



22–26 February 2021

Academic Orientation Week

Event guide





Welcome!

Nau mai, haere mai, tauti mai

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Welcome to the University of Otago.

We have arranged a week of academic events to help you settle into university life.

As well as the events included in this booklet, there will be others arranged and promoted by individual departments.

Please check our website:

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Welcome events



Convocation Ceremony

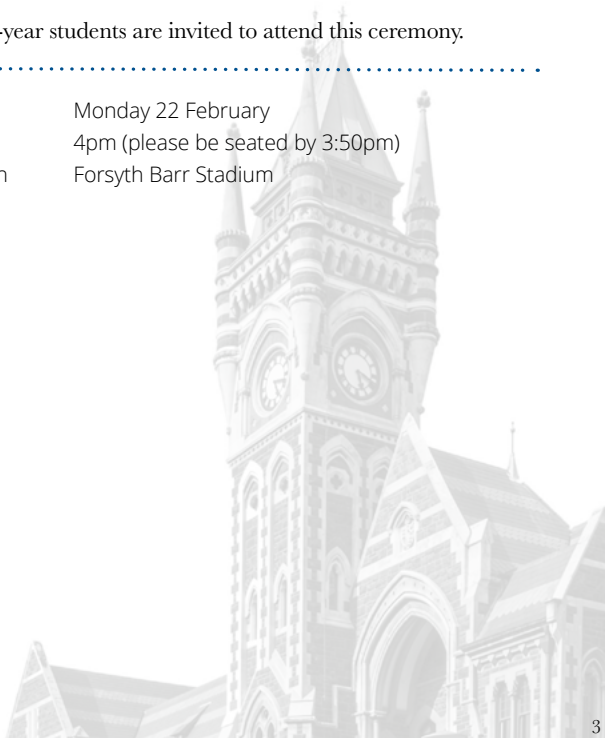
The Convocation Ceremony marks your formal welcome to the University of Otago.

You will be welcomed by Mana Whenua, the City of Dunedin, the Otago University Students' Association and the University.

This ceremony sets the stage for your new journey at Otago.

All first-year students are invited to attend this ceremony.

Date	Monday 22 February
Time	4pm (please be seated by 3:50pm)
Location	Forsyth Barr Stadium



Vice-Chancellor's welcomes

The Vice-Chancellor, who is the head of the University, will host an information session for families and students who are new to the University. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions.

For whānau and students who choose to live locally (living at home, boarding or flatting)

Date	Tuesday 16 February
Time	5:30–6:30pm
Location	Castle 1 Lecture Theatre

Light refreshments will be provided in concourse

For whānau and students in residential colleges

Date	Wednesday 17 February
Time	2–3pm
Location	St David Complex Lecture Theatre

Afternoon tea will be provided in foyer

Tauira Māori

Nau mai, haere mai, tauti mai!

Te Huka Mātauraka (the Māori Centre) is your “Whānau on Campus”, your home away from home. The Turaka Hou co-ordinator has organised several events for you over O-Week. So pop in and say kia ora.

Tauira Hou Pōwhiri, Ōtākou Marae

We warmly welcome you and your whānau to attend the pōwhiri at Ōtākou Marae. There are two pōwhiri: one in the morning for tauira studying in the Sciences, Commerce and Humanities; and one in the afternoon for tauira studying First Year Health Sciences. Please confirm attendance by email to Ken Tipene: ken.tipene@otago.ac.nz

Date	Monday 22 February
	Morning: Buses depart 8:30am from Te Huka Mātauraka (Sciences, Commerce, Humanities)
	Afternoon: Buses depart 11am from Te Huka Mātauraka (First Year Health Sciences)

Hāngī Lunch

Tickets are available for purchase at Te Huka Mātauraka. Every ticket sold will go into the draw to win prizes at the hāngī.

