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Welcome to the May issue of *Life after Vic*.

In this issue of *Life after Vic* you'll find a new section called 'Where are they now?'. We hope this will become a popular section and we'd like to expand our capacity to share your stories. We have been collecting updates and snippets this year about your careers and where they have taken you. It's a great start and we'll rely on your response to keep this section alive. You'll also see more of these stories in the next issue of *Victorious*.

After our Auckland Alumni event in February our alumni gave us fantastic leads about lost grads. We've listed some of our 'Found Grads' below.

Google Earth brings Victoria into your home! Also in this issue, take a virtual flight through all four of the Victoria campuses.

This month more than 1,900 students will graduate at the Michael Fowler Centre in Wellington. It is an exciting time of year for everyone at the University and it's fantastic to welcome new graduates to the alumni community. No doubt you remember this big day with pride!

You may have noticed that you didn't receive a *Life after Vic* in April. Many of you experience a huge volume of email on a daily basis. We are very conscious of this. We are trialling *Life after Vic* on a bi-monthly basis so that it falls between issues of your Alumni magazine, *Victorious*.

We want to ensure that our content remains relevant and interesting so please send us your feedback.

Victoria manages a surge of enrolment numbers

Last week, Victoria University announced it was not accepting any new domestic applications for undergraduate programmes and courses of study for the remainder of 2010.

Victoria has been forced to make this difficult decision due to a considerable surge in demand and limited resources.

"This is not a decision Victoria has taken lightly," Vice-Chancellor Pat Walsh says.

"Our enrolment targets have been based on what we can achieve as an institution and to exceed those means we would not be able to cope with the additional call on teaching resources including staff workloads, space and equipment.

"Managing our enrolment numbers will require some adjustment in culture for those who want to go to university, and the universities themselves. But it is a reality and all universities have to work within the current framework."

This decision does not affect currently enrolled students, post-graduate applicants, post-experience students, international students nor those undergraduates who have already accepted an offer of study.



Distinguished Alumni Awards 2011 - Call for nominations

Nominations are now open for the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Awards. These prestigious awards will be presented at a celebratory dinner on 14 April 2011.



The Distinguished Alumni Awards are presented by the Vice-Chancellor to honour outstanding alumni of Victoria University. Nominations can be made by Victoria alumni or staff and will be assessed by the Vice-Chancellor's selection panel.

Award recipients will have made an outstanding contribution and achieved a high degree of success in their profession, community or for their country. They will also epitomise the attributes of a Victoria University graduate - leadership, creative and critical thinking, and communication skills.

Do you know of a worthy recipient? If so, please consider making a nomination.

More information about the awards, including the nomination form, is available on the University's website. Email the [Alumni Relations Manager Jill Rodgers](#) or call 04 463 5246.

Alumni functions around New Zealand and Overseas

We are committed to maintaining and promoting connections with our alumni and one of our priorities this year is to reconnect with our alumni in New Zealand and internationally. In the coming months Victoria is hosting a number of alumni functions throughout the country, and overseas.

These functions are an opportunity for you to meet with old friends, network with fellow alumni, meet with University staff and hear about life at Victoria.

It would be great to see you at one of these events.

Saturday 5 June, 9am-8.30pm - Samoan Studies celebrate 21 years!

Student Union Building, Memorial Theatre, Victoria University
Check out this Samoan-style celebration with a programme including cultural performances and activities, inspiring talk, tours and a Pacific-style dinner to top off the day. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Thursday 10 June, 5.30pm - Victoria University in Christchurch

The Tower Room, The Chateau on the Park, 189 Deans Ave
Come and join fellow alumni and Victoria staff at the 'Victoria in Christchurch' alumni event. Drinks from 5.30pm and you are welcome to stay on at the Victoria University Information Evening from 6.30pm. There are no better ambassadors for Victoria than our own alumni.

