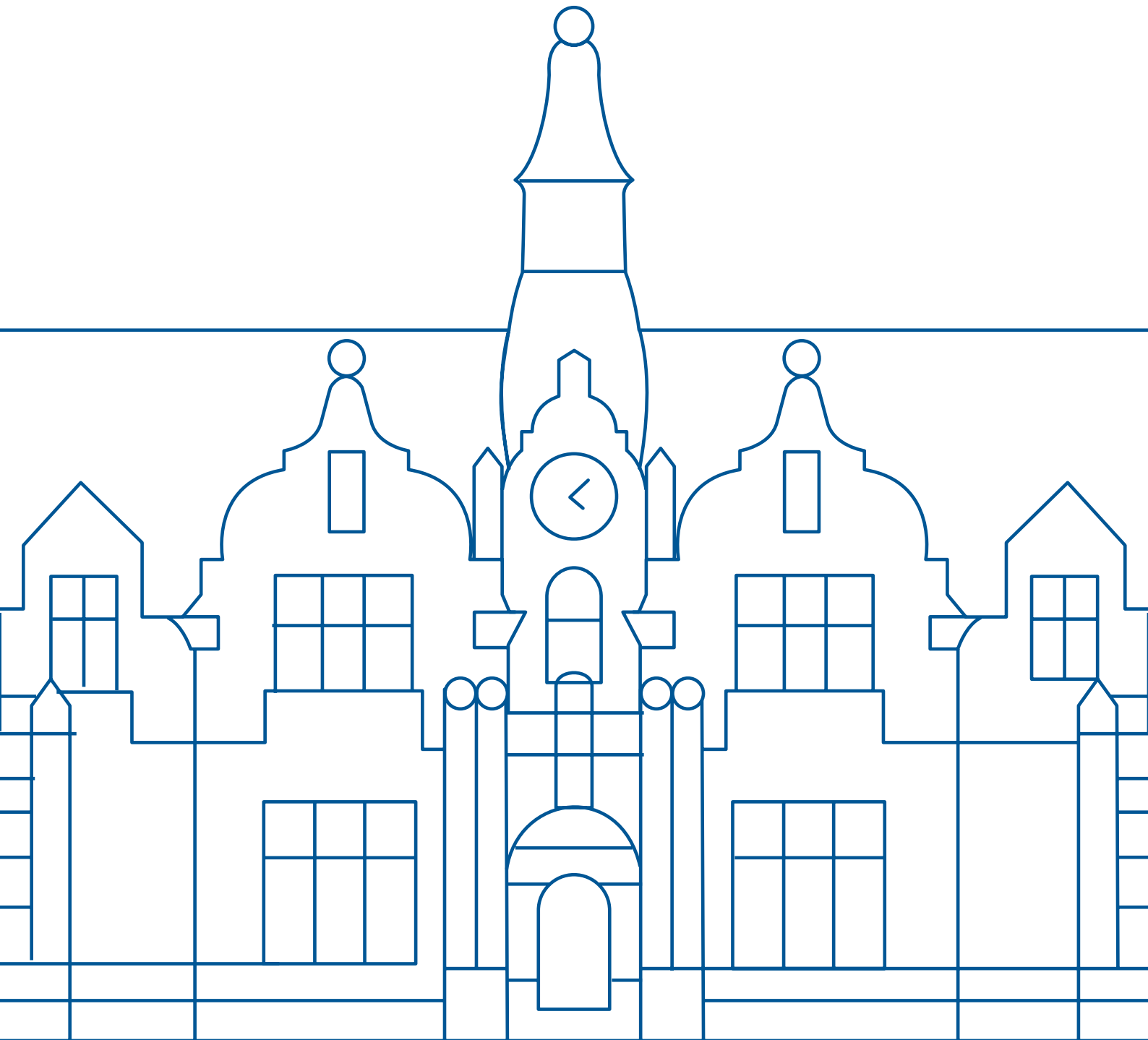




# Lincoln University Alumni

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**LINCOLN UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**2015**



# WELCOME

Welcome to Lincoln University Alumni Association's 2015 Annual Report. This report covers the calendar year 1 January – 31 December 2015 and it is a pleasure to provide information, financial and otherwise, on another very productive 12 months.

First of all, 'thank you' to my colleagues on the executive for their personal support and loyalty throughout the year and for their diligent engagement with the business of the association.

My appreciation also to the staff of the University's Alumni and Development Office with whom the association works closely to advance the interests of Lincoln University and its alumni community. Particular thanks for excellent work to Alumni and Development Officer Penny Curran, who has the role of association secretary.

Reviewing 2015, I acknowledge the departure of our association Patron, Vice-Chancellor Dr Andrew West, who resigned from his university position in June, and it was a pleasure to see the Interim Vice-Chancellor's appointment go to a Lincoln alumnus, Dr John Hay BAgrSc, MAgrSc.

During the year the spotlight fell on another alumnus I will mention by name, Sir Turi Carroll, DipAgr 1912. In November, a weekend-long commemoration of his life and legacy brought together university staff and Carroll whanau in Wairoa, Hawke's Bay.

Administratively, 2015 was notable for the abolition of the old structure of tertiary councils under which, in Lincoln's case, there were two positions for graduates elected by the Court of Convocation. Peter Chamberlain and Peter Wardell were the last two representatives from this constituency and we acknowledge their service with gratitude.

We acknowledge too, alumni recipients of Royal Honours List awards in 2015, David Halstead (QSM), Brendon McCullum (ONZM), Don McFarlane (MNZM) and Denise Sheat (ONZM).

