

## President's message



It is a pleasure to write this introduction to Lincoln University's alumni newsletter *AlumniLinc*. It is my first *AlumniLinc* contact with you as the new President of the Lincoln University Alumni Association.

I was elected President at the 2016 Annual General Meeting of the Lincoln University Alumni Association and took over the role from Jo Spencer-Bower who now continues on the Executive as Immediate Past President. To Jo Spencer-Bower, my gratitude for your splendid service as President over the past five years. I hope I can match the grace you brought to the job.

First of all a public 'welcome' to the University's new Chancellor, Tony Hall, and new Vice-Chancellor Professor Robin Pollard. The Association looks forward to working with you both as together we advance and enhance the University's role nationally and internationally.

Secondly, a public 'thank you' to retired Chancellor Tom Lambie, who stepped down from office in April after 12 years of exemplary service.

This year opened with two big on-campus reunions for a DipAg 1965-66 and DipVFM 1967 group organised by a committee under alumnus Russ Goudie, and for a DipAg 1975 and DipFM 1976 group organised under alumnus Tom Horner. To Russ and Tom and their associates, thank you for your great work on these reunions.

In recent months alumni have met in many places for reunions and gatherings including Tasmania – Hobart and Launceston, Melbourne, Sydney, Auckland, Hamilton, and Dunedin. More events are planned and the Alumni and Development Office welcomes interest from other regions.

Lincoln alumni are very loyal to one another and enjoy coming together for social gatherings. Attendances at the regular monthly Tuesday Lunch Club meetings, organised through the Alumni and Development Office, are an example of such loyalty, and regular participants were very saddened by the passing of stalwart alumnus and former staff member Neil Gow, who died in June. The University also lost another loyal friend this year with the death in July of former Lincoln College Council Chairman Sidney Hurst. You can read about both in this *AlumniLinc*.

Finally, it is delight to be able to say that former Chancellor Tom Lambie has accepted the invitation to become Patron of the Alumni Association, so he will be able to continue his always-appreciated connection with us, attending social functions, sports events and other gatherings in this new role. Welcome Tom.

I hope all readers find this edition of *AlumniLinc* interesting and informative.

**James Nell**  
**President**  
**Lincoln University Alumni Association**



## New Vice-Chancellor

Lincoln University Vice-Chancellor Professor Robin Pollard took up his post at the end of February this year and is the institution's fifth permanent head since autonomous university status was granted to Lincoln College in 1990.

Professor Pollard's background is as leader in university development, with experience in building overseas campuses, forging and managing partnerships, managing periods of change as well as periods of consolidation, and the development of online education.

He has come to Lincoln from the University of Central Lancashire in the UK where he was Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

The appointment has been made at a significant time for Lincoln University, with the post-earthquake campus rebuild gathering momentum and the implementation of the Lincoln Hub running in parallel. Professor Pollard's experience indicates that he will have much to bring to all of these important foundations for Lincoln's future success.

Professor Pollard was born and raised in Christchurch, with education at Cashmere primary and high schools and the University of Canterbury, from which he holds a PhD in the area of condensed matter physics. He also has an MBA from Monash University. Professor Pollard started his professional life with research positions at the University of Manitoba, Canada, and at the University of California, San Diego, as a physicist and chemist respectively.

Following a move to Australia, he became interested in trans-national education, and contributed to the internationalisation of Monash University in Melbourne. His academic interests expanded to iron-bearing minerals especially those found in soils and streams, before branching into marketing and information technology.

On the opening of the first foreign branch campus in Malaysia, Professor Pollard served as the foundation Head, School of Business and Information Technology at Monash University Sunway campus, Selangor.

In 2004-2007 Professor Pollard was a Pro- and Deputy Vice-Chancellor at the University of New England, with responsibilities for internationalisation, development and human resources.

He subsequently returned to the Monash Malaysia campus in 2007-2012 as Chief Executive and President, and contributed to the campus becoming the pre-eminent Malaysian private university.



Professor Robin Pollard

In 2013 Robin led a regional Victorian campus to exit the Monash family and join Federation University Australia. As Academic Vice-President (Campus Transition and Partnerships) in 2013-2014, he facilitated the transition of a campus in Johannesburg to a new partnership with Laureate Education, and provided academic leadership for a partnership with Pearson to develop and deliver postgraduate courses online.

