to the amazing properties of cornflour. This will be

run by the Institute of Fundamental Sciences on Concourse, on the Saturday only.

The open days will both run from 9am to 2pm. Each day will include: College presentations, halls of residence tours, careers advice, budgeting advice, "Explore Science" sessions, veterinary hospital tours, College of Education and School of Aviation visits, plus entertainment.

There will be shuttle buses linking the campus Turitea and Hokowhitu sites, the Milson Flight System Centre and Ucol, which has coinciding open days.

The university is in full swing so it is also a time when students can immerse themselves in the campus culture, get involved in activities and discover university life.

Open Days will be held at the Auckland campus on 18 August and the Wellington campus on 24 August.

In the news

3 July

RLI: Dr **Nigel Parsons**, from the School of People Environment and Planning, discusses the political context of the release of the BBC journalist, Alan Johnston, in Gaza.

10 July

Manawatu Standard: Dr **Wayne Hein** and Professor **Nigel French**, from the Hopkirk Institute, discuss research being conducted into pathogens that are transmitted between animals and humans, looking specifically at the food borne diseases that hospitalise 800 New Zealanders a year.

Radio Pacific: Dr **Roger Morris**, from the Institute of Veterinary Animal and Biomedical Sciences, says a young boy in Indonesia has died from the bird flu.

RLI: Professor **Grey Clydesdale**, from the Department of Management and International Business, believes New Zealand should cut back on unskilled migrants.

13 July

RNZ: **James Hudson**, from the School of People Environment and Planning, says local authorities need to better involve Iwi and Marae networks in their civil defence planning.

14 July

The New Zealand Herald: **Claire Robinson**, from the Department of Two Dimensional Design, says political spin is seen to have a power that it doesn't actually have, as the public are not as easily manipulated as they seem.

16 July

The Dominion Post: **Patricia Fulcher**, from the Graduate School of Business, says the Small Business Expo held in Auckland, enables Massey to communicate face to face in a business-focussed environment, about the options they provide for MBA programmes.

The Dominion Post, Indian Newslink: **Ridvan Firestone**, from the Centre for Public Health Research, conducted a survey in the Wellington area, that revealed taxi drivers are prone to a higher risk of sleep problems, but are reluctant to seek the treatment they need as they fear they may miss work.

RNZ, www.stuff.co.nz: Dr **Chris Wilkins**, from the SHORE Centre, is a lead researcher in the Essex drug monitoring system, which has been set up in response to the growth of Methamphetamine use in NZ.

17 July

The Dominion Post, The Press, RNZ, Timaru Herald, Gisborne Herald, Taranaki Daily News: Professor **Ralph Sims**, from the Institute of Technology and

Engineering, a co-author of the recently released Energy Agency Report on the global oil market, says New Zealand will have to make a decision about, taking farmland out of meat, dairy and wool production in order to grow biofuel crops.

Manawatu Standard: Dr **Paul Kenyon**, from the Institute of Veterinary Animal and Biomedical Sciences, is conducting research into how sheep perform after hogget mating, in a bid to reveal whether hogget mating shortens the life of a ewe.

Manawatu Standard: Professor **Hugh Blair**, from the Institute of Veterinary Animal and Biomedical Sciences, in conjunction with a team of scientists from Auckland University, says 20 years of research has revealed the IGF-1 growth hormone released in sheep, does not result in any faster or more efficient growth of the animal.

RNZ: Professor **John Birkbeck**, from the Institute of Food Nutrition and Human Health, discusses the warning given to parents of the danger Karicare baby formula.

North Shore Times, East & Bays Courier: **Kaye Thorn**, from the Department of Management and International Business, conducted a survey that revealed, New Zealanders are moving overseas in large numbers because they feel New Zealand is becoming to politically correct.

18 July

The Aucklander East, The Aucklander West, The Aucklander South: Professor **Karen Witten**, from the SHORE centre, conducted a survey that revealed 79 per cent of people drive to their local dairies, even if it is a ten-minute walk.

