



Season's Greetings

2011 has been a busy year in Alumni Relations.

A collaborative project with vicbooks has resulted in the launch of a new Victoria range of clothing and memorabilia. Alumni can now choose from a range that has been designed exclusively for the University by the award-winning graphic artist Sarah Maxey. Whether you need a t-shirt or hoodie, stationery items, a smart polo shirt or a graduation gift, all products can be purchased at vicbooks on campus or online www.vicbooks.co.nz.

We have also been busy hosting various events this year, including two Rugby World Cup functions in Wellington and Auckland. Victoria graduates Conrad Smith and Victor Vito were both in the winning RWC squad and we are immensely proud of them. Alumni events were held in 14 different cities both domestically and internationally with over 1500 alumni in attendance. It was great to see so many of you there, and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2012.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards held in April saw 500 guests attend a prestigious black tie dinner in Wellington. Six of Victoria's top alumni were honoured, including artist Piera McArthur and Film Director Taika Waititi (most recently known for acting and directing the New Zealand film 'BOY'). Victoria University Vice-Chancellor Professor Pat Walsh presented the awards in front of a gathering that included a who's who line up of Wellington's business and creative leaders. Alumni guests attending said it was the highlight of their calendar this year.

We hope that many of you were able to attend Professor Sir Paul Callaghan's Lecture at the Wellington Town Hall in September. The Victoria University Professor and New Zealander of the Year spoke to an audience of 1500 about creating a more prosperous New Zealand through science and technology. Professor Callaghan received a well deserved standing ovation at the conclusion of the lecture. For those of you who missed out, you can watch the video here: <http://vimeo.com/29126569>.

Looking forward to 2012, work will be getting under way to create a new online community for alumni where you will be able to keep in touch with other graduates, update your

details easily online, and can sign up to attend events. Look out for invitations to Alumni events in your region, and don't forget to keep in touch with your VicAlumni contact person.

Photo competition - Vote for your favourite photos now!

Last month we held Victoria's first ever alumni photo competition 'New Zealand in a nut shell'.

We received some great entries and the judges had a hard job narrowing these down to only the top 10. You can now visit our Facebook page and 'like' your favourite photos to help select 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.



The three photos that receive the most 'likes' will earn their photographer a great prize. All ten photos selected by the judges will be used for event invitations and other promotional material. Voting ends 14 December 2011.

See the top 10 photos, and vote here:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Victoria-University-of-Wellington-Alumni/195723157143506>

Thanks to our two judges Brady Dyer ([Brady Dyer Photography](#)) and Simon Woolf ([Photography by Woolf](#)) for their help in selecting the top 10 photos.