"I am delighted to return to Christchurch and to join Lincoln University at a pivotal time on the institution's journey," says Professor Pollard. "Since I became Vice-Chancellor my key priorities have been working with our partners in the Lincoln Hub development and making preparations for the negotiation of a final earthquake insurance claim settlement. Substantial progress has been made with bringing both to fruition. Internally, a key focus has been on rejuvenating the Academic Board to fulfil its important statutory role within the University. We are emphasising the University as a community of scholars.

"Areas of focus for Lincoln are continued growth in student numbers by ensuring excellent student experiences and outcomes, supporting high quality research and teaching, and advancing The Hub including providing new opportunities through collaborations. Challenges and opportunities lie ahead, which we will approach with integrity and collegiality."



## Lambie era ends

Lincoln University's 2016 Graduation Ceremony was the last day in office for the now former Chancellor Tom Lambie ONZM, who retired after 12 years in the top job and 15 years as a Council member.

Tom made a hugely significant contribution to the University as Chancellor and also to the wider tertiary and land-based sectors. A memorable part of his era is the personal impact he always had on the people he engaged with at Lincoln and in the wider community. He brought to his governance role a very genuine regard for the individuals he met – whether they were students, staff, alumni, stakeholders or visiting dignitaries.

A dairy farmer in South Canterbury and past National President of Federated Farmers, Tom joined the Lincoln University Council in 2002 and was elected Chancellor in 2005. During his time in office the University heightened its focus as New Zealand's specialist land-based university and embarked on a long-term strategy to reposition itself. The strategy led to the introduction of a new suite of qualifications to sit alongside Lincoln's flagship programmes; entering the QS world-rankings top 400 universities (notably #13 in the world in the small university category); a re-focused farms' portfolio; the introduction of the former Telford Rural Polytechnic qualifications into the University structure; and more recently, overseeing plans to commence the rebuild of Te Waihora campus as a fit-for-purpose, modern land-based institution.

"The privilege of being Chancellor was a truly life-changing experience and it wasn't an easy decision to step down," said Tom. "However, I remain confident that the time to do so was right.

"I am a dairy farmer from South Canterbury and with the industry entering challenging times it became obvious that I needed to turn my focus to the farm, and to hand over as Chancellor to allow the University to receive the focus it needs. Lincoln is in very good hands, with Pro-Chancellor Tony Hall being voted in as Chancellor and Linda Tame as Pro-Chancellor."

Tom is an alumnus of Lincoln University (BAgrCom 1981) and has always had a close relationship with the Alumni Association, of which he is now Patron. As Chancellor he would take time to meet with the association's Executive, in particular when there were Council decisions that would impact on the Association or the alumni of the University. He will be long remembered as a true gentleman who gave a huge amount of his time for the University, often well above the call of duty.



Tom Lambie (left) and successor Tony Hall

## New Chancellor

Tom Lambie has been followed in the role of Chancellor by Tony Hall MNZM, who has been a member of the University Council since 2004 as a Council appointee.

Tony runs a small farm in North Canterbury and has been involved with farming all his life. He is a Governing Director of Community Colleges New Zealand, a University of Canterbury Council member, Chair of the Mainpower Trust Board, and a New Zealand Olympic Committee board member and selector, among a number of other business and sporting roles.

### Student enrolments trend upwards

Lincoln University opened the year on a positive enrolment note with an overall rise of 13 per cent in new students over the figure for 2015.

There continues to be strong interest in Lincoln University's traditional programmes including Bachelor of Agriculture, Bachelor of Commerce (Agriculture) and Bachelor of Agricultural Science. Bachelor of Commerce showed the biggest single increase with a 51 per cent rise. This programme is a primary area of growth for international and domestic students. Domestically, enrolments in the Bachelor of Land and Property Management (BLPM) rose and international numbers increased in programmes such as Master of Management in Agribusiness.

Overall, application numbers from the Canterbury region increased by 15 per cent with subsequent enrolments at the undergraduate level rising by 10 per cent.

Lincoln has put time and resources into showing 'urban' students the career and employment opportunities in the land-based sector beyond the farm gate.

### Lincoln University Alumni Association Day

LUAA Day 2016, held on Thursday 7 April, opened with the Association's Annual General Meeting in the Burns Building, Te Waihora campus.

