



**150th anniversary a unique celebration** (763kb)

In 1869 a determined group of settlers led to the creation of the University of Otago. Today Otago is a university with an international reputation for research and outstanding student achievement.

**Alumni scoop top NZ and Australian awards** (285kb)

Professor Diana Sarfati and Dr Zhiyan Basharati took top honours in the *NEXT* magazine 2019 Woman of the Year awards, while Zoology graduate Tony Vallance has been named Australian Teacher of the Year.

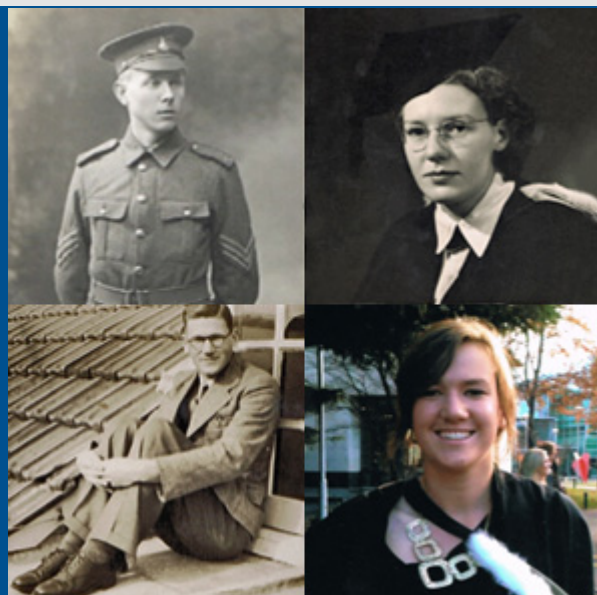
**Voted New Zealand's best two years in a row** (347kb)

The University's Career Development Centre has done it again, beating the others around the country at the New Zealand Associate of Graduate Employers (NZAGE) Summit Dinner in October.

**Your Story - Five generations of the Glenny family at Otago**

In response to our call for memories as part of Otago's 150th anniversary celebrations, Malcolm Glenny got in touch to tell us about his research into his family's links with the University, dating back to 1876 – only seven years after Otago was founded.

**Read more** (367kb)





## University events calendar

[Complete events calendar](#)

Dec

**Christmas day**

**25**

Happy holidays!

Jan

**Clocktower picnic**

**31**

Fri 31 Jan, 5 – 7:30pm

Jan

**1869 The Year That Was**

**~31**

Open until 31 Jan

Feb

**Public Health Summer School**

**10~28**

University of Otago Wellington

### Networks & events

View galleries from a selection of alumni events that have taken place during 2019, including the 1869 Conference and Heritage festival.

We love staying in touch with all our alumni, keep an eye out for future events near you. [Networks & events](#) (1,734kb)

*"The Department of Microbiology was a great place to do research. The barrier between staff and PhD students was low; you were free to walk into anyone's office. There wasn't any intellectual class structure, which I've come across in other places."*

*Alumni memories*

Otago Microbiology alumnus  
**Professor Nigel McMillan**



### 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.

[Check them out here](#) (104kb)



### Supporting Otago - EXPINKT™

Congratulations to Dee Hall, Creina Beaman, Lucy Warren and Nicki Swift for walking the Queenstown Half Marathon in mid-November to raise funds for this unique service.

[Supporting Otago - EXPINKT™](#) (218kb)



### Supporting Otago - Giving back

After a highly distinguished career, University of Otago alumnus Dr Stanley Paris and his wife Dr Catherine Patla are funding a huge boost to the Otago School of Physiotherapy.

[Supporting Otago - Giving back](#) (404kb)

### Upcoming reunions and events for alumni

[Complete alumni events calendar](#)



### **From the Archives – Colin McCahon's *The Wake***

University of Otago connections play a special part in the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki exhibition *A Place to Paint: Colin McCahon in Auckland*.

The exhibition coincides with the centenary of McCahon's birth and was co-curated by Otago alumna Julia Waite, Curator New Zealand Art at the gallery.

[From the Archives - \*The Wake\*](#) (345kb)

**Jan**

### **Christchurch talk & panel**

**22**

Chronic conditions, Dementia and Caregiving talk and panel.

**Feb**

### **Home Science 1970 reunion**

**15~16**

First-year class of 1970 Home Sciences reunion taking place in Dunedin.

**Mar**

### **School of Mines 1960s reunion**

**06~09**

Reunion for graduates from the 1960s, taking place in Thames.

**Mar**

### **Medical Class of 1963 reunion**

**09~12**

Reunion for Medical Class of 1963, taking place in Nelson.



### **Otago images - New exhibition celebrates Otago staff**

*He tangata, he tangata, he tangata!* features stunning portraits of 150 current staff of the University, and has been put together by Otago Bulletin Board Editor Lisa Dick, photographer Sharron Bennett, and designer Heidi Malcolm.

[Otago images - Staff portraits](#) (430kb)

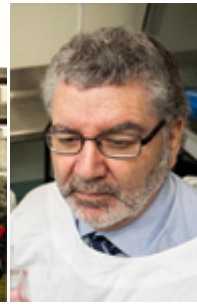


### **Making a difference - U3A funds new scholarship for mature students**

As part of the University of Otago's 150th celebrations, U3A Dunedin has made a donation of \$50,000 to the University to establish a scholarship fund for mature (35 years plus) researchers.

[Making a difference - U3A scholarship](#) (269kb)

# University College



## Why We ♥ Otago

In November about 100 former students came from around New Zealand to attend the 50th anniversary reunion of University College (UniCol), which was a University of Otago centenary project in 1969.

[Why We ♥ Otago – UniCol reunion](#)  
(3,769kb)

## Alumni in the news

- Cancer breakthrough
- HIV discovery
- Rhodes Scholar
- Vodafone NZ Music Awards
- Steepest street

[Alumni in the news](#) (166kb)



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Keeping you connected with your  
University of Otago alumni community

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