19 July

The Press, Nelson Mail: **David Graham**, from the Institute of Food Nutrition and Human Health, has been appointed the high performance manager for New Zealand Golf

Newstalk ZB, The Dominion Post, scoop.co.nz, Timaru Herald, Taranaki Daily News, Marlborough Express, Southland Times, Wanganui Chronicle, Nelson Mail, Manukau Courier: Professor **Mike O'Brien**, from the School of Social and Cultural Studies, evaluates the KidsCan Scheme to tackle child poverty by handing out free raincoats to lower-decile schools, which he believes has boosted the children's self esteem and pride in their school.

20 July

Newstalk ZB, tvnz.co.nz: Dr **Annette Huntington**, from the School of Health Sciences, discusses the warning given to Wellington hospital, (which has put itself on code red due to shortage of staff) when recruiting nurses from the community, as hospitals in the surrounding areas are stretched to their limit.

RNZ: Professor **Phillip Williams**, from the School of Language Studies, discusses a study that has revealed, children who grow up exposed to different languages, become more tolerant and appreciative of cultural differences.

21 July

The Manawatu Standard, The Dominion Post: Professor **Allan Anderson**, from the Institute of Technology and Engineering, says the latest computer design work from fourth year students, interprets the drawings of Da Vinci with an aim to determine what he might have been able to achieve with modern day technology, the activity is in support of The Da Vinci Machines exhibition at Te Manawa.

Newstalk ZB, tvnz.co.nz, nz.city.co.nz, stuff.co.nz, The Dominion Post, Manawatu Standard: Dr **Lisa Emerson**, from the School of English and Media Studies, says the release of the Harry Potter books have boosted children's interest in reading, and to have children lining up to purchase a book is beyond belief.

22 July

TV One News: Professor **Chris Cunningham**, from the Research Centre for Māori Health and Development, discusses the research being conducted to determine new ways to measure how fat someone is.

23 July

The New Zealand Herald, RNZ, theage.com.au: Professor **Paul Spoonley**, PVC (Humanities and Social Sciences) says research has revealed, Māori attitudes towards immigrants have hardened over the years, as they are likely to agree that immigrant groups took jobs away from people born here.

24 July

RNZ: Dr **Chris Wilkins**, believes there should be stricter controls in New Zealand, on the sale of the ingredients used to make methamphetamine.

Consumer: Dr **Nick Cave**, from the Institute of Veterinary Animal and Biomedical Sciences, says pet obesity is a big problem with New Zealand animals, but there is no quick fix to animal obesity, and pets need the same lifestyle changes as humans do, when losing weight.

Grocers Review: Professor **Ray Winger**, says an increase into what makes food healthy, and how substances interact within the body, has prompted a major push in the food industry to develop healthier foods.

People in the news

Communications and marketing staff monitor news and media outlets, but appreciate notification from staff of their media contributions/achievements.

Please email editor@massey.ac.nz with your contribution so that it may be included in Massey News.

Research Funding Opportunities

<http://www.massey.ac.nz/massey/research/fops/fo.cfm>

For more information about any of these research funding opportunities, please contact Diana Young, d.m.young@massey.ac.nz, or extn 81341

For the provision of: Exhibition Design Service for The Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa

The Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from registered architects or design firms who wish to be considered for selection as the designer for a new long-term exhibition on 20th Century New Zealand history.

Deadline: 30 July

Teaching and Learning in Middle Schooling

The Ministry of Education is calling for proposals for a critical examination and analysis of the literature, to assess what we know about the impact of teaching and learning during the middle school years (years 7 to 10) on student engagement, achievement and attitudes to learning.

Deadline: 30 July

Peter Karmel International Travel Grant

Assoc. for Tertiary Education Mgmt (ATEM)
The Peter Karmel International Travel Grant is designed to facilitate comparative or cross-cultural studies of professional administrative activity. The grant, while also having the aim of assisting an individual member's professional development, is intended primarily to contribute to the growth of a knowledge base for the occupation of tertiary education administration and management.

Deadline: 31 July

Pacific Health Research Forum 2007

Health Research Council

This two-day Forum will expose you to a wide range of community, policy, research and practice sectors.

The Forum also features a range of speakers including former Prime Minister of the Cook Islands, Sir Thomas Davis and Mayor of Manukau City, Sir Barry Curtis.

