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Welcome to the first Life after Vic for 2010. We hope you all enjoyed a happy holiday over the Christmas period.

A special welcome to those of you who graduated in 2009. Congratulations! You are now a member of the Victoria alumni community which gives you the following benefits:

- Victorious, the magazine for alumni and friends, three issues a year
- *Life after Vic*, the monthly electronic newsletter
- Access to alumni directories and interest groups
- Invitations to attend special alumni events and reunions, and
- Continued use of the **Vic Careers Service**.

About Life after Vic

The *Life after Vic* newsletter brings news, information and event notices once a month to your inbox (excluding January). Your email details will remain confidential and you can unsubscribe at any time using the link below. You are welcome to send us your news! Email the Alumni office with 'Life After Vic' in the subject line.

Graduation parade photographs online

Graduation parade photos are on our website. To view and order photographs [click here](#).

Professional photographs taken inside the Michael Fowler Centre are available separately from Photography by Woolf, [click here](#).

Welcome to our new Alumni Relations Manager

We would like to introduce Jill Rodgers to the alumni team as Alumni Relations Manager. Jill has arrived in Wellington from Hamilton, having been a Waikato girl for most of her life. She held the position of Alumni Manager at Waikato University for nine years and is looking forward to bringing her experience to Victoria.

"There is such a lot of potential here at Victoria to engage our alumni. So many are leading successful careers and influential lives in both New Zealand and internationally and Victoria is very proud of them. My job is to keep our wonderful alumni connected by offering them great reasons to stay in touch."

Jill has already attended a successful alumni function in Auckland and looks forward to meeting many more of you in her travels.



Victorious Hurricanes – Victoria alumni meet on Blues turf

More than 100 alumni gathered in Auckland's Vero Centre last week for the Victorious Hurricanes alumni function. The lively gathering was a wonderful evening of reacquainting with old friends and networking with new friends. Chief Operating Officer Andrew Simpson gave an update on student, staff and alumni success and an overview of campus

developments. Alumnus and former All Black Graham Mourie spoke fondly of his student days. Click here for **photos**. We will keep you informed of a formal launch event for Victoria alumni living in Auckland. It is your community and we would like to ensure we offer you the best opportunities. Contact Jill Rodgers by **email** or on 04 463 5246 if you have any feedback or ideas.

SURVEY: The 'Big OE': young peoples' motivations in a changing world

Are you between 18 and 30 years old, currently living in New Zealand and planning to go on a 'Big OE' in 2010? If so, you could take part in a research project that examines young peoples' motivations and expectations of doing a 'Big OE'.

Dr Christian Schott, Tourism Lecturer at Victoria Management School and research project co-ordinator says that while the Big OE is widely regarded as an important and established part of New Zealand culture it has not been examined in much depth in an academic context.

Click here for more information about the research and the online survey. Please feel free to forward this link to anyone who fits this profile.

Court of Convocation Election 2010

The Court of Convocation is the official body through which graduates elect four of the 20 members who make up the Victoria University Council, the University's governing body. The terms of office of two members will expire on 31 December 2010 and an election will be held later this year. **Click here** to find out more about the University Council and the Court.

If you would like to vote in the election, please ensure that you are registered on the **Life after Vic** alumni database and that your details are up-to-date.

Research sheds light on new employees

Starting a new job is never easy. However, research by Victoria University graduate Dr Sarah Burke shows that not only does an organisation need to help new employees assimilate into the environment, but newcomers can also proactively shape their own socialising experience. **More**

Role of NZ's CEOs demystified

Demystifying the role of New Zealand's Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) is the aim of research conducted by Victoria University graduate, Dr Beverley McNally.

"Very little work has been done on executive leadership in New Zealand, so I was interested in talking to CEOs about how they perceive their role, taking into account the social, cultural, historical forces that are perceived as unique to this country," says Dr McNally. **More**

Young Victoria Researchers strengthen Māori knowledge

Four young Victoria University researchers have been awarded Te Tipu Putaiao Fellowships from a total of nine awarded nationally. **More**

New Zealand-Canada relationship in the spotlight

New Zealand's "little brother" complex has been talked about with a friend who knows how we feel. Living in the shadow of a bigger, brasher neighbour is something New Zealand and Canada share in common. Yet the comparisons and similarities go much deeper than our shared national angst. **More**

New Zealand's digital edge discussed at film symposium

The digital revolution in cinema and New Zealand's contribution to it has been discussed at a symposium bringing together film makers and academics in "Wellywood". **More**

Teacher-student relationships impact progress

How important are the relationships between teachers and students in the context of academic achievement and motivation? **More**

Tax Working Group recommends changes to tax system

In its recently released report, the Tax Working Group (TWG) recommended that the Government considers significant changes to make the tax system fairer and more effective. The Tax Working Group was set up in partnership with Victoria University, The Treasury and Inland Revenue to advise the Government on tax policy. [More](#)