A new Executive was elected, with James Nell now President and Andrew O'Regan Vice-President. New members coming on to the Executive were Dr Sharon Forbes, Senior Lecturer in Marketing, Department of Agribusiness and Markets, and Kahlia Fryer, former President of Lincoln University Students' Association and student representative on the University Council.

Retiring President Jo Spencer-Bower was thanked for her service and leadership over the past five years. Jo will continue to serve on the Executive as Immediate Past President.

LUAA Executive elected for 2016:

- President, James Nell
- Vice-President, Andrew O'Regan
- Immediate Past President, Jo Spencer-Bower
- Roy Evans
- Dr Sharon Forbes
- Kahlia Fryer
- Neil Gow
- Andrew Lingard
- Andrew Owen.

### LUAA Day Luncheon and Bledisloe medallist's address

Te Kete Ika was again the venue for the annual luncheon and Bledisloe address, organised by the Alumni and Development Office. New LUAA President and MC James Nell welcomed guests and the two speakers, Vice-Chancellor Professor Robin Pollard and Bledisloe Medal recipient Don McFarlane MNZM. James also noted this was the last LUAA Luncheon Tom Lambie would attend as Chancellor.

For Professor Pollard it was the first official LUAA occasion for him to introduce himself as the University's new Vice-Chancellor.

In his Bledisloe Medal address Don McFarlane, spoke of lessons taken out of his early experiences with innovation in agriculture in Canterbury and then described the role, value and contribution of co-operatives to New Zealand agriculture. Important lessons learnt included the cyclical nature of upturns and downturns in agriculture, the need for patience in times of downturn, and that the people most at risk in such times were the innovators.

Of co-operatives, he said that they were a way of getting critical mass into agriculture and were particularly important in New Zealand, with their outputs accounting for 8 to 10 percent of GDP. However, he emphasised that they must aim to build value and not just capture profit margins at the edges of production. He argued too that because co-operatives tended to be averse to change, getting the right people with appropriate skills on to their boards was important and members must make a conscious effort to embrace change.

Don, who is a prominent South Canterbury agricultural sector leader and is Deputy Chair of Farmlands, was presented with his Bledisloe Medal the following day at Lincoln University's 2016 Graduation Ceremony.



Don McFarlane  
2016 Bledisloe  
Medallist





Hon. Jeremy Rockliff and Dr John Hay

## Tasmanian alumnus receives International Medal

The Deputy Premier of Tasmania, the Hon. Jeremy Rockliff, was presented with Lincoln University's Alumni International Medal for 2016, by Interim Vice-Chancellor Dr John Hay, at a ceremony in the Executive Building, Hobart, on 3 March.

Deputy Premier Rockliff is a Lincoln alumnus (Diploma of Farm Management 1991). He is the son of Lincoln alumnus Rick Rockcliff, Diploma of Agriculture 1968.

He grew up on the family farm in Sassafras, north-west Tasmania, and returned there after his time at Lincoln University. He was elected a Member of Parliament in 2002. Today, in addition to being Deputy Premier he is Minister for Education and Training, Minister for Primary Industries and Water, and Minister for Racing.

The presentation ceremony was attended by Tasmanian government department representatives, the Director of the Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture at the University of Tasmania, Professor Holger Meinke, and Professor Bruce McKenzie and Professor Hugh Bigsby of Lincoln University.

## Lincoln University Medals

Three Lincoln University Medals for long-term meritorious voluntary service supporting the fabric or reputation of Lincoln University were presented by Chancellor Tom Lambie on 6 April. He said all three recipients, Heritage Writer Ian Collins, Rugby Coach Noel Hickland and Catering Manager Heather Watson had made, and were continuing to make, a big and positive difference to the University. The medal was instituted by the Lincoln University Council in 2008.

**Ian Collins** has been involved with writing and communications at Lincoln University since 1987 and his wider contributions have included service around events, displays, presentations, VIP visits, functions, teaching assistance and committee work of all sorts.

**Noel Hickland** is the "godfather of Lincoln University rugby", and has been associated with coaching and mentoring teams and players through the Lincoln University Rugby Club for more than 12 years. Under his guidance the club won the Premier Colts competition in 2011 and 2014.

**Heather Watson** has given 29 years of service to Lincoln. Her commitment is exemplified by her actions during the February 2011 earthquakes when she lived on-campus after the quake to make sure rescue and recovery groups accommodated on campus and working in Christchurch were provided with meals and facilities at all hours when returning from their emergency duties in the city. Many were from overseas. Heather also ensured the University's catering service received the highest award of Platinum in the annual Lincoln Responsible Business Awards, for operating in an environmentally sustainable way.



