



Emeritus Distinguished Professor Richie Poulton

It is with sadness we acknowledge the passing of Emeritus Distinguished Professor Richie Poulton. A respected and admired colleague and friend to many, Professor Poulton became Director of the world-renowned Dunedin Study in 2000.



Young alumni awarded prestigious international scholarships

Congratulations to the Otago alumni who will be heading overseas on Fulbright or William Georgetti scholarships, including Yasmin Olsen (Ngāpuhi, Te Rarawa, Ngāti Whātua, Ngāti Tipā), top left, who has been awarded both.



Otago's first Football Fern celebrates the beautiful game

During the recent FIFA Women's World Cup, we caught up with our very own Football Fern, Physical Education alumna Alison Grant, who shares stories about her time in the NZ team in the 1980s.



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Your Story: From Law via the post to business leader and local hero

With a CV that includes teaching, planning, tourism, banking and a Local Hero award for contribution to the Taranaki community, Elaine Gill ONZM talks about the challenges of gaining her Law degree by correspondence, and her subsequent career path – which she describes as more of “a lurch”.

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“The establishment of this fund and its support, enables early career researchers like myself the ability to collaborate, develop, and establish world-class research here at Otago University.”

Olivia Paxie, 2023 recipient of the Elman Poole Travelling Scholarship, which will support her to carry out research at the world-leading Centre for Bacterial Cell Biology at Newcastle University



Supporting Otago

Community contribution to diabetes research

A generous donation from Otago and Southland Lions Clubs will support research towards advanced diabetes technology for children and young people living with type 1 diabetes.

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Hot picks

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Making a Difference

Professor Jemma Geoghegan appointed Webster Family Chair

Professor Geoghegan is the third holder of the Chair in Viral Pathogenesis, which was established in 2004 and endowed by Robert and Marjorie Webster. An Otago alumnus, Professor Robert Webster is an international expert in influenza.

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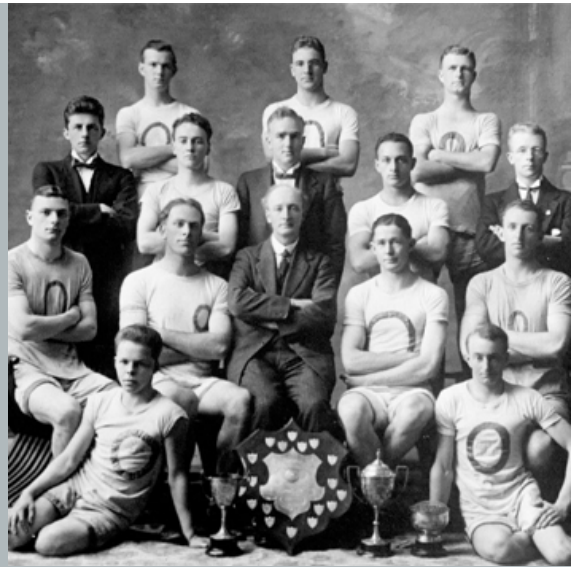
University Snapshot

Otago researchers have been awarded more than \$32 million in the latest **MBIE Endeavour Fund**, and Te Whai Ao – Dodd-Walls Centre will receive up to \$12 million over five years to develop **The Quantum Technologies Research Programme**. Findings from the **Southern Cemeteries Archaeological Project** are challenging some long-held beliefs about life on the goldfields.

Otago Images

Take a look at these wonderful University of Otago Hockey and Athletics club photos from 100 years ago – we've added a little bit of technicolour magic to bring the Athletic Team of 1922 to life.

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Upcoming 2023/24 Reunions and Events

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

Oct

27

**Dental Class of 1993
Reunion**

Nov

24

**Studholme Class of
1993 Reunion**

Feb 24'

09

**St Margaret's
College Class of
1999 Reunion**

Feb 24'

09

**Phys Ed First Year
Class of 1968
Reunion**



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*Special scholarship marks 20 years
of supporting graduates*

Graduation celebrations paid tribute to the 20th anniversary of the Angela Allen



Opportunities for Alumni

*Alumni Global Lens photography
competition*

We would like to invite you as a member of the University of Otago alumni community

Travelling Scholarship for the top Bachelor of Radiation Therapy graduate.

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to connect with us and share your experience of the world via the medium of photography in our 2023 photography competition.

[More information...](#)



Alumni In The News

The home of Otago's first female medical graduate **Dr Emily Siedeberg** has received the highest heritage classification; the **SIX60 scholarship recipients for 2024** are announced; and **Sir Wilson Isaac** and **Professor Mindy Chen-Wishart** receive Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees.

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

Networks and Events

The University of Otago, Christchurch celebrated its 50th anniversary with a special Civic showcase; alumni gathered at events in Wellington, Nelson, Blenheim, the UK, Berlin, Singapore and Kuala Lumpur; and our tauira were all smiles at Graduations in August.

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