



*The impact of Covid-19 continues to be felt profoundly around the world. We are thinking of all our alumni, family and friends who are affected and are facing unprecedented challenges. Here in New Zealand, the University aims to keep its staff, students and communities safe and well, and is following Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education advice. Otago has a global community of alumni, and our thoughts are with you all. Please stay connected and support others where you can. We will be in touch again soon, including with the first 2020 edition of the Otago Magazine.*

*Shelagh Murray,  
Director, Development and Alumni Relations Office*

*(For updates on the current situation at Otago, [please visit our website](#))*



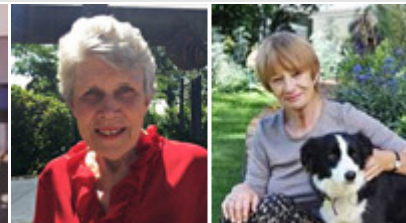
### **Fighting fires and building resilience**

Otago alumna and Victorian Country Fire Authority (CFA) Deputy Chief Officer Dr Stephanie Rotarangi has been helping lead the firefighting effort during the bushfire season in Australia. (139kb)



### **New Performing Arts Centre opens its doors**

Take a fly-through to see what our new Music, Theatre and Performing Arts Centre will look like. Then catch up with one of our award-winning music graduates, conductor Holly Mathieson. (403kb)



### **Dame Margaret Sparrow and Mary Jerram AM**

Dame Margaret Sparrow was named Ryman Healthcare Senior New Zealander of the Year. Mary Jerram talks about being the first woman to hold the post of State Coroner for NSW, Australia. (412kb)

## **Your Story - Remembering the TSS Maheno**

Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, Otago alumnus Professor Mike Morgan, has been

involved with efforts to commemorate the New Zealand WW1 hospital ship the *TSS Maheno*.

[Read more \(833kb\)](#)



# 20 twenties

## Young Alumni Awards

Many of our young alumni have and are achieving amazing things in their personal and professional lives.

This year the University of Otago wants to recognise 20 of these young alumni. Alumni, who still in their twenties, are making incredible impacts across their communities.

We invite you to identify those you know who you think would be worthy of such an award.

## Proposed reunions

Dates and details to be confirmed in coming months

Aug

**Dental Class of 1980 reunion**

**28~30**

Taking place in Dunedin.

Oct

**Dental Class of 1970 reunion**

**01~04**

Taking place in Dunedin.

Oct

**Medical Class of 1980 reunion**

**02~04**

Taking place in Dunedin.

Oct

**PhysEd Class of 1980 reunion**

**23~25**

Taking Place in Dunedin.



[Networks & events](#)

# LECTURE HOT PICKS

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[Lecture hot picks](#)

View galleries from alumni events that have taken place in 2020.

We love staying in touch with all our alumni, but for the moment our events are unfortunately postponed. However we look forward to staying in touch through online communications.

[Networks & events](#) (555kb)

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.

[Check them out here](#) (103kb)



### **Making a difference - Alumni scholarships**

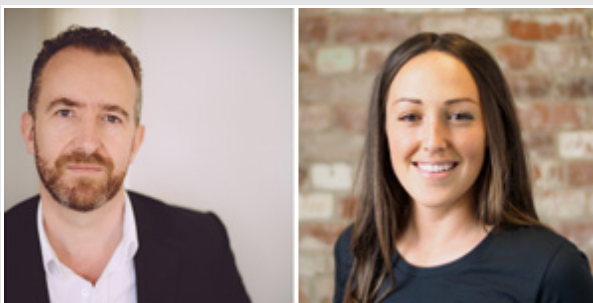
A warm welcome was extended to all our new alumni scholarship students by senior academic and professional staff at a function at the beginning of March.

[Making a difference - scholarships](#) (525kb)

*"Like many of my predecessors from the Music Department, such as Tecwyn Evans and Michael Joel, I left Dunedin with a breadth and depth of professional experience that many of my colleagues from North America and the UK didn't find until they'd finished postgraduate study at a specialist conservatoire or college."*

School of Performing Arts alumna  
**Holly Mathieson, conductor**

*Alumni memories*



### **Alumni in the news**

- Carl Shuker, Ockham NZ Book Awards
- Kendall Flutey and Professor Gavaghan
- Robert Burns Fellow Emily Duncan
- Coronavirus breakthrough
- Bridget Unsworth joins TracPlus board
- New Year Honours 2020

### **Upcoming alumni events**

- 28 Mar** **Dunedin** - Postponed
- 17 Apr** **Wellington** - Postponed
- 23 Apr** **Brisbane** - Postponed
- 28 Apr** **Sydney** - Postponed
- 30 Apr** **Melbourne** - Postponed
- 29 May** **Auckland** - TBC





## Otago Images

The second Clocktower lawn picnic took place on a sunny January afternoon.

Emeritus Professor Fred Fastier celebrated his 100th birthday at the University Staff Club in March.

[Otago Images \(1,752kb\)](#)

## Why We ♥ Otago

Inspirational Otago alumni feature in a new video series about Kiwis who have achieved success in their fields in the UK.

The eight-part series, Dream Catchers, is written and produced by former Lotto NZ host Hilary Timmins.

[Why We ♥ Otago – Dream Catchers \(189kb\)](#)



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## Alumni & Friends

Ākonga o Mua, Hoa

Keeping you connected with your University of Otago alumni community

[otago.ac.nz/alumni](http://otago.ac.nz/alumni)