Heritage Writer Ian Collins, left, Catering Manager Heather Watson, and Rugby Coach Noel Hickland have had their contributions recognised. Photo David Hollander.



## Graduation 2016

A total of almost 600 degrees, diplomas and certificates were awarded at Lincoln University's 2016 Graduation, spread over morning and afternoon sessions at the Lincoln Event Centre, Lincoln township on 8 April. For Chancellor Tom Lambie it was his final Graduation in the Chancellor's role, and for Professor Robin Pollard it was his first Graduation as Lincoln's Vice-Chancellor.

Two honorary doctorates were conferred. The recipients were Hon. John Luxton QSO, Doctor of Science, *honoris causa* and Honorary Professor Peter Skelton CNZM, Doctor of Natural Resources, *honoris causa*.

For full citations please visit the website [www.lincoln.ac.nz/Lincoln-Home/News-and-Events/Diverse-advocates-for-top-Lincoln-University-awards/](http://www.lincoln.ac.nz/Lincoln-Home/News-and-Events/Diverse-advocates-for-top-Lincoln-University-awards/)



Hon. John Luxton QSO



Honorary Professor Peter Skelton

## Vice-Chancellor's Invitational PhD Dinner

Lincoln University's third annual PhD Dinner was held as usual on the evening before Graduation Day. Twenty-five PhD graduands attended the function in Te Kete Ika, accompanied by family members and friends. For the new Director of Postgraduate Studies, Professor Charles Brennan, who has succeeded long-serving Director Professor Ken Hughey in the role.

Postgraduate Team Leader Bernadette Mani of Student Administration led the procession of graduands into the dining hall, before the start of the formal proceedings.

Speaking to the graduands, Professor Pollard said that PhDs brought immense credit to their university.

He also said that the process of hard work and study that leads to a PhD was very demanding on families and he thanked family members for the support they gave candidates.

It was a point picked up by the principal speaker for the evening, the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture and Life Sciences Professor Bruce McKenzie, who said his wife claimed that his own PhD should be half hers. Professor McKenzie told the graduands that their Lincoln PhD was the "key to your future". A Lincoln PhD would enable them to work almost anywhere in the world, he said.



Bernadette Mani with some of Lincoln's 2016 PhD graduands



## Obituaries

Names of deceased alumni notified to the Alumni and Development Office will be published in the 2016 edition of *Landforms* – printed in 2017. However, special mention is made here of the passing of former Chairman of the Lincoln College Council, Sidney (Sid) Hurst OBE, of Oamaru, and alumnus and retired Senior Lecturer Neil Gow of Christchurch.

Sid died in Oamaru on 21 July aged 97. He served on the Lincoln College Council from 1962 to 1985 and was Chairman for his final six years. In the era when Lincoln University was a constituent college of the University of Canterbury, Sid was an early advocate for autonomy and independence for Lincoln. He was at the forefront of many of the early preparatory discussions and debates which ultimately led to the college becoming an autonomous university in 1990. Lincoln conferred an Honorary Doctor of Science degree on him in 1993, in the first award of honorary doctorates by the then new university.



Sidney Hurst



Neil Gow

Neil Gow died in Christchurch Hospital on 17 June 2016 and his funeral, attended by around 650, was held in Lincoln Event Centre of 28 June. Family members were joined by representatives from agriculture, sport and education - pillars of Neil's life.

Agribusinessman, Lincoln graduate and former farmer Bill Lee was Master of Ceremonies, and he spoke for most in acknowledging the educational, mentoring, and friendship debts owed to Neil.

Neil was born in Winton, Southland, on 12 January 1937. He attended John McGlashan College in Dunedin where he was Head Prefect and Senior Athletics Champion, and he entered Lincoln College in 1958 to study for a Bachelor of Agricultural Science. Thus began an almost 60-year association with Lincoln. He graduated in 1961, served two years with the Meat and Wool Board's Economic Service in Wellington, then joined the Farm Management lecturing staff back at Lincoln College. When he retired in 2007 he was, at that point, the longest serving member on the academic staff. Neil was a past President of the Alumni Association and was a serving on the Executive at the time of his death.

