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Vision 2040 – a new strategic direction for the University of Otago

In February, the University launched the interim final version of Vision 2040, a new strategic direction to guide Otago into the future. Following this, a proposed new visual identity to align with the Vision has been sent to alumni, students and staff for consultation, and we encourage you to take part.

Mahi tahi – working together at the heart of New Year Honours

An inspirational group of 24 alumni and staff received New Year Honours for their exceptional contribution and service to a wide range of professions, communities and areas of interest. A common theme in their stories is how humbled they felt to be recognised and how success is always about working together.

Christchurch celebrates 50 years of education and excellence

Kia Mau – a call to come together and hold tight to one and all- is the theme for the Christchurch campus' 50th anniversary this year, and the symbol for the celebration is the Pākē, a specially woven cloak representing key values, worn here by Christchurch Dean, Professor Suzanne Pitama (Ngāti Kahungunu/Ngāti Whare).

Sophia Charter display highlights commitment to student wellbeing

The Dunedin community joined with family and friends of Sophia Crestani, to launch a new display in Otago's Ōtepoti Link outlining the aims of The Sophia Charter. The Charter was created following the tragic death of Sophia at a flat party in 2019 and is a commitment to reducing harm and enhancing student wellbeing. *(Sophia's parents are photographed here with Sophia Michelle McMillan Crestani Memorial Scholarship recipients.)*

Read more...

Registration now open

Your Story – From wartime orphan to wildlife authority

An extraordinary life journey has taken renowned conservationist and educator John Darby from orphanages in the UK during wartime to Assistant Director of the Otago Museum, Honorary Lecturer in Zoology at the University of Otago and champion of the region's rare and vulnerable wildlife.

Read more...

Supporting Otago

The newly-launched Public Health Communication Centre, hosted by the University of Otago and funded by an endowment from the Gama Foundation, will provide high-quality analysis and commentary from public health researchers for the public, the media and decision-makers.

Supporting Otago...

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...

Making a Difference

Donor-funded alumni scholarships were celebrated at a campus function recently. First-year alumni scholarship recipients joined together to meet other scholarship winners at a special welcome from many senior University staff and the team from Development and Alumni Relations.

Making a Difference...

University Snapshot

Over the next five years, Te Rōpū Rangahau Hauora a Eru Pōmare at the University of Otago, Wellington, will partner with three Māori community organisations, alongside international Indigenous collaborators, to promote traditional whānau models of wellbeing for pēpi, tamariki and whānau. The group received $43 million for the initiative via a LEGO Foundation Build a World of Play Challenge.

Otago Images

To celebrate 150 years of Law at Otago, we thought we'd bring a well-known face from the past back to life with colour. In 1893 Ethel Benjamin was the first woman to be admitted to law school in Australasia and in 1897 became the first female lawyer to appear as counsel in any case in the British Empire. Here are some photographs of Ethel Benjamin that we have colourised using a wee bit of technical magic.

View gallery...

Upcoming 2023 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.

Apr	Apr	Apr	Apr
14	16	21	27
Medical Class of 1983 Nelson	Medical Class of 1969 Russell	Arana Hall Class of 1993 Dunedin	Dental Class of 1983 Dunedin

Why We ♥ Otago
Saying yes to the red shirt!

On a recent trip home from his PhD studies at the University of Oxford, Zoology graduate Lachie Scarsbrook not only published ground-breaking research, he extended his visit to help out for the fourth time as a "red shirt" at Hands On at Otago!

Why We ♥ Otago...

Opportunities for Alumni
March with Otago webinar series

We're excited to present our second March with Otago free webinar series, offering alumni the opportunity to hear our academic researchers discuss a range of topics. Dates: 23, 27 and 30 March, 7-8pm. We hope you can join us!

For information on the topics and to register click here

Alumni In The News

Dentistry graduate Christian Lio-Willie signs with the Crusaders, Natasha Callister and Rowena Davenport are appointed to leading roles at MTF Finance, Tony Johnson

Networks and Events

The sun shone for alumni, students and staff, along with members of the community, who turned out for February's Clocktower picnic on the Dunedin campus

receives top Australasian award for outstanding contribution to the pulp and paper industry, **Clare Wilson** takes honours at the David Awards for small and micro businesses in New Zealand.

Alumni in the news...

and the **Christchurch 50th anniversary picnic** in the Botanic Gardens in March. It was also wonderful to welcome alumni to the **Highlanders Coaches' Breakfast** in Invercargill last week.

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