



Pearl Matahiki leaving the helm of the Māori Centre

Helping taura Māori through their tertiary studies has been a nearly two-decade journey for Pearl Matahiki (Ngāti Porou) who has retired from her role as Manager of Te Huka Mātauraka. (647kb pdf)



Nurturing the next generation of citizens

The Vice-Chancellor Professor Harlene Hayne extends a farewell to all alumni, and speaks of the challenges of the past year and her pride in Otago's staff and students. (364kb pdf)



Creative disrupters keeping it real

Otago alumni are the creative force behind the government's ground-breaking public awareness campaign about online safety, deftly using humour as a courier for a serious message. (366kb pdf)

Your Story - Happy to be home and planning a concert tour

After leaving quarantine on 14 February, international opera star Jonathan Lemalu and his family have been busy settling into life in Dunedin, and Jonathan is in the process of planning a national concert tour.

Read more (461kb pdf)





Networks & events

Despite many events being cancelled due to lockdowns, the University and the Development and Alumni Relations Office have successfully hosted several events during the first quarter of 2021, including the recent opening of the Auckland Dental Facility.

[Networks & events](#) (1.7Mb pdf)

Remembering Sophia

The Sophia Michelle McMillan Crestani Scholarship has touched the hearts of many, and the generous response to the fund has meant the first scholarship was able to be awarded in March this year and fundraising for a second is well advanced.

[Remembering Sophia](#) (121kb pdf)



Supporting Otago

A generous \$3 million gift from distinguished neurologist and Otago alumnus Dr Elman Poole will expand horizons for southern students and postgraduates

[Supporting Otago](#) (360kb pdf)

Lecture Hot Picks

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

[Lecture hot picks](#) (122kb pdf)

Upcoming 2021 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 if you are interested in organising a reunion for your class.

Mar

Oct

Nov

Nov

26

Return to the
Gardies



Why We ♥ Otago

Members of the Dental Class of 1980 celebrated their COVID-delayed 40th anniversary reunion by revisiting old haunts, including the transformed Faculty of Dentistry's Walsh Building.

[Why We ♥ Otago](#) (525kb pdf)



20Twenties nominations

After the success of our inaugural Young Alumni Awards the 20Twenties, we invite you to consider nominating a young alumnus or alumna who has made a positive impact in their community or wider through their leadership, innovation, determination, or research.

12~14

Medical class of
1971 reunion

05~06

Home Science first
year class of 1970

26~28

Salmond College
reunion



Otago images

Featuring the new mural at the Dental School and images from the School through the ages.

[Otago images](#) (1.4Mb pdf)



Alumni book club

Members of the University of Otago Alumni book club had the opportunity to join a webinar to meet the author of "The Vanishing Half" Brit Bennett.

Our current book is "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig.



Alumni in the News

Professor Carole McArthur's study detailing the discovery of a group of people whose bodies naturally control HIV.

Vintner Ewing Stevens proves age is no barrier to using cutting edge technology to manage his crop.

Alumnus Waiariki Parata-Taiapa, in collaboration with Otago staff, wrote a new haka performed by the Highlanders.

Recent graduate Shaun Rooney shines on the cricket pitch.

Fond memories of time at Otago

*"It was fantastic.
If I could put my life
on a loop, I'd loop
those four years over
and over and just
keep living that life."*

Otago alumnus
**Steve Martin, General Manager of
Southern Zone Rugby League**

Alumni memories

[Alumni in the news](#) (248kb pdf)



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