In April this year at the AGM of the Lincoln University Alumni Association Neil was elected a Fellow of the Association, an honour he said he was "very humbled" to receive.

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- Learn about the broader primary industry sectors
- Become more knowledgeable on the process and how to influence decision making
- Develop great friendships and networks across the country and sectors
- Be introduced and network with industry leaders.

Applications have just opened for the two courses in 2017.

- **January** – June course applications close 17 October 2016
- **June** – November course applications close 20 March 2017.

Go to the website [www.kellogg.org.nz](http://www.kellogg.org.nz) for full details and what our recent 'Kelloggers' say about the programme.



#### **NUFFIELD SCHOLARSHIPS – An opportunity to gain Global Insights and Understanding**

The Nuffield Scholarship applications close each year in August. Check out the website and start thinking for 2018 or beyond.

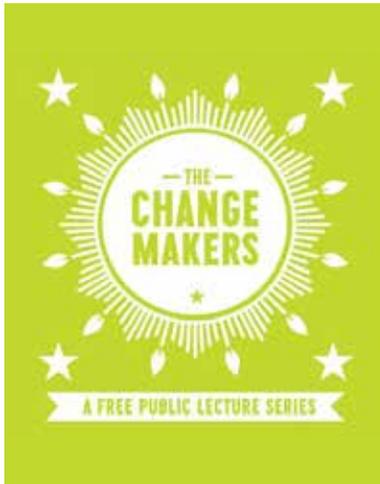
This is an amazing experience targeting farmers/growers (ie those active on the land) interested in moving into industry and business leadership roles to have a global agriculture immersion experience that will accelerate knowledge of the global environment in which we operate.

The scholarship is for 12 months with a minimum of 20 weeks of the year involved in a mixture of organised and personal global travel.

Check out the website [www.nuffield.org.nz](http://www.nuffield.org.nz) for more details.



## Changemakers Lecture Series



This year the University has held a series of free public lectures on campus led by the Professoriate.

Among the topics that have been included are; 'Trade agreements: salvation or suicide?', 'Animal models used to develop human medical treatments', and 'New Zealand dairy: friend or foe?'

There are two lectures still to be presented on 6 October and 17 November and past presentations are available on the web.

For more information visit:

[www.lincoln.ac.nz/changemakers](http://www.lincoln.ac.nz/changemakers)

## Landscape Symposium

We would like to invite scholars and postgraduate students from Australia and New Zealand to join the SOLA Research Symposium at Lincoln University, 9-10 November 2016.

The symposium addresses the topic of integrated urban grey and green infrastructure with a focus on research from Australia and New Zealand. Both green infrastructure (e.g. parks, river corridors and wetlands) and grey infrastructure (e.g. streets, squares, storm water management systems and transport infrastructures) perform crucial services for cities, and often occupy the same locations in the urban landscape. They can be viewed as complementary.

For more information and registration, please visit our website <https://conferences.lincoln.ac.nz/solasymposium2016>



Integrated Urban Grey + Green Infrastructure  
SOLA Research Symposium 2016

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## Rugby – ‘We are the champions ... again!’



For the second season in a row Lincoln University has taken the biggest prize in Division 1 of Canterbury’s Metro rugby competition, the Hawkins Trophy.

Playing at Christchurch’s Rugby Park on 31 July against New Brighton in the 2016 final of the competition, Lincoln University turned on a gutsy performance winning by an impressive 49-12.

New Brighton, the season’s Hawkins Cup winners, held their own for most of the first half, despite their captain being red-carded off for a dangerous tackle.

Lincoln University pulled away in the second half and proved uncatchable. Among the best of the Lincoln players were fullback Jordie Barrett, left wing Josh McKay, hooker and captain Werahiko and number eight Hugo Nankivelli.

Thanks go to the coaching staff of Bevan Sisson, Gordon Hanlon, Manager Scott Eustace, Physio Ethan Horne, Trainer Ben Ward and all the non-playing reserves for their assistance and expertise throughout the season.

It has been a great year for team who have worked hard to build on their weaknesses and experiences throughout the season. The commitment and dedication of the

players, coaches and management has been exceptional and Lincoln University Rugby and the University thank all involved, especially Head Coach John Haggart, Forwards Coach Dave Perrin, Backs Coach Ben Blair, Physio Harriet Ashby, Trainer Richard Deuchrass and Manager Dave Roberston.