The Forum is being hosted by the HRC from 1 - 2 August at the Waipuna Hotel and Conference Centre in Auckland. For more information and to register, please visit: <http://pacificforum2007.hrc.govt.nz>

Deadline: 1 - 2 August

Develop and Implement a Survey for the Westland District Alcohol Strategy

Westland District Safer Community Council

The Westland District Safer Community Council is seeking an expression of interest from people with extensive and strong experience in survey work to develop and implement a survey for the Westland District Alcohol Strategy.

Deadline: 3 August

HRC 2007 Roadshow

Health Research Council

The HRC Roadshow is an opportunity for the HRC to announce to the research community (researchers, research managers, institutional administrators) funding available for the coming year.

There will also be an opportunity for researchers to question HRC staff on any issue relating to funding and how to improve their applications.

Massey University will be hosting an event on Monday 6 August: 1 pm start Atrium 1, Albany campus

Deadline: 6 August

Assess to Learn Professional Development Project

Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Education is seeking proposals for the Assess to Learn Professional Development Programme to be offered to primary and secondary schools in all regions during 2008, 2009 and 2010.

The project will:

- improve student learning and achievement
- lead to shifts in teachers' assessment knowledge and practice
- develop coherence between assessment processes, practices (including purposeful use of

assessment tools) and systems so that they promote better learning

- encourage cultures of continuous school improvement that reflect an inquiry based approach
- Promote professional learning communities regionally and nationally.

Deadline: 6 August

Framework Programme 7 (FP7) Visit to Massey Facilitating Research Cooperation between Europe and New Zealand

The FRENZ platform seeks to facilitate the engagement of NZ research organisations and their researchers with the European Union's FP7 and other related EU opportunities.

The FRENZ services seek to facilitate an increase the quality, quantity, profile and impact of NZ-EU research co-operation under FP7 through the development and execution of a suite of activities to increase the awareness of opportunities for NZ engagement and facilitate the realisation of these opportunities.

Date: 7 August 2007

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: ISC 1.10, Japan Lecture Theatre, Palmerston North Campus.

Carole Glynn, Director for FRENZ, will provide a general overview of FP7 and how to participate. This will include information about the following themes:

- Food, agriculture and fisheries, and biotechnology
- Health
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Nanosciences and nanotechnologies, materials and new production processes
- Energy
- Environment, including climate change
- Transport, including aeronautics
- Socio-economic sciences and the humanities
- Space
- Marie Curie Incoming and Outgoing International Fellowships

To register, please contact Research Development Advisor, Kate Arentsen, k.arentsen@massey.ac.nz, or ext 81326

Deadline: 7 August





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Emerging Researcher Grant

Asia New Zealand Foundation

These grants are for emerging researchers in areas relating to Asia:NZ's work, particularly those who are working with, or are part of, Asian communities in New Zealand.

The research must be centred on Asia:NZ's key objective of preparing New Zealand for a future with Asia and should be able to be connected to any or all of Asia:NZ's programmes in business, education, culture, media, and research and policy.

Deadline: 17 August

Change in the benthic assemblages of the Waitemata Harbour: Invasion risk as a function of community structure

MAF Biosecurity NZ

Using the Waitemata Harbour as a case study, MAF Biosecurity New Zealand seeks proposals for research that will provide an evaluation of the impacts of non-indigenous species (NIS) introductions in New Zealand waters.

Deadline: 20 August

Call for research proposals

Asthma and Respiratory Foundation of NZ

Applications are invited for research proposals for consideration by the Asthma and Respiratory Foundation of New Zealand (ARFNZ).

The Foundation is particularly interested in supporting projects which will be of benefit to New Zealanders with respiratory disease OR could provide a basis for more substantial projects that would attract funding from other sources.

Research which is directed at clinical services or service development is also acceptable.

Deadline: 31 August

Research Grants for Doctoral Candidates and Young Academics and Scientists

German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

Applicants from New Zealand for research grants are generally expected to be able to prove that they have a basic knowledge of German at the time of application

Age limit: 32 at the beginning of the grant

Research work in Germany with the aim to gain a doctor's degree cannot be supported.