Friday 11 June, 7.30-9.30pm - Victoria University in Kuala Lumpur

The New Zealand Residence of the High Commissioner, 15 Jalan Langgak Golf, 55000 Kuala Lumpur
Join us for this Alumni event jointly hosted by His Excellency David Kersey and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Pat Walsh.

Saturday 12 June, 7-9pm - Victoria University in Singapore

The Official Residence of the New Zealand High Commissioner, 28 Queen Astrid Park, Singapore 266833
Join us for this Alumni event jointly hosted by His Excellency Martin Harvey and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Pat Walsh.

Monday 14 June 2010, 6.30-9pm - New Zealand Universities Alumni Reception, Shanghai

Sheraton Shanghai Hotel, No. 38 Pujian Road, Shanghai, 200127
Join the Minister of Education, Hon Anne Tolley and New Zealand's Vice Chancellors, along with alumni of other New Zealand universities in a combined reception during the Shanghai World Expo.

Tuesday 15 June, 7.30pm - Victoria University in Beijing

Regency Hotel, No.99 Jinbao Street, Dongcheng District, Beijing 100005
Join us for this Alumni event hosted by Vice-Chancellor, Professor Pat Walsh and

Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor Roberto Rabel.

Thursday 17 June, 5pm - Victoria University in Hawkes Bay

War Memorial Conference Centre, 48 Marine Parade
Come and join fellow alumni and Victoria staff at the 'Victoria in Hawkes Bay' alumni event. Drinks from 5pm and you are welcome to stay on at the Victoria University Information Evening from 6.30pm. There are no better ambassadors for Victoria than our own alumni.

Thursday 29 July, 5pm - Victoria University Palmerston North

Palmerston North Boys High School
This Alumni event will be held prior to a Victoria University Information Evening for prospective students. Network with fellow alumni and University staff.

Tuesday 10 August, 5.30pm - Victoria University in New Plymouth

Plymouth International Hotel, Cnr Courtenay & Leach Sts
Come and join fellow alumni and Victoria staff at the 'Victoria in New Plymouth' alumni event. Drinks from 5pm.

This Alumni event will be held in conjunction with a Victoria University Public Lecture.

Part I: Pompeii: Discovery and Excavation by Dr Matthew Trundle
Part II: Eruption Forensics at New Zealand's Supervolcanoes: when, what, how and - perhaps - why? by Professor Colin Wilson

The Alumni function will take place during the hour between lectures.

Tuesday 17 August - Victoria University in Wellington

Together with Vice-Chancellor Professor Pat Walsh, the Hon Simon Power will host a Wellington Alumni event in the Banquet Hall of Parliament House on 17 August. Please put a ring around this date in your diary for what will be a very prestigious event in the University calendar this year.

Thursday 4 November - Victoria University in Auckland

Due to an addition to the Vice-Chancellor's overseas travel plans later in the year, the Auckland Alumni event will now be held on 4 November. Professor Pat Walsh will host the official launch of the Auckland Alumni group for all Victoria alumni living in Auckland. Please let us know if your alumni friends don't receive this e-newsletter or *Victorious* - it means we have lost touch with them and they won't receive our invitation. Please let us know about any of your contacts, and check out our [Auckland Lost Grads list](#).

You will receive a formal invitation via email if you live in these areas. If you live outside these areas but would still like to attend, please let us know. In the meantime, keep an eye on our Alumni [website](#) for further details.

Please don't forget to check out our 'Lost Grads' lists on the [website](#) - we're listing names of all alumni we have received returned mail from in these towns and we are sure you will know the whereabouts of some of these friends! Please email us. We really appreciate any updates you can send us.

Lost, last seen in Wellington

Ken Markham is looking for Wendy Jeune and Nick Burgess, both chemistry graduates of 1959. Please email Ken with any information.

Please visit the [Alumni website](#) for our *Lost, last seen in Wellington* list.

Please contact the [Alumni Office](#) if you can reconnect us.

Found!

