



### **Gift acknowledges the critical importance of our freshwater ecosystems**

Emerita Professor Dame Carolyn Burns CBE talks about the motivation behind her substantial gift supporting the establishment of a new Professorial Chair in Freshwater Sciences.



### **Opportunity of a lifetime for SIX60 Scholarship recipients**

Four Otago students with a passion for music have been selected for the inaugural SIX60 Scholarships. Read about the new partnership with the famous band and see the students' reactions to hearing about their success.

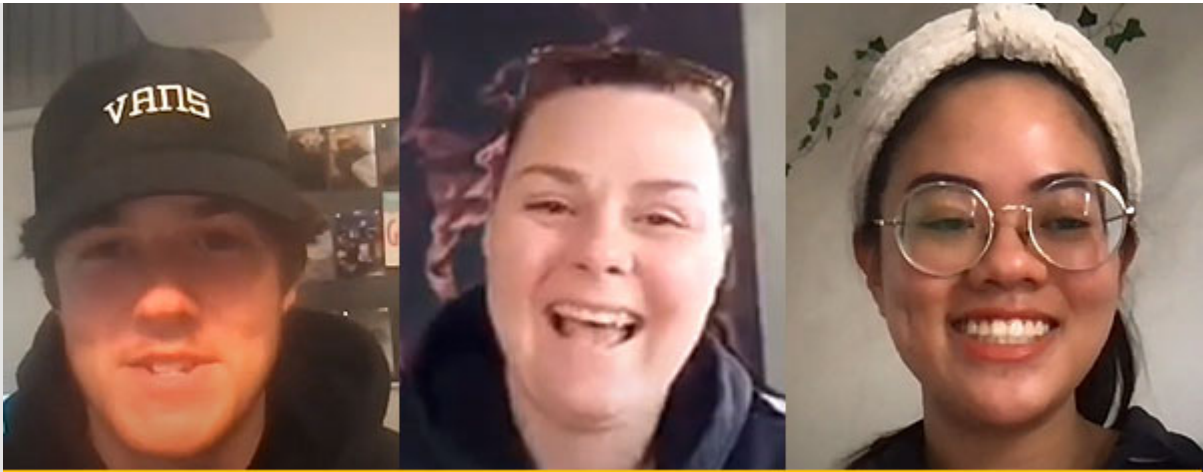


### **Trailblazers - young alumni shine in 20Twenties awards**

An inspirational group of young alumni have been recognised in this year's 20Twenties Young Alumni Awards for their leadership and contribution to communities, workplaces and research.

## **Thank you from the Alumni team and scholarship recipients**

Kia ora koutou. Looking back on the past year, I am humbled by the generosity of your support for Otago and for our students. Despite the day-to-day uncertainty that is part of our lives at the moment, you have continued to reach out to support our students, our research and our priority projects. Your support for Pūtea Tautoko and for our scholarships has made a huge difference to the lives and wellbeing of our students. By supporting them today you are keeping the door open for their futures, ensuring they can begin, and continue, their Otago journey without being disadvantaged by circumstances beyond their control. In this recent video to scholarship donors, [students Cale Pooley, Meineke Burns, and Genoa Isip](#) talk about the difference their scholarship has made to their lives and express their thanks.



I too would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for your wonderful generosity, and also for the kind messages you have sent to us and to our students during the year. We look forward to continuing to connect with you in the coming year and wish you all a restful and happy holiday season.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Shelagh Murray  
Director, Development and Alumni Relations Office

### **Your Story – Young alumni behind the scenes of the COVID response**

Youth lead; booking system and immunisation register adviser; vaccinator — Grace Davies (Ngāti Toa Rangatira, Ngāti Raukawa) and Vince Costa talk about their varied roles in Wellington’s COVID-19 response and their motivation to make a difference in their communities.

**Read more...**



## Otago Snapshot - He toa takitini

This year has had its challenges. The likes of which have not been seen in the history of the University. Take a look back at the year's successes, moments and memories.