Date	Thursday 25 February
Time	12pm
Location	Te Huka Mātauraka, 515 Castle Street North
Hāngī cost	Students – \$5; staff/community – \$7



The Locals Collegiate Community provides social and volunteering opportunities, and academic and pastoral support to students who choose to live at home, flat or board in their first year.

otago.ac.nz/locals

 [otagolocal](https://www.facebook.com/otagolocal)s

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Meet Locals in Your Area

An afternoon filled with opportunities to meet other Locals in your papers so you have a familiar face to look for in your first week! We will have lots of food and drink as well as your Locals t-shirt and a goodie bag. Afterwards, we will walk down to the stadium for the official Convocation Ceremony.

Date/time Monday 22 February, 2–3:30pm

Location Main Common Room, Union Building

University Collegiate Sports Day

A chance to take that new Locals t-shirt out for a spin, enjoy a Dunner stunner and kick off the intercollege competition for 2021. We will be competing against the other collegiate communities in football, netball, volleyball and touch. Come along on the day and join in.

Date/time Tuesday 23 February, 11:30am

Location Meet at Locals HQ (top floor, Union Building)

Amazing Trace

Learn how to navigate campus so you don't get lost when going to classes, and find all the support services available to students. Afterwards we will meet back at Locals HQ for a BBQ and prizes.

Date/time	Wednesday 24 February, 11 am
Location	Locals HQ (top floor, Union Building)

Pre-Toga Party

Enjoy the lead up to your Toga Party in style with Locals and OUSA at Starters! We have sheets and expert Toga tiers ready to help you. For your \$10 ticket we will also provide snacks and non-alcoholic drinks. You will also have your own escorts to Union Hall.

Date/time	Wednesday 24 February, 6–9 pm
Location	Starters Bar

Welcome Repeat

Did you miss our first welcome event or did you want to meet more Locals? Don't worry, because here we will make sure you have the same chance to meet some new Locals and the Locals team, as well as more free food and Locals t-shirts!

Date/time	Thursday 25 February, 11 am
Location	Locals HQ (top floor, Union Building)

HQ Open Day

Come and hang out with the Locals team in the HQ in between your prelim lectures. We can answer any questions you have and help you prepare for classes on Monday.

Date/time	Friday 26 February, all day
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Pacific students

Pacific first-year students' orientation: Growing Pacific scholars 2021

Orientation programme for all Pacific first-year students.

Day One

Date	Thursday 18 February
Times	Registration: 9am All Pacific students: 10am–4pm Parents' session: 2pm
Location	Morning: Castle 1 Lecture Theatre Afternoon: St David Complex Lecture Theatre

Day Two

Early orientation programme for Commerce, Humanities and Science First Year students

Date/times	Friday 19 February, 10am–4pm Breakfast: 8am at the Pacific Islands Centre Registration: 9am
Location	Castle 1 Lecture Theatre

Early orientation programme for Health Sciences First Year students

Date/time	Friday 19 February, 10am Saturday 20 February, all-day session
Location	PIRSSU office, 71 Frederick St

At conclusion of day one, students travel to overnight camp at 5pm.

At conclusion of day two, students will be taken to their accommodation.

FOFOA accommodation orientation

Orientation week for students that have been successful in receiving a UO Fofoa Accommodation Award.

Date	Monday 15 to Sunday 21 February
Time	7am–8pm
Location	Pacific Islands Centre, 1 Leithbank

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University of Otago Pacific Welcome

Afio Mai – Welkom – Warm Pacific greetings!

This is the annual welcome hosted by University of Otago leaders to officially start the new academic year, and to welcome you to our aiga here at Otago. All new and returning Pacific students and their families are invited to attend.

Official address and welcome by Professor Harlene Hayne, Vice-Chancellor, University of Otago.

A function not to be missed. Hear from University leaders, meet academic and support staff, meet your fellow students and be Pacifically welcomed by our very own Otago Pacific Performing Arts Group!

Date	Thursday 25 February
Time	5:30pm start, 7pm dinner
Location	Castle 1 Lecture Theatre (there will be a live stream in Castle 2 Lecture Theatre)

Dinner will be served after the welcome

For more information about all of these events, contact:
pacific@otago.ac.nz or 03 479 8278.

International students

Official Welcome and Lunch

International students new to Otago are invited to attend the Official Welcome and Lunch.