Thanks also to Lincoln University, Lincoln Hospitality, LHL Catering for the food at the after matches functions, the Elmwood team of Erin, Dave and Luke, NZ Cricket for such amazing grounds at Lincoln, CRFU for making rugby happen in Canterbury, LU Rugby Committee for making rugby happen at LU, Kim Browne for his work with players and coaches, Pub Charity, Mainland Foundation, Canterbury Teamwear, Motus Health and Sportsmed Insolvency Management, ASB Rural and Andy Owen, Knight Frank, Powerade, and all parents, friends and supporters.

See the Game Day write up here:

[www.crfu.co.nz/main/index.cfm/1,649,5896,0,html/Game-Day-Week-18](http://www.crfu.co.nz/main/index.cfm/1,649,5896,0,html/Game-Day-Week-18)

Watch video here:

[www.facebook.com/LincolnUniversitySports/videos/929804253796585/](https://www.facebook.com/LincolnUniversitySports/videos/929804253796585/)



## Landforms Alumni Magazine

Landforms alumni magazine is due in your letterboxes. This edition reviews 2015 and provides updates from the first part of 2016. It brings you the stories, events, achievements and news from your Lincoln University community.

If you do not receive your copy of Landforms and would like to be sent one, please email [alumni@lincoln.ac.nz](mailto:alumni@lincoln.ac.nz)



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### Alumni Benefits

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## Annual Giving 2016

Thanks to all who have supported Lincoln University through gifts in kind, mentoring, corporate sponsorship and donations.

Information about the University's annual giving appeal has been posted to you with Landforms, the focus this year is on supporting scholarships and the next generation of Lincoln University students.

Thank you for your generosity.



## Alumni news and updates in brief

### Appointed to Lincoln University Council

Alumnus Steve Smith (DipFieldTech with Distinction, 1984) has been appointed to the Lincoln University Council. Steve fills the vacancy created by Tom Lambie's retirement in the pool of three members appointed by the Council, at least one of whom must be an alumnus.

Steve has had a distinguished career in the land-based sector, particularly in viticulture. He is best known as co-founder and former Managing Director of Craggy Range Vineyards, Hawke's Bay, and he also holds the international qualification Master of Wine. He has now moved to advisory and governance roles with Craggy Range and is pursuing other business and governance interests. He is a Ministerial appointee on the New Zealand Story Advisory Board, the Tourism Growth Partnership Independent Panel of Experts and the Ministry of Primary Industries Primary Growth Partnership Independent Advisory Panel.

**[www.lincoln.ac.nz/Lincoln-Home/News-and-Events/Distinguished-Lincoln-Alumnus-joins-University-Council/](http://www.lincoln.ac.nz/Lincoln-Home/News-and-Events/Distinguished-Lincoln-Alumnus-joins-University-Council/)**

### Continuing success for event professional

Lincoln University alumna Nicola Burgess (BTM, Parks & Outdoor & Event Management, 2010), a Conference and Event Organiser in the University's Conference and Professional Development Group, has added further distinction to her career. In 2014 she won a Selwyn District Council Sensational Selwyn award, with colleague Michaela Soper, for her work organising the South Island Agricultural Field Days, and this year she won her way to the finals of the NZ Association of Event Professionals' New Zealand Event Awards.

Awards were presented across 10 categories and Nicola made it into the finals of the Emerging Event Professional of the Year category, which was eventually won by Martin Peat of Beca.

This year the event drew a record number of entries. Competition was intense and the finals were held in Auckland on 4 August. Congratulations to Nicola on the prominence she is achieving in her profession.

### Alumnus writes history of pioneering Lincoln farm management unit

*Dare to compute*, a book documenting the foundation, growth, development and legacy of the Kellogg Farm Management Unit at Lincoln University is the latest offering from alumnus Dr Peter Nuthall (BAgrSc 1963, MAgrSc Hons 1967, PhD 1978), well known through many years of teaching and research with the Farm Management Department and now an Honorary Associate Professor in the Faculty of Agribusiness and Commerce.

Peter, who is a prolific author with half a dozen books to his credit, writes the history knowledgeably and authoritatively because he was the Kellogg Farm Management Unit's founding director.

Computer-based systems for farm management started appearing in the USA in the 1950s and, as Peter says in his book, New Zealand farm management leaders began asking 'why not here?'

