



“Meri Kirihimete! Wishing everyone a happy holiday season, all the best from the Development and Alumni team.”



Rhodes Scholarship for academic excellence and foster care advocacy

“A rare combination of intellectual brilliance and exemplary personal qualities” – inspirational graduate Isaac Heron has received a Rhodes Scholarship to the University of Oxford, in recognition of excellence in Economics, Genetics and Law, and his advocacy for improvements in the foster care system.



Te Rangihiroa College open and ready for students

Te Rangihiroa College is now open and ready for students. Named after distinguished Otago alumnus Te Rangihiroa (Sir Peter Buck), Otago's first new purpose-built residential college in more than 50 years is now officially open and will be home to 450 taura next year.



Trailblazers celebrated in 20Twenties Young Alumni Awards

These groundbreaking University of Otago 20Twenties Young Alumni Award winners for 2023 are making an impact in their professions and in their contribution to communities in Aotearoa New Zealand and around the world.

Your Story: Nicola Toki – walking a tightrope of hope

From tearing around her nana's backyard in the Catlins to Chief Executive of Forest and Bird and co-host of TVNZ series *Endangered Species* – Nicola Toki talks about her favourite topic, Te Taiao, our natural world, and how hope drives action.

Read more...



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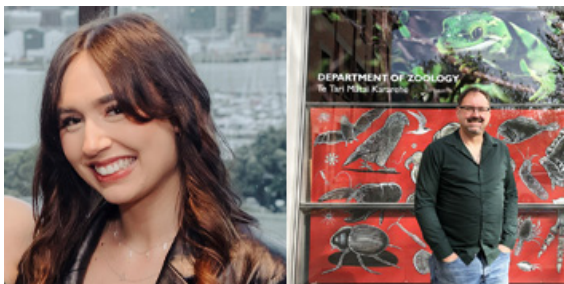
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Supporting Otago

New Scholarship and inaugural Fellowship launched

A general practitioner has established the [Āwhina Scholarship](#) to support female Māori or Pacific medical undergraduates,

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and the [inaugural Dame Carolyn Burns Visiting Fellow](#) in Freshwater Sciences, Professor Ross Thompson, says the Fellowship is a chance to give back to Otago.

lecturers, and alumni.

[Hot picks...](#)



Making a Difference

Peacebuilder Award for supporting students and global peace efforts

The visionary work of Rei Foundation, supporting Otago students and building peace around the world, was recently honoured by the University.

[Making a Difference...](#)

University Snapshot

Bibliographer, book historian and library hound Associate Professor Shef Rogers has been appointed as the English and Linguistics programme's [Donald Collie Chair](#). PhD candidate Hannah Martin of the Department of Human Nutrition is [researching intuitive eating](#) – an “anti-diet” approach to eating – amongst mid-aged women.

Global Lens photography competition 2023 winners

Thank you for another fantastic response to our 2023 Global Lens photo competition. We received more than 100 entries in this year's competition, and the results can now be revealed.

Take a look at our top photographs...



"My time at Otago University played a pivotal role in shaping both my academic and personal journey, and I am grateful to my peers, mentors, teachers, and the many friends I've made along the way for contributing to my experience. Otago holds a very special place in my heart and I look forward to continuing to represent our alumni to the best of my ability in my future endeavours."

Taylor Cooney
20Twenties Young Alumni Award recipient

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.

Feb

09

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

Feb

09

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

Feb

16

**Phys Ed First Year
Class of 1974
Reunion**

Apr

08

**Home Science Class
of 1966 Reunion**

Christchurch Clinical School Class of 1974



Why We ♥ Otago

Like family - friendship at the heart of reunions

From the Far North to the Deep South- the [first Christchurch clinical school intake](#), known as the Class of '73, gathered in Taipa to celebrate 50 years of friendship, while 12 of the [Dental Class of '63](#) met to reminisce in Dunedin one last time.

Opportunities for Alumni

On the lookout for some summer reading? Sign up to our new quarterly University of [Otago Alumni Book Recommendations e-newsletter](#). Or if you'd like to be the one telling the stories, Otago's [new online Science Communication programme](#) offers two postgraduate degrees that can be completed in one or two semesters.



Alumni In The News

Legendary netball coach **Robyn Broughton** ONZM (left) honoured; Marketing **Professor Rob Aitken** on navigating the Christmas present minefield; Honorary Doctor of Laws conferred on constitutional law expert **Mai Chen** (right); Theology, Theatre and Teaching graduate **Rev Canon Ben Truman** appointed youngest ever Dean of Christ Church Cathedral; solo cycle scoops writing prize for **Anna Welch**.

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

Networks and Events

A busy end-of-year provided opportunities for alumni to gather for one last time in 2023, with events in Boston, Melbourne, Beijing, Shanghai, Dunedin, and Auckland. Thank you to our alumni volunteers for organising and hosting the Boston, Melbourne, and Auckland events.

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