- Mihi Whakatau (Māori Welcome)
- Welcome from the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Harlene Hayne and Mayor Aaron Hawkins
- Guest speaker Professor Ben Schonthal, Associate Dean International (Humanities)
- Student Ambassadors
- Unipol Recreation Services
- Support for International Students
- Competition and Prizes
- Kapa Haka Group Performance
- International Lunch

Date	Wednesday 24 February
Time	11:15am–12:45pm
Location	Castle 1 Lecture Theatre

Enrolment and Orientation sessions

International students new to Otago are required to register and attend an Enrolment and Orientation session in order to complete their enrolment.

To book a session, see the times and locations available:

otago.ac.nz/international/orientation

Thrive and Survive seminar

Information and tips to navigate the Otago community as an international student are provided in this seminar.

Date	Wednesday 24 February
Time	2:15–3:15pm
Location	Castle 1 Lecture Theatre

Course advice and planning



Ask us your big questions!

Big, small or tentative questions.

Questions about why, what, when or how.

Ask about papers, courses, qualifications or about your future.

Student advisers sit with you *kanohi ki te kanohi* (face-to-face) to help you review your study choices and check you're on track to gain the most from your degree.

Talk to us if:

- you are unsure what to study
 - you have changed your mind about what to study
 - you want to check that your course of study works towards your goals.
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Start your course with confidence – course advice is available every weekday during Orientation.

Dates	Monday 15 February to Friday 26 February (weekdays only)
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Time	9am–5pm
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Location	AskOtago Central Hub
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For further information: otago.ac.nz/aow

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What if one question leads to another, and another?

You can get course advice all year round, any time, and as many times as you need.

Visit a student adviser at the AskOtago Central Hub or investigate your options on our website: otago.ac.nz/course-advice

Monday 22 February				Tuesday 23 February				Wedne	
9am-5pm Course advice and planning	9am-2:30pm eTransition to University	9am-4pm OUSA Tent City	8.30am-3pm Tauira Hou Pōwhiri, Ōtākou Marae	9am-5pm Course advice and planning	9:30-11:30am eTransition to University	9am-4pm OUSA Tent City		9am-5pm Course advice and planning	9:30am-4:30pm eTransition to University
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			12:15-1pm Campus tour						
			1-2pm UNIO 101: University transition and success				1:30-4:30pm University Collegiate Sports Day		
			1:15-2pm Campus tour						
			2-3:30pm Locals Welcome						
			4-5pm Convocation Ceremony						

Thursday 24 February

9am-4pm OUSA Tent City	
	10-11am UNIO 101: University transition and success
	10:15-11am Campus tour
	11:15am-12pm Campus tour
	11:15am-12:45pm New International Student Welcome
	1-2pm UNIO 101: University Transition and Success
	1:15-2pm Campus tour
	2:15-3pm Campus tour
	2:15-3:15pm BA Orientation
	2:15-3:15pm International seminar: Thrive and Survive
	6-9pm Pre-Toga Party
	8pm-midnight Toga Party

Thursday 25 February

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			10-11am UNIO 101: University transition and success
			10:15-11am Campus tour
			11am-2pm Locals Welcome
			11:15am-12pm Campus tour
			12pm Hāngi Lunch at Te Huka Mātauraka
			1-2pm UNIO 101: University transition and success
			1:15-2pm Campus tour
			5:30pm University of Otago Pacific Welcome and Dinner

Friday 26 February

9am-5pm Course advice and planning	8:30am-5pm Preliminary lectures	
		9-10am Combined degrees overview
		11:30am-12:30pm Business overview
		1-2pm Combined degrees overview
		3-4pm Business overview

Bachelor of Arts (BA) Orientation

Kia ora BA whānau! This is your opportunity to get set for 2021. You'll meet staff, lecturers and students who will be part of your BA journey for the next three years. This orientation is your introduction to everything about the BA at Otago.

- Advice
- Connections
- Information

BA students think critically and challenge the status quo. The world needs BA graduates and your BA is going to change your view of the world. We look forward to officially welcoming you all to the beginning of your awesome journey.