Of critical importance, he notes, was the fact that Lincoln College had been involved with farmers at an advisory and practical level for many years, so there was a tradition of providing support. Computers were the new technology on the block for continuing this service.

The Kellogg Farm Management Unit at Lincoln University/College was founded with funding from the WK Kellogg Foundation, the philanthropic wing of the American Kellogg commercial conglomerate. The unit started in January 1980 and operated until 1995 when, under the name Lincoln Software, it was sold to a competing farm software group.

*Dare to compute: the early years in the development and uptake of farm computer systems* will interest all alumni who remember the KFMU. It is available from [bookshop@lincoln.ac.nz](mailto:bookshop@lincoln.ac.nz) and retails at \$45.00 plus p & p.

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### Graduate's career now under way

Congratulations to Lincoln University alumnus Shehan Saparamadu (GradDipVal 2014) who has completed his National Certificate in Real Estate and is now launched on his career in realty with Harcourts, in Hornby, Christchurch. Shehan, who also has an MBA and a UK marketing qualification, is an active member of the Lincoln township community, where he lives with his family.



## Young Farmers winner

Lincoln University alumni again featured strongly in the district and regional events of the 2016 Young Farmer of the Year competition and in the Grand Final an alumnus was once again the overall winner. Congratulations to Athol New (BComAg 2007), the Aorangi regional finalist and a member of Pendarves Young Farmers.

[www.youngfarmercontest.co.nz/fmg-young-farmer-of-the-year-contest/](http://www.youngfarmercontest.co.nz/fmg-young-farmer-of-the-year-contest/)

[www.stuff.co.nz/business/farming/81937790/nz-young-farmer-of-the-year-announced](http://www.stuff.co.nz/business/farming/81937790/nz-young-farmer-of-the-year-announced)

## Royal Honours

Congratulations to the following alumni named in the 2016 Royal Honours lists:

**Richie McCaw**, ONZ, for services to New Zealand

**Neil Craig**, ONZM, for services to business and philanthropy

**Robert Davison**, ONZM, for services to the sheep and beef industry

**Ian Warren**, QSM, for services to health and the community

**Murray Ellis**, MNZM, for services to rugby.

## Invivo wines

Alumnus Rob Cameron (BV&O 2000), Chief Winemaker, Invivo Wines, featured on TV One's Seven Sharp programme recently about creating a new vintage with British talk show host and New Zealand wine aficionado Graham Norton. Check out how they became involved in The Graham Norton Show or for more information visit:

[www.facebook.com/InvivoWines/videos/1051464484908004](https://www.facebook.com/InvivoWines/videos/1051464484908004)

[www.invivowines.com](http://www.invivowines.com)

## Events and Reunions 2016

### Tasmania 7 May

Tasmanian alumni gathered for a dinner in Launceston during AgFest week. Guest speaker was alumnus Hon. Jeremy Rockliff, Deputy Premier of Tasmania and 2016 recipient of the Lincoln University Alumni International Medal.

### Hamilton 15 June

A group of nearly fifty alumni gathered in Hamilton the week of Fieldays for drinks and nibbles at 'The Bank'. The guest speaker was Lincoln's Professor Alan Renwick, Professor of Agricultural Economics who spoke about Brexit and the implications for the New Zealand Agrifood Sector.

### Auckland 28 July

Forty-five alumni gathered in central Auckland at Craigs Investment Partners where company founder and Lincoln University alumnus Neil Craig (BAgrCom, 1974) welcomed everyone and spoke of his career journey from student days through to his current roles in the business and commercial world.

Guest speaker and alumnus Andy Duncan (DipAgr, 1976, DipVFM, 1977), from Duncan Venison, spoke too of his career, the influence of his Lincoln education, the challenges of starting a business, creating international contacts and working in primary industries where today there is no room for error.

There was a good mix of ages among those attending, and it was nice to welcome prospective students to the event as well.

Thank you Neil and Craigs Investment Partners for supporting the gathering and providing the splendid venue and catering.



Auckland Alumni gathering 28 July

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## SIDE

The Alumni and Development Office was pleased to support SIDE 2016, held in Invercargill, in Stadium Southland, over 20-22 June. Alumni and Development Officer Anisha Thomas was present at the University's stand, greeting and talking with alumni and discussing opportunities for ongoing professional development.

