

President's message



Welcome to the final edition of Alumnilinc for 2014. Here we are at the Christmas end of the year again, summer and the true outdoors season. A time when we can all give particular expression to Lincoln University's mission strapline - 'live well'. Sport, of course, is one pathway for helping the world to 'live well' and it is no coincidence that Lincoln University has a very strong commitment to sport through its Sports

Scholarship Programme, the marvellous opportunities available at the campus Recreation Centre, and the various sports clubs supported by the Lincoln University Students' Association.

As you know, sport is very close to my own heart, so let me start my Christmas message by acknowledging the tremendous growth in sport at the University. It's growth watched with interest by the Alumni Association as students move through their academic studies and are welcomed into the Association.

Prominent sportswomen and sportsmen among our alumni are too numerous to mention individually. They are great role models for students and numerous sports are now represented alongside the traditionally strong presence of rugby, netball, basketball and rowing - there are Lincoln University alumni now prominent in all of them. And can I say 'thank you' to all alumni who turn out as supporters at University sporting events and matches, in all seasons, summer and winter! I hear reports about strong alumni sideline support and know it's appreciated.

Reflecting on the Alumni Association's year, we had our AGM in the Lincoln Event Centre on 6 June, followed by lunch at Lincoln's Famous Grouse Hotel. It was a constructive AGM with the first circulation of a published Annual Report. It was also a poignant occasion as it was the last gathering attended by well-known alumnus Monty Monteath, who passed away on 22 October. Monty spoke at the luncheon about the Rural Field Cadets' history project and his vision for it.

During the year we welcomed Andrew O'Regan on to the Alumni Association Executive and farewelled Hamish Ramsden. The University also welcomed Jo Brady to the position of Alumni and Development Manager and most recently the Association co-opted a member to the Executive, Simon Lee, who you will briefly read about in this issue.

The year has been particularly notable for the huge amount of interaction alumni have had through two major reunions, '50 years On' and 'The Final Field Test'. A total of more than 300 alumni came together over the course of these two events. In addition we have had a first ever alumni reunion in Canberra and a first reunion for many years in Adelaide. Of course the programme of monthly Tuesday Lunch Club gatherings has continued actively too.

It has been a constructive year and I thank my fellow Executive members and the staff of the Lincoln University's Alumni and Development Office for their continued help and support. Have an enjoyable Christmas and New Year break and best wishes for 2015.

Jo Spencer-Bower
President
Lincoln University Alumni Association

Telford Graduation 2014

On 28 November 2014, students from **LincolnFirst-Telford** (a division of Lincoln University) paraded down Balclutha's main street - Clyde Street - towards the Balclutha War Memorial Hall for their graduation ceremony.

Telford's Director, Charley Lamb welcomed everyone while Chancellor Tom Lambie gave an introductory speech addressing all graduates.

Qualifications awarded included Certificates in Agriculture, Farm Management, Shearing and Wool Handling, Equine, Forestry, Applied Rural Production, Rural Animal Technicians and Diplomas in Rural Business, with around 100 students attending the graduation ceremony.

This year we also welcomed the first round of students who went through **LincolnFirst-Telford** to complete diplomas which would previously be taught on the Lincoln University, Te Waihora campus. After almost four years as the Director of Telford, Charley Lamb announced his departure from Telford

at the end of this year. Alumni and Development Manager Jo Brady also attended the ceremony as her first official Lincoln graduation ceremony.

Buzzing at Ahipara

Congratulations to the 16 students from the Telford Apiary programme in Kaitaia who graduated at Roma Marae, Ahipara last week.

We congratulate all of our latest graduates and welcome them to the Lincoln University Alumni Association.

Association's new Executive

The Lincoln University Alumni Association's new Executive who has recently been co-opted, is Simon Lee. Simon graduated from Telford Farming Institute (now **LincolnFirst-Telford**) with a Certificate in Agriculture. The Association identified the need to have a Telford alumnus as an Executive to give better representation and bridge the gap between Telford alumni prior to the Lincoln-Telford merger, and those Telford students who now graduate as Lincoln University alumnus.