Date	Wednesday 24 February
Time	2:15–3:15pm
Location	St David Complex Lecture Theatre

Science students

Nau mai, haere mai to students enrolled in the BSc, BAppSc, BAsC or BComSc.

We strongly encourage you to talk to a student adviser to ensure:

- you are taking the right papers for your degree
- you are taking the right number of papers
- you have the best course to suit your goals.

A team of student advisers is available to help answer your questions about your chosen qualification every weekday during Orientation.

Dates	Monday 22 February to Friday 5 March (weekdays only)
Time	9am–5pm
Location	AskOtago Central Hub

Expert academic advisers will also be available in their home departments for more detailed content and future direction information.

For details of their advising hours, and preliminary lectures:

otago.ac.nz/aow

Course advice is available throughout the year.

otago.ac.nz/course-advice

Business overview

An introduction to the Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) degree.

- Discover how to get the most from your degree.
- Find out the key assessment dates for 2021.
- Meet the student support representatives.
- Meet some of our world-leading business lecturers.
- Explore extracurricular business activities and opportunities.

All first-year students are encouraged to attend.

You will receive an email with your allocated stream time.

Date	Friday 26 February
Time	11:30am and 3pm
Location	Castle 1 Lecture Theatre

Course advice is available throughout the year.

otago.ac.nz/course-advice

Combined degrees overview

An introduction to the combined degrees:

Bachelor of Arts and Commerce (BACom)

Bachelor of Arts and Science (BASc)

Bachelor of Commerce and Science (BComSc)

- Hear more about the opportunities that combining your passions will bring from some of the key academics involved in the degrees.
- Find out how to effectively plan your degree and where to go for course advice.

All students taking the BACom, BASc or BComSc are encouraged to attend.

With hundreds of combinations available, congratulations on taking the first step in personalising your degree to suit your interests, strengths and career plans.

Date	Friday 26 February
Times	9–10am and 1–2pm
Location	Castle 1 Lecture Theatre

Course advice is available throughout the year.

otago.ac.nz/course-advice

Study skills and preparation



UNIO 101: University transition and success

Welcome to your first formal lecture. We will highlight academic differences between secondary school and university, provide you with advice to support your success and identify successful academic behaviours for you to utilise at university.

There will be a student panel that will share their university experiences with you, and an opportunity for you to ask them questions about study at Otago.

The themes presented here are expanded in the Blackboard site “UNIO 101: Getting started at Otago” where there is useful information and tips for your academic journey with us at Otago.

Date Monday 22 February

Time 10–11am and 1–2pm

Date Tuesday 23 February

Time 10–11am

Date Wednesday 24 February

Time 10–11am and 1–2pm

Date Thursday 25 February

Time 10–11am and 1–2pm

Location St David Complex Lecture Theatre

eTransition

Being IT and online ready is essential for successful study. Get your device set up, and learn how to access and use the IT systems at the University. These 20-minute interactive sessions will cover:

- University email
- Student desktop
- Blackboard
- eVision
- University IT policy
- Free software, including Office 365
- University Zoom.

Bring your own devices to these sessions.

Dates/times Monday 22 February: 9am–2:30pm,
 Tuesday 23 February: 9:30am–11:30am
 Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 February:
 9:30am–4:30pm

Location St David Complex Seminar Rooms A and B

If you are unable to attend these sessions check our website or Facebook page for online versions, or call for a chat:

otago.ac.nz/studentit  [uostudentit](https://www.facebook.com/uostudentit) 03 479 5170

Student app

Our student app helps you to keep track of your university life. It includes a Dunedin campus map, your academic orientation events, timetable and grades, plus more.

Download it for free at otago.ac.nz/app or go to the App Store.

Preliminary lectures

Many departments hold preliminary lectures – short presentations that give you important introductory information about the papers for which you are enrolled.

These lectures are held for full-year and semester 1 papers.

Please note, not all papers offer preliminary lectures.