We have had a great response from you to our *Lost, last seen in Auckland* list. Welcome back to:

1959

Dr Ken Markham is a Distinguished Scientist/Group Leader (Bioprocessing) at Industrial Research Limited in Lower Hutt.

1973

Philip Gurney has recently completed an LLM Hons at the University of Auckland. He now specialises as a Barrister Sole and continues to teach at the University's College of Law.

1980

Laurice Gilbert is Coordinator of the New Zealand Poetry Society. She was formerly a specialist in paediatric audiology at Capital and Coast District Health Board.

1993

Monica Sharma is a Team Leader, Cultural Wellbeing at Waitakere City Council.

1994

David Middleton, former Chief Executive of the Earthquake Commission (EQC) is now a Visiting Professor at the University College of London's Natural Hazard Research Centre. He also chairs the World Forum of Catastrophe Schemes, a group of 14 of the world's disaster insurance organisations.

1999

Keryn McKenzie is the Managing Director of L'Oreal in London.

Brian Thomson is in York, United Kingdom working with the Health and Safety Executive in the Chemical Regulation Directorate.

Claire Eeles is the New Zealand Consul-General for Canada and Trade Director for North America and Mexico.

2000

Melanie Fritz, now known as Adhimutta Samaneri, is a Buddhist Monk in the Theravada tradition and is training in the United States, Sri Lanka and Taiwan.

2001

Matt Lindsay teaches in Busan, South Korea.

Stacey Dixon is living in Norway and playing second oboe in the Stavanger Symphony Orchestra.

Jessie Macasquit is now living in Rhode Island, NY and working for Fidelity Investments, specialising in retirement investments.

2005

Nick Whittington is a Crown Prosecutor at Meredith Connell and a Judge's Clerk at the Court of Appeal in Wellington.

Lisa Long is living in Auckland and working as an Information Manager for Holmes Consulting Group, a structural engineering consultancy.

2006

Katrina Raven has recently returned to Wellington to teach new entrants at Karori Normal School.

2008

Merrilyn Hope is living in Auckland and working as a pianist and teacher.

Obituary - Catherine Dorothy Marks (Dorothy Marks) 1905-2010

Dorothy Marks (nee Fox) was probably Victoria's oldest alumni when she died in March this year at 104 years old. Dorothy graduated with a BA in 1926.

She was a student at Wellington Teachers' Training College in 1924 and was also on the Students' Association Executive. [More](#)



Fly through Victoria University

You can now fly through a virtual Victoria University from the comfort of your own home! Our IT team has recreated the Kelburn, Pipitea, Karori and Te Aro campuses as well as the Coastal Ecology Laboratory all in 3D within Google Earth.

3D models are combined with actual campus photos



to create an interactive online experience. Click [here](#) to fly through!

Putting a clean technology Kiwi bach on the world stage

A New Zealand team, led by Victoria University, has been selected among only 20 teams worldwide to build a solar powered house for the prestigious United States Department of Energy Solar Decathlon 2011.



Powered solely by the sun, the Kiwi bach is to be built for the major international competition and exhibited a stone's throw from the White House in the United States capital. [More](#)

Pass It On New Zealand Launched

Kea New Zealand has launched **Pass It On**, an initiative designed to connect New Zealand businesses with the world using a global network of 1 million ex-pats, especially in the lead up to the Rugby World Cup 2011, when the world will be watching New Zealand.



Please visit the [website](#) to support the initiative. There are nearly \$300,000 worth of prizes to be won.

Have you graduated in the past 12 months?

Work and travel in the USA for one year. IEP, a not-for-profit travel company, is currently looking for recent graduates for its Work USA Plus programme. Work USA Plus is a one year visa which is only available to those who have graduated from a tertiary institution in the last 12 months. [More](#)

Keeping in touch

The Autumn issue of *Victorious* magazine has now been distributed. If you haven't received your copy, we probably don't have your address. Please email us to let us know, or update your address through our online directory [Life after Vic](#).