Deadline: 1 September

NZ/Japan Scientist Exchange Programme

Royal Society of New Zealand

The objective of this programme is to support the exchange of short-term visits of New Zealand scientists to Japan and for Japanese scientists to New Zealand. Preference will be given to visits that are short-term and highly-focused.

Deadline: 14 September

Big Issues Research Grant

Asia New Zealand Foundation

The Big Issues Research Grant enables a wide range of researchers to examine contemporary and emerging issues relating to preparing New Zealanders for a future with Asia in cultural, business, education or media spheres.

Deadline: 21 September

Te Tipu o te Wananga

Foundation for Research Science & Technology

The Foundation is seeking to invest in excellent research that delivers new knowledge focused on issues of importance for Māori Development.

The research must have utility, either at a national scale, or to a wide range of research user groups, and engage with relevant potential research users.

Deadline: 11 December

Rehabilitation Research Capacity

ACC is currently embarking on various projects based around how they deliver rehabilitation services to their claimants.

If you are interested in this, ACC would like to know what researchers and capacity we have available at Massey University for similar work in the future.

Please contact Victoria Bradley, Research Development Advisor, v.j.bradley@massey.ac.nz, or ext 81327

Charles Fleming Fund

Royal Society of New Zealand

The fund will be distributed in the following manner:

1. To support scientists or technologists to travel and attend scientific congresses, assemblies, or committees for the furtherance of science or technology
2. To a senior scientist at a university in New Zealand to support his or her research and that of his or her research group
3. To support the preparation of scientific books and relevant publications
4. For the continued support of the society's triennial Charles Fleming Award for Environmental Achievement

Deadline: Continuous

Events

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

PN – Saturday 28 July to Monday 22 October

10.00am to 5.00pm

Da Vinci Machines Exhibition

The exciting, interactive exhibition displays over 60 models of Da Vinci's visionary genius; grouped in themes of war, flight, nautical & hydraulic and mechanics. All models have copies of Da Vinci's original drawings and an interactive CD-Rom is available for those wanting to delve deeper into the mind of the genius.

Adults \$12; Children \$8; Family \$35

In conjunction with the Exhibition, Massey University's School of Engineering and Technology will be holding a seminar - In the Spirit of Leonardo Da Vinci on Wednesday 8th August at Te Manawa. Come along and be inspired by presentations by three of Massey's leading authorities in Engineering and Technology, this is a one off event and one not to be missed.

<http://www.temanawa.co.nz/>

Venue: Te Manawa, Main St, Palmerston North

Contact Details: Te Manawa

Ph: (06) 355 5000

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Winter Brunch Series – every Sunday 10am – 1pm from Sunday June 10th until Sunday September 30th
Local entertainment, reservations advised. Contact Helen Poole 350 5088

WN – Wednesday 1 August

7.30pm to 9.30pm

Aura: Visiting Gayageum Ensemble (Korea)

A blend of traditional Korean music, visuals, contemporary and electronic music. Founded in 2001, the gayagum ensemble AURA is one of most emerging musical group in Korea today. Specialising in contemporary and cross-over repertoires, the musical orientation of the AURA has been focusing on 'inventiveness' and 'variety' since its debut concert.

The members of AURA perform with both 12-stringed and 25-stringed gayagum, which enables the ensemble to expand repertoires to even classical music. AURA will present a more progressive programme of contemporary works on traditional Korean instruments, combined with multimedia and electronic music.

Venue: Conservatorium Concert Hall, New Zealand School of Music, Mt Cook Campus, Block 1, Wallace Street.

Contact: Debbie Rawnsley

Ph: 04 463 6050

AK – Wednesday 1 August

7.00pm to 8.30pm

Community Lecture Series - School of Education: Michael Irwin

Boys Education: Some issues and solutions.

How big is the gender gap in academic achievement? Why are there more boys in remedial classes? This presentation examines research on boys' perceptions of what hinders and enhances their academic success, and proposes some innovative approaches to schooling.

EVERYONE WELCOME

Venue: Study Centre Staff Lounge, Massey University Auckland, Gate 1, Albany Expressway

Contact: Nicola Giles

AK – Wednesday 1 August

12.00pm to 1.00pm

Chancellor's Lecture Series: Dr Jack Ross

Presenting - NZ Poets in Performance

Classic NZ Poets in Performance and Contemporary NZ Poets in Performance (launched on Poetry Day this year) are the first two of three projected Auckland University Press text/audia anthologies covering the major voices of New Zealand poetry. Dr Jack Ross, co-editor of the three books, will discuss in detail the process of compiling them.