Date Friday 26 February

Refer to the website for times and locations:

otago.ac.nz/study/preliminary-lectures

Mature student workshop

Are you returning to study? We know coming to university after being out of school for a while can be a bit daunting, especially in a post COVID-19 online learning world. Come along for some tailored and relevant tips for you to get used to a brand-new university environment.

Date Wednesday 3 March

Time 5:30pm

Location Main Common Room, Union Building

Campus tours



Tours of the campus will show you around the University and focus on the particular area in which you intend to study.

- Division of Commerce
- Division of Humanities
- Division of Sciences
- Division of Health Sciences

All tours will include the Student Learning Development, Library, AskOtago, Student Health and the Disability Information and Support Centre.

Meet at the front entrance of St David Complex in the courtyard area (wet weather meeting point will be the St David Complex foyer) at the times listed below.

Tours are approximately 45 minutes long.

Dates/times	Monday 22 February: 10:15am, 11:15am, 12:15pm, 1:15pm
	Tuesday 23 February: 10:15am, 11:15am
	Wednesday 24 February: 10:15am, 11:15am, 1:15pm, 2:15pm
	Thursday 25 February: 10:15am, 11:15am, 1:15pm

Social events

University Collegiate Sports Day

During Orientation Week, first-year students from residential colleges, Uni Flats and the Locals collegiate community meet – complete with chants, flags and collegiate t-shirts – to participate in an afternoon of social sport. This is the chance to meet new friends and get involved in some fun games.

Date Tuesday 23 February

Time 1:30–4:30pm

Location Logan Park

OUSA Ori '21

Tent City

Join us at the Museum Reserve to experience some of your favourite brands in action. The OUSA backyard will be there too, so come say “hi”.

Date Monday 22 to Wednesday 24 February

Time 9am–4pm

Location Museum Reserve

Toga!

Yes, that's ours! Grab your sheets and head on down. It's an event not be missed.

Dates	Tuesday 23 February Wednesday 24 February
Time:	8pm–12am
Location	Union Hall

Clubs Day

It's your chance to find that perfect club or society you want to make part of your uni experience. There is something for everyone, so find your fit and [#comeplayousa](#)

