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Events at Victoria

New Zealand Alumni Functions

We are planning to hold several alumni functions around New Zealand to coincide with Victoria University recruitment expo events. These functions will be an opportunity to catch up with other Victoria alumni living in your town, and to meet University staff. The confirmed dates are as follows:

Christchurch
Thursday 10 June

Hawkes Bay
Thursday 17 June

Palmerston North
Thursday 29 July

Keep an eye on the alumni website for further details.

Auckland Alumni Launch

Following the success of our 'Victorious Rugby' event in Auckland last month we are planning an official alumni launch event:

Auckland
Thursday 7 October 2010

Other upcoming events

In August 2010 we will be holding an alumni networking event for Victoria alumni in Wellington.

Make sure your details are up-to-date on the *Life after Vic*

Welcome to the March *Life After Vic*. Campus has come alive again with the return of students for the first trimester of 2010. You may have fond memories of your first days at Victoria - settling in to Weir House or Victoria House, the first time you picked up Salient, the orientation events you attended, and your first lecture.

Whatever your experience, it will have been a time of excitement and anticipation and now more than 11,500 students are doing it all over again!

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.

Send us your news!

We'd love to hear your news. What are you doing now? Where has your career taken you? Email the Alumni Office with 'Life after Vic' in the subject line.

Lost, last seen in Auckland!

After the success of the 'Victorious Rugby' alumni event held in Auckland last month, we appealed to our Auckland alumni to let us know if they knew the whereabouts of our missing graduates. We have since been put in touch with many of your friends and we'd like to say a big welcome back to:

2006
Katrina Raven, GDT CPR

1999
Keryn Ann McKenzie, BCA BA

1989
Alan Webb, LLB

1975
Nick Britton, BA

1970
William Russell Belding, MSC 1970, BSC 1967, BSC Hons 1968
Kerryn Downey, BCA

1968
Elizabeth Parker, BA
Te Waari Geoffrey Ward Holmes, BCA

1967
Julian Miles QC, LLB

1966
Geoffrey Whitcher, BCom

database and expect an e-
invitation soon!

For more events at Victoria [click
here](#)

For more news from Victoria
[click here](#)

1961

Clive Carter, LLB

Please let the [alumni office](#) know if you can put any more lost alumni back in touch with us. [Click here](#) to view our Auckland lost list.

We are negotiating more space in *Victorious* magazine for your stories. Later in the year, look out for our new section of snippets and news from Victoria alumni from New Zealand and around the world.

Next issue: Lost grads, last seen in Wellington!

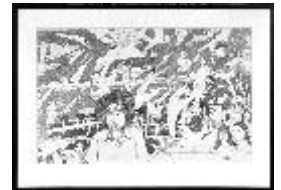
If you know of any Victoria alumni and friends who don't receive this e-newsletter or *Victorious* magazine, please let us know, or direct them to [Life after Vic](#) to update their details.

Sir Ian Axford (1933-2010) - former Vice-Chancellor of Victoria University

It is with great sadness that Victoria University learned of the death of Sir Ian Axford FRS, Hon FRSNA, former Vice-Chancellor and honorary graduate of Victoria University, and one of New Zealand's most distinguished scientists with an international reputation in astrophysics and space science. [More](#)

Significant work gifted to Adam Art Gallery

The Adam Art Gallery is thrilled to announce the gift of 12 art works to the Victoria University of Wellington Art Collection. The benefactor is prominent writer and art historian Gordon H. Brown. The selection includes work by significant New Zealand artists such as Bill Hammond, Jeffrey Harris, Toss Woollaston and Olivia Spencer-Bower.



Brown has lived with this group of paintings and works on paper for many years. Together they give tangible insight into his devotion to New Zealand's modernist art history.

The gift also reflects the trust in the Adam Art Gallery's management and care for art works in Victoria's Art Collection, and the critical forum of the University. [More](#)

Image by Jeffrey Harris
Furniture for the Imagination 1971
graphite pencil on paper
438 x 693 mm
Victoria University of Wellington Art Collection.
Gift of Gordon H. Brown

Debating Society News

The Victoria University Debating Society has started 2010 very well with a fantastic number of members and lots of new plans for the year ahead. A great comedy debate was held during orientation week, followed by a very successful introductory night the following week. There is a new [Facebook](#) page that you can sign up to, and the Debating Society [website](#) will keep you up-to-date with all their successes, and the many public debates held throughout the year which discuss the most current and important issues.

The Debating Society would like to keep in touch with Debating Society graduates. You can subscribe to our newsletter to keep informed about recent events and alumni profiles. Email Seb Templeton, President, for more information.

Five new Fellow Chartered Accountants honoured

Five graduates from the School of Accounting and Commercial Law (SACL) at Victoria were made Fellow Chartered Accountants of the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants last year. [More](#)

Top students start at Victoria

Victoria has proved to be the university of choice for New Zealand's best and brightest as a high proportion of top secondary school scholars begin their studies at the University. [More](#)

Kiwi expats returning home for lifestyle

Kiwi expatriates living overseas who plan to return home will do so because of New Zealand's lifestyle, according to a new study of expatriates. [More](#)

Victoria student awarded Prime Minister's Science Prize

Victoria University PhD student John Watt has received a Prime Minister's Science Prize, New Zealand's most valuable science award. [More](#)



Honorary Doctorates for world class chemist, and an Irish diaspora expert

Victoria University of Wellington will confer honorary degrees on a world-class chemist and an international authority on the Irish diaspora. [More](#)

Eclectic composer comes home to be New Zealand School of Music Composer-in-Residence

Chris Gendall, who counts stand-up comedy, sports events and composers of the '60s and '70s as some of his musical influences, returns to Wellington as the Creative New Zealand/Jack C. Richards Composer in Residence. [More](#)

Poet and academic John Newton new JD Stout Fellow

Victoria University's 2010 JD Stout Fellow will explore the contribution of Jewish refugees from Hitler's Germany, among other war-time immigrants, to New Zealand's national identity and culture. [More](#)

Victoria student shines with tourism scholarship

A Victoria University student's mission to improve sustainability in New Zealand tourism has been helped along with a recent scholarship. [More](#)

Using technology to support leadership learning

How does information communication technology (ICT) support leadership development in New Zealand's early childhood education (ECE) sector? That was the question posed by Victoria graduate Dr Kate Thornton, whose PhD research focused on how teachers in ECE could develop their leadership skills. [More](#)