[Read more here...](#)

## Hot Picks

Be entertained and feed your mind with our Hot Picks. You can relax in the comfort of your own home, while listening to a selection of podcasts, interviews, and lectures from Otago academics, visiting lecturers, and alumni.

[Hot picks...](#)



### Why We ♥ Otago

Medical alumnus [David Austin](#) talks about yachting adventures, practising medicine at sea and Otago memories, while [alumni from all corners of Otago](#) talk about their diverse roles at Dunedin digital microscopy company Techion.

*“With being a single mum and studying, it does get really hard financially. So this scholarship has really helped me. And I will be forever grateful for it.”*

Meineke Burns  
**Alumni Appeal  
Scholarship recipient**

## Upcoming 2022 Reunions and Events

For more details on upcoming reunions visit our [alumni events calendar](#), information will be updated as it becomes available. Email [reunions.alumni@otago.ac.nz](mailto:reunions.alumni@otago.ac.nz) if you would like more details or are interested in organising a reunion for your class.

Feb

4~6

Feb

15~17

Mar

3~6

Mar

10~13



**Teachers College  
first year 1962**

**Tauranga, Napier,  
Gisborne**

**Pharmacy Class of  
1991**

**Medical Class of  
1964**



### **Networks & events**

Images of the opening of Te Korokoro o te Tūi: Otago's new Performing Arts Centre and a recent Melbourne alumni event.

[Networks & events...](#)



### **Alumni reveal their favourite Dunedin sounds**

Thank you! We had a great response to our Alumni Dunedin sounds music poll – take a look at the [results and story here](#), including a very special addition from The Verlaines' Graeme Downes MNZM.



### **Supporting Otago**

Commerce alumnus Grant Bowie is funding a doctoral scholarship in the field of Artificial Intelligence as part of his philosophy of giving back to Otago, which laid the foundations of his career managing multinational corporations.

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### **Global Lens photography competition winners**

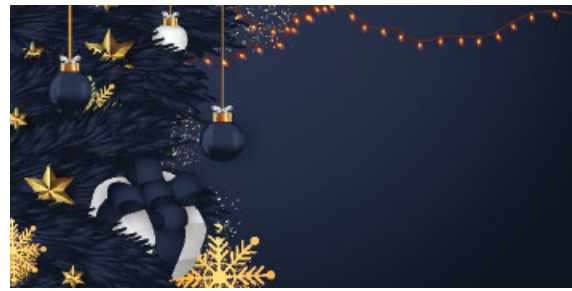
We have had an incredible response to our inaugural photo competition. We received almost 200 photographs from alumni all around the world, and our judging panel was impressed with the high standard.

[Take a look at our top photographs...](#)



## Great reading for the holidays!

Sit back and enjoy our the latest edition of our annual flagship research publication [He Kitenga](#), which features stories on the ground-breaking research being conducted at Otago.



## Digital gift coming soon

As a small token of our appreciation for your support this year, we have created a digital holiday package for you and your whānau. Keep an eye on your Inbox for an email next week.



## Alumni in the News

Astrophysicist **Tan Sri Professor Emeritus Dr Mazlan Othman** receives prestigious honour.

**Emeritus Professor Alastair Goss** honoured by University of Adelaide.

**Emma Gilmour** first woman to drive for McLaren Racing.

**Professor Robin Knight** one of world's most highly cited scientists.

**Kiwibank New Zealander of the Year and Women of Influence** alumni finalists.

**Law alumni** in Top Diverse Board-Ready Directors list and pharmacist **Fiona Bradley** wins Institute of Directors award.

**Dr Neville Ritchie** co-authors book on invasion of Waikato.

**Dr Margot Skinner** retires from the School of Physiotherapy Te Kura Kōmiri Pai.

[Alumni in the news...](#)



## Making a Difference

The John Clark Memorial Prize for postgraduate mathematics has been created to honour the contribution and memory of Associate Professor John Clark, who taught at Otago from 1970 until his retirement in 2013.

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