## Reunions

The 2016 list of reunions hosted by Lincoln University and organised through or with the assistance of the Alumni and Development Office continues to grow. Reunions include:

### DipAg 1965-66 and DipVFM 1967, 12-14 February.

The year opened with this sizeable reunion on campus which was preceded by a small group of the attendees meeting at Akaroa for a couple of days. Guests had a barbecue meal at one of their old haunts, the Tai Tapu pub, on the Friday evening before having campus and farm tours on the Saturday and a reunion dinner in Te Kete Ika on Saturday night.



### DipAg 1947-48, 2 March

A small group of loyal diploma students who studied in the 1940's gathered in Christchurch for a weekend of reminiscing and were joined for a special dinner by alumni and development staff. The weekend was kindly organised by Patricia Corbett.

### BAGSci 1966, 19 March

A lively bunch of alumni met on campus to celebrate their 50 years on reunion and had a tour led by their class mate and former interim Vice-Chancellor Dr John Hay. It was a sunny campus tour which included the Council rooms and Vice-Chancellor's lounge and a formal photograph in front of Ivey Hall.



### BAGrSc Reunion 1953-55, 13 April

In April, alumnus Peter Boyd organised for BAGrSc classmates from 1953-55 to visit campus. The group which has remained very close since leaving Lincoln, included wives and widows of alumni. They enjoyed meeting new Vice-Chancellor Professor Robin Pollard and speaking with Professor Jon Hickford before having lunch on campus.

### DipAgr 1975 and DipFM 1976, 15-17 April

Over 90 attended the reunion dinner on the evening of Saturday 16 April. Attendees spent the whole weekend on campus and took part in a programme of activities which included an 'Amazing Race' tour of the campus, a barbecue lunch and professional development symposium.



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## BAgrCom 1981, 29 April

Tom Lambie, former Chancellor, hosted his classmates on campus on Saturday 29 April and led a special tour of the campus. The reunion, organised by Peter Engel, Ross Polson and Nigel Shirtcliff, included tours of the Christchurch city rebuild as part of their reunion weekend.



## DipHort 1965-1966, 23 July

Horticulture students from the 1960's enjoyed visiting campus as part of their reunion weekend and were very pleased to see their 'crazy paving' was still in situ and being used near Ivey Hall. Thanks goes to David Wareing as key organiser of this reunion.

## BComAg 1986 Reunion 21 May

Bad weather didn't dampen the spirits of alumni from 1986 who had their 30 year on reunion. Their tour, led by the late Neil Gow, included the cricket pavilion and a look at rugby photos on display in Hudson Hall, followed by a brief site visit to the Famous Grouse Hotel, Lincoln.



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## Dunedin

Alumni gatherings have returned to Dunedin after an absence of some time and an enjoyable LincUp Alumni and Friends evening was held at the Lone Star in George Street on 10 August. It was hosted by Penny Curran and Ian Collins of the Alumni and Development Office and around 35 alumni attended. The guest speaker was alumnus Rob Hewett, BCom(Ag) 1992, Master of Commerce & Management (Hons) 1995, Chair of Silver Fern Farms. Thanks Rob for a very instructive and informative address describing your journey onward in life from Lincoln.



Dunedin. Three members of the Taylor family: Sarah, Janice and Emma all Lincoln alumni

## Australia, 17-18 August

Alumni events have been held in Melbourne, 17 August, and Sydney, 18 August. Alumni and Development Manager Naomi Wilde attended these representing the University and thanks local alumni who assisted in making these regular events in the two Australian cities as successful and enjoyable as always.

## Save the date



## Chicago 2016

### 3 November

Lincoln University staff and supporters are going to be in Chicago and are hosting an alumni gathering on the 3 November. Details are still being finalised. For more information please contact:

[penny.curran@lincoln.ac.nz](mailto:penny.curran@lincoln.ac.nz)

## New York 2017

An event is being planned for alumni in New York, timed around academic visits to the 'Big Apple'.

If you are interested in more information about a New York alumni function please email:

[alumni@lincoln.ac.nz](mailto:alumni@lincoln.ac.nz)

## Other proposed international events

The Alumni and Development Office has been approached about holding alumni events in Oregon USA and in South Africa. If you are interested and would like more information please email:

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For more information on events and reunions or to RSVP, please visit the Events and Reunions page on **AlumniLinc**, email the contact person listed above for each event or phone the Alumni & Development Office on +64 3 423 0012.