Pictured above: Students and staff parade down Balclutha's main street for the 2014 Telford Graduation Ceremony

Last TLC for 2014

Tuesday Lunch Club met again on Tuesday, 25 November to enjoy their last lunch for the year. A total of 56 attended, making it the highest attended TLC this year. A Christmas buffet lunch was catered by Lincoln Hospitality Ltd and hosted by the Alumni and Development Office. The TLC group met on the Lincoln University campus in Te Kete Ika (the dining hall) to enjoy a meal together before the holiday season, and will be reconvening again in February 2015.

If you would like to know more about TLC or would like to attend the next one, please contact the Alumni and Development Office alumni@lincoln.ac.nz

Job opportunity for a Lincoln alumnus

Compass Agribusiness is currently advertising a role in Arrowtown that would be ideally suited to a Lincoln alumnus/a.

For more information, please go to <http://compassagri.com/vacancies.html>

Update your details to receive Landforms magazine

The 2015 Landforms magazine will be out in February next year. Update your details on [AlumniLinc](#) or email alumni@lincoln.ac.nz

Take a look back at 2014, the year that's been, on [AlumniLinc](http://goo.gl/tcTUOj) (<http://goo.gl/tcTUOj>)

Calling all DipAg 1976 alumni

1976 DipAg Lincoln College 40th year reunion is planned for 15-18 June 2016 at Wairakei Resort, Taupo.

Proposed Agenda:

- Wednesday 15 - meet up in evening at Wairakei Resort
- Thursday 16 - bus to Mystery Creek Fieldays, Hamilton
- Friday 17 - bus trip to Lochinver Station or similar
- Saturday 18 - free time in Taupo followed by an official evening dinner with a guest speaker

Please register your interest with **Ken Ballantyne** (07) 843 3168; email: ksballantyne@xtra.co.nz

Calling all Rural Field Cadets

Rural Field Cadet (RFC) alumni attending Lincoln University's 1938-1975 VFM 'Final Field Test' Reunion in April this year agreed that the story of the RFC scheme that brought them to Lincoln should be formally documented and written-up as it was a significant part of New Zealand's agricultural history.

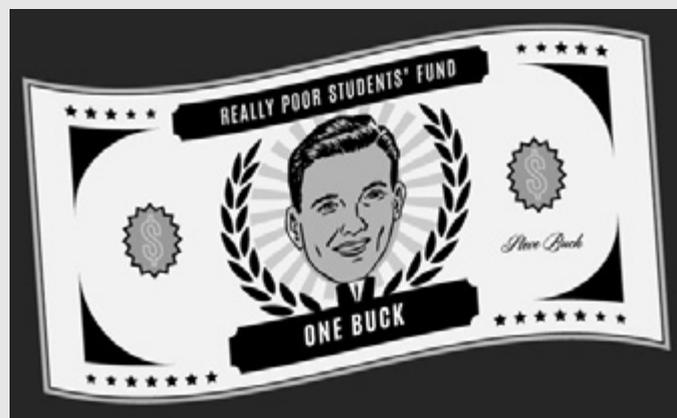
Forty-five RFCs met at the VFM reunion and unanimously agreed that 'The Project' will be led and owned by former RFCs and that it is a 'now or never' project. A committee of RFC members has been set up to organise and oversee the project. The committee is currently seeking donations in the order of \$50 which, on eventual publication of the book, will be credited to a donor's purchase price. Former RFCs (or their widows) who may be able to contribute information to The Project (in the form of photographs, assistance, or in any other way) should please contact **Bill Harrington** (03) 337 3094; email: woharrington@xtra.co.nz

Raising 'Bucks' for student hardship

Steve Buck - an alumnus from 1999 - has been helping out students in need through the Lincoln University Students' Association (LUSA). Students who are low on funds can apply to LUSA for a few 'bucks' to help them buy food and other essentials. Other alumni can support the campaign through the fundraising portal Steve has set up for this specific purpose.

Steve is making an appeal in this season of giving. If every alumni were to donate one dollar, there would be a significant fund that would help Lincoln students for years to come.

If you would like to contribute, please visit **Steve Buck rescue fund** (<http://goo.gl/ayuTB4>) and donate as little or as much as you like via pay pal or credit card. All donations go directly to the fund to enable LUSA to support students in need.



Happy Holidays

Please note the
Alumni and Development Office
is closed between 19 December
and 6 January