Date	Thursday 25 February
Time	9am–3pm
Location	Museum Reserve

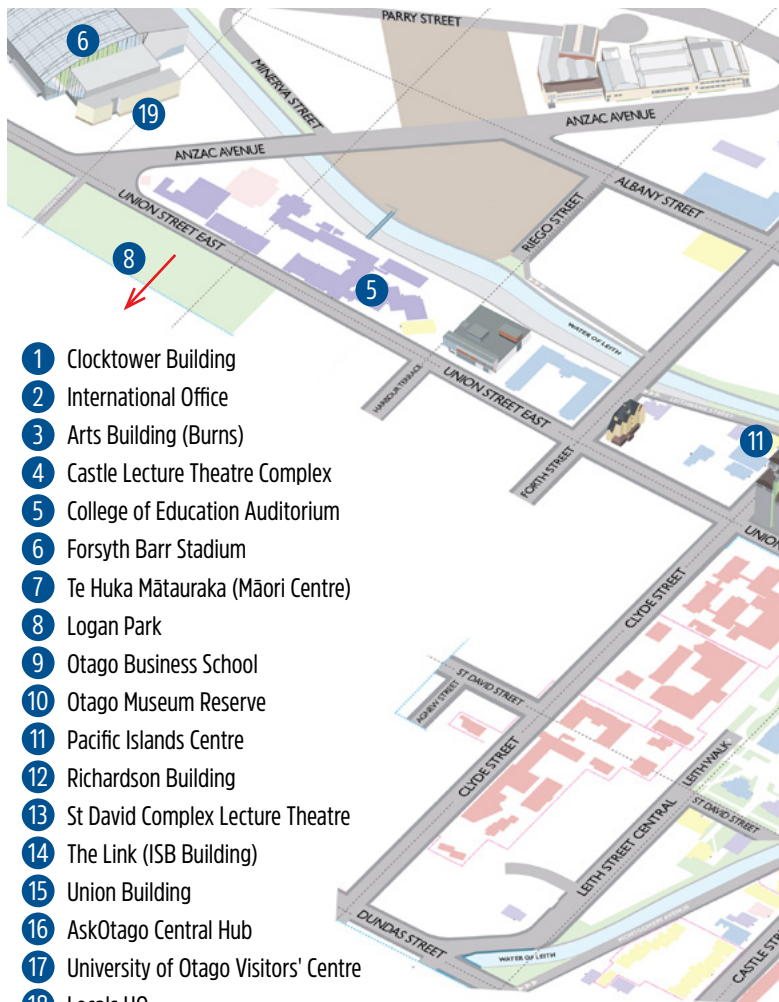
International Food Festival

A great chance to enjoy tastes across various cuisines, all cooked up by a select few local food vendors and the talented cultural clubs on campus. Come hungry.

Date	Saturday 27 February
Time	4–8pm
Location	Otago Museum Reserve

Music, music, music and more!

Date	Monday 22 to Sunday 28 February
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Campus map



Find the Otago App, which
has maps and much more
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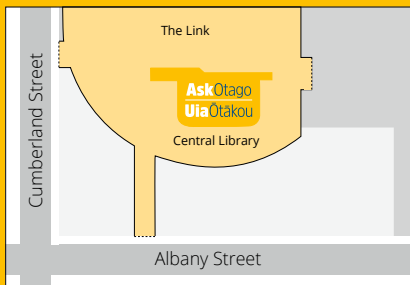
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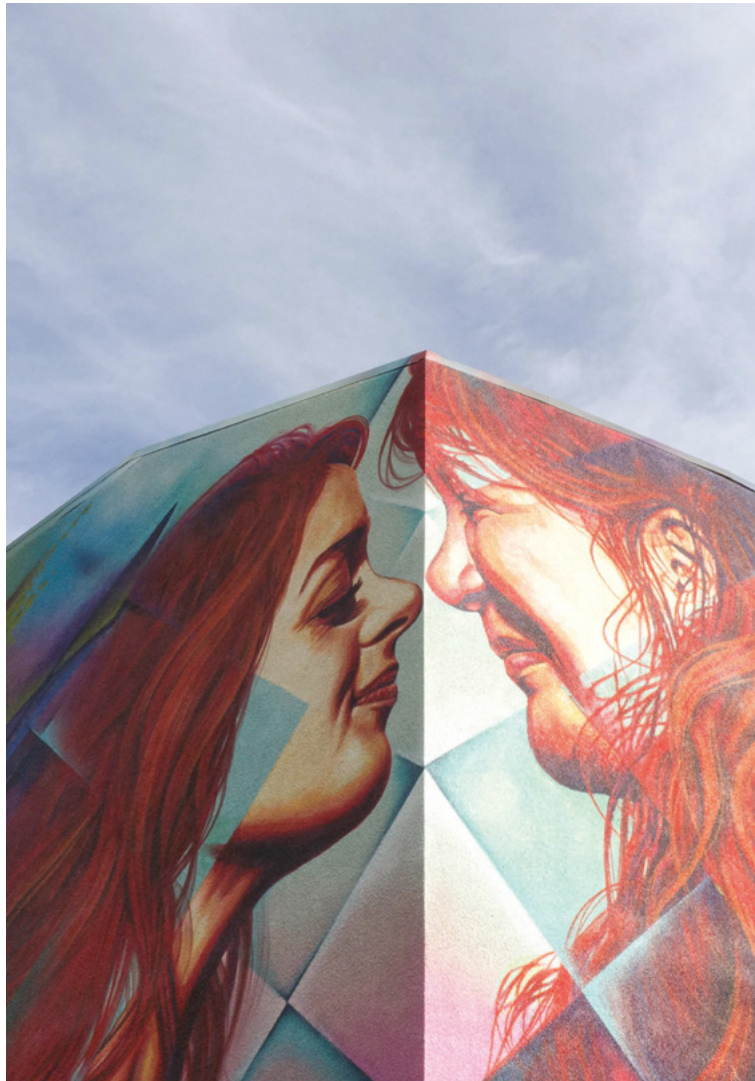
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