Dr Jack Ross teaches academic and creative writing at the Auckland campus. He is the author of several works of poetry and fiction.

Further details can be found on his blog, the Imaginary Museum, at <http://mairangibay.blogspot.com/>.

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

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

Contact: Holly Fang

Ph: (09) 4140800 extn 9228

AK – Wednesday 8 August

7.00pm to 8.30pm

Community Lecture Series - School of Education:

Mandia Mentis

From Bricks to Clicks: Education for the Net-generation

Emerging internet technologies known as Web 2.0 or social networking tools such as blogs, wikis and podcasts are changing the way we think, teach and learn. This presentation traces the 'brick to click' changes in education and explores how new technologies provide opportunities and tensions for more flexible and customised learning in a networked era.

Mandia Mentis is the Co-ordinator of the Postgraduate Special Education Programmes at the School of Education at Massey University and manages the online learning community for this programme.

EVERYONE WELCOME

Venue: Study Centre Staff Lounge, Massey University Auckland, Gate 1, Albany Expressway

Contact: Nicola Giles

WN – Thursday 9 August

6.30pm to 8.30pm

Aviation, Vet, AgHort, Planning, Food Technology Information Evening

An opportunity for prospective students, parents and teachers to meet academic staff, gather information about study options and find out about career pathways.

Other information evenings are held on the 31st July, 2nd, 7th and 8th August.

RSVP 24th July to wgtnevents@massey.ac.nz

Venue: The Pyramid, Massey Entrance A, Wallace St

Contact: Guy Pascoe

Ph: 04 801 5799 ext 6896

PN – Thursday 9 August

5.30pm to 6.30pm

Inaugural W.H.Oliver Lecture: Professor Margaret Tennant

On Thursday, August 9, 2007, Professor Margaret Tennant will deliver the inaugural W.H. Oliver Lecture entitled 'A Nation of 'Joiners'? History, Community and Voluntary Organisations' to recognise the contribution of Bill Oliver, Foundation Professor of History at Massey University. The Lecture will be held in the auditorium of the Old Main Building at 5.30pm.

Venue: Old Main Building Auditorium MB 2.17

Contact: Geof Watson

Ph: 7820

WN – Friday 10 August

1.00pm to 2.00pm

Gratuitous Violins: The James Wylie Dectet

This ten piece ensemble will perform arrangements of both original and borrowed material drawn from classical, rock, South American music, and jazz. Much of the music has been written during his time studying at the Banff Centre for the Arts in Canada, and will feature many of Wellington's top musicians.

Venue: Conservatorium Concert Hall New Zealand School of Music Mt Cook Campus Block 1 Wallace Street

Contact: Debbie Rawnsley

Ph: 04 463 6050

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

Scholarships and Bursaries

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

A Snap-Shot of Scholarships Closing July / August 2007: full information about these scholarships and all others scholarships can be found on <http://awards.massey.ac.nz/>

Undergraduate

Massey University Chemistry Scholarship – closing 30 July 2007

Massey University Mathematics Scholarship – closing 30 July 2007

Massey University Physics Scholarship – closing 30 July 2007

Kiwiplan Scholarships – closing 30 July 2007

New Horizons for Women Trust (Inc) Ria McBride Public Service Management Award – closing 31 July 2007

Polish Charitable & Educational Trust – closing 31 July 2007

The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust Millennium Undergraduate Award – closing 31 July 2007

The Kate Edger Educational Charitable Trust Retraining Award – closing 31 July 2007

AIMES Awards – closing 10 August 2007

NZ Refining Company Ltd Bursary - closing 14 August 2007

Inspiring New Zealanders Scholarship - Fashion – closing 17 August 2007

Postgraduate

French Awards Scholarship – closing 31 July 2007

Government of Mexico Scholarships for Foreigners – closing 31 July 2007

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These reviews aim to provide an opportunity

for the University to continually enhance and improve its qualifications. A panel of experts, internal and external, national and international will be brought together to conduct each

review and consider relevant documentation provided by the university as well as oral and written submissions. Should you have any queries on any matter relating to these qualification reviews,

including making a submission please contact: Pat Hickson, Project Administrator, College of Education, Email p.hickson@massey.ac.nz

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@Massey Business

A quarterly newsletter providing a snapshot of business news of value to the business community, from across the University.

@Massey Arts

A quarterly newsletter providing news of events and activities in design, fine arts and music, of particular interest to the Wellington arts community.

Clarification

A headline in issue nine of Massey News "Visit to Czech Nazi camp inspires Massey author" may have given the impression that the World War II Terezin prison camp was established or operated by Czechs. It was in fact run by Germany, which annexed Czechoslovakia in 1938.

Correction

The Puaa Whiata is the manager of Māori Mental health for the Auckland District Health Board, not the spokesperson for Te Rau Puawai, Massey's scholarship programme for students working in Māori mental health.

NZ Federation of Graduate Women Postgraduate Fellowship – closing 31 July 2007

New Zealand Federation of Graduate Women - Susan Byrne Memorial Award – closing 31 July 2007

Polish Charitable & Educational Trust – closing 31 July 2007

Fulbright - Platinum Triangle Scholarship in Entrepreneurship – closing 1 August 2007

Fulbright-Ministry of Research, Science and Technology Graduate Awards – closing 1 August 2007

Fulbright New Zealand Graduate Student Awards – closing 1 August 2007

Fulbright-EQC Award in Natural Disaster Research – closing 1 August 2007

Rhodes Scholarship – closing 1 August 2007

Woolf Fisher Scholarships – closing 1 August 2007

Jaycee Trust Travelling Fellowship – closing 8 August 2007

AIMES Awards – closing 10 August 2007

Inspiring New Zealanders Scholarship - Fashion – closing 17 August 2007

UNESCO-T-OREAL Fellowships – closing 19 August 2007

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General Notices

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This notice is to invite submissions as part of the 2007 College of Education qualification reviews. The qualifications to be reviewed and closing dates for submissions are:
Graduate Diploma in Education/Postgraduate Certificate in Education/Postgraduate Te Aho Taitiāraangi, August 28
Certificate in Human Development September 18



Design graduate joins elite in Scotland

Dana Finnigan.

Design graduate Dana Finnigan is the New Zealand recipient of the Scottish International Scholarship for 2007.

The award will see the 26-year-old study for a Masters in Design Practice at the prestigious Glasgow School of Art, alongside an elite group of young international designers.

The global scholarship scheme is part of an initiative by the Scottish Executive – or government – to attract high-calibre entrepreneurial postgraduates to Scotland. Ms Finnigan has just completed a Bachelor of Design, with Honours, at the Wellington campus.

Sandy Heffernan, Head of the Textile Department in the College of Creative Arts, believes the award will be immensely valuable.

"We're so isolated down here, even with the web, and there's no substitute for direct experience rather than observing from afar," says Ms Heffernan.

"Many schools here in New Zealand are trying to mimic what the Glasgow School of Arts is doing in postgraduate studies.

It's very ahead of its time in terms of working with leading designers, using the latest technology, and building a wide appreciation of design in many forms. She will have access to amazing libraries and databases for her research."

While many of her design school peers live in the computer labs, Ms

Finnigan is proud that she is "not one of those digital kids". She likes to get her hands dirty with real cutting, pasting and printing – not just keyboard shortcuts.



Dana Finnigan's multi-textured apples.

She says she is attracted to the flaws and errors of textiles: "The mistakes are what makes it great. Fabric by nature is not perfect - with printing and weaving one metre will never be the same as the next, and it's those imperfections that catch the eye".

She says this craft-based approach is strong in Scotland, where the textiles sector has survived in the face of competition from India and China by focusing on high-end quality rather than mass-market production.

"The textile industry is a great model of international co-production and collaboration – we get fabric woven in Scotland, printed in England and then cut and sewn in New Zealand.

"This award will mean I get exposed to new trends and techniques in Britain, and when I come back home I'll have the skills and contacts to head

up my own studio. I'd also like to tutor, so I can share the knowledge I've gained."