As you will read in this Annual Report, alumni have been busy organising reunions and social get-togethers in all sorts of places and enjoying one

another's company. As is the case every year, those who never had the chance to enjoy the fruits of their Lincoln days, and died in the world wars, were remembered on Anzac Day with the public reading of the University's Roll of Honour and the laying of a wreath from the association.

Alongside the solemnity of Anzac Day, April also saw the joy of the Graduation Ceremonies and the success of the inaugural LUAA Day.

'Stay Connected' was one of the themes of LUAA Day and in concluding these opening remarks, may I urge all who read this Annual Report to make sure that they do in fact 'Stay Connected' with the association and the University. In the excellent set of statistics prepared for this Annual Report by Alumni and Development Officer Anisha Thomas, you will note that there is no contact information for more than 12,000 alumni and only partial information for over 23,000. It would be great to see an improvement on these figures by the time next year's annual report comes around. Remember, we are the oldest old students' association of New Zealand's eight universities, so we have an example to set!

**Jo Spencer-Bower**  
President and Executive Chair  
Lincoln University Alumni Association  
April 2016



Two generations of Lincoln alumni, World Rugby Cup 2015. Don McCaw with son Richie and daughter Jo, together with Gemma Flynn and wife Margaret McCaw.

# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE



Left to right top row: Jo Spencer-Bower (President), James Nell (Vice-President), Craig Williamson (Immediate Past-President)  
Centre row: Derrick Moot, Roy Evans, Andrew Lingard. Bottom row: Simon Lee, Neil Gow, Andrew O'Regan

## ALUMNI AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

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# LINCOLN UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 2015 REPORT

## Meetings

Five meetings of the Lincoln University Alumni Association Executive were held in 2015, including the Strategic Planning meeting in February and the Annual General Meeting in April.

### 19 February

**Strategic Planning Workshop, Mackay Bailey premises, Blenheim Road, Christchurch**

Guests speaking to particular topics were the Director of Alumni and Development Jo Brady, Scholarships Manager Jane Edwards, and retired staff member, former University Council member and alumnus Dr Warwick Scott.

Jo Brady outlined initiatives introduced in 2014 by the Alumni and Development Office including the addition of the word 'Development' to its name recognising the inclusion of advancement (fundraising) as an area of responsibility for the office.

Jo said the telephone campaign of 2014 was successful and helped reconnect many alumni to the University. Other office activities described by Jo included the introduction in 2014 of a formal, printed LUAA Annual Report; the organisation of the VC's Invitational PhD Dinner; and alumni office representation during student Orientation Week.

Jo also highlighted actions planned for 2015 including more events, engaging with young alumni, and developing mentoring programmes such as AMP - an Alumni as Mentors Programme, to help promote graduates' careers and create connections and networks. She also spoke about planned fundraising in 2015 and ambitions for expanded sport and recreation facilities.

Jane Edwards outlined alumni related scholarships

available to undergraduates. She also described the Global Challenge scholarships introduced in 2014 and the Simon Gubbins scholarship for Australian students.

Warwick Scott led an informal discussion on his views of how the University Council functions and how proposed changes to Council size and representation would affect alumni.

The Executive agreed to ask the University's Governance Director, Adrian Carpinter, if a late submission to Council on the proposed new makeup of Councils was possible, in particular changes to alumni representation.

In anticipation of a submission being possible the meeting carried a motion recommending that of the four co-opted members permitted under the new Council provisions "at least one shall be an alumnus of Lincoln University co-opted after consultation with the Alumni Executive Committee". The Alumni and Development Office was asked to draft a letter, using the wording of the motion, to go to current Council member and Court of Convocation representative Peter Chamberlain.



LU Alumni Association AGM 2015. Allan Bilbrough (foreground), Peter Cosgriff (right).

The Strategic Planning Workshop also considered the need to encourage greater engagement by the University's Pasifika alumni and those who come to the University as NZ Aid Scholars. Jo Brady advised that Lincoln University has the third highest number of Pasifika alumni after Auckland and Victoria.

The meeting noted that after discussion and debate, the University's annual Bledisloe Medal Address was returning to a Graduation Week time from 2015.

### 23 April

**Annual General Meeting of the Lincoln University Alumni Association, Lincoln Event Centre, Meijer Drive, Lincoln**

Almost 50 members of the association, including the Executive Committee, attended the 2015 AGM. Three special guests were John Andre from South Australia, the first recipient of the Alumni International Medal; Professor John Morris, from New South Wales, the 2015 international medallist; and Professor Stephen Goldson the 2014 Bledisloe Medal recipient.

In her report to the AGM, Association President Jo Spencer-Bower said that 2014 had been a 'tremendously exciting and constructive' year for the association and she outlined activities highlighted by two major reunions - 50 Years On and VFM The Final Field Test. The President also mentioned the telephone campaign which saw just over \$100,000 pledged for scholarship support for future students.

She commented too on the 'simple but effective' Stay Connected campaign among alumni. "It's really working," she said.

Contact and communication with the University's Telford Division was also greatly enhanced in 2014, said the President, with the co-opted appointment of a Telford representative on the Executive, Simon Lee, and the integration of Telford alumni (post-2010) into the wider alumni organisation.

The President noted the passing during the 2014 of Lincoln's first woman Bachelor of Agricultural Science graduate Mary Fairmaid, who died in Hawkes's Bay on 29 March 2014.

In general business concern was raised from the

floor about the Government's move to reduce the number of members on university councils. The President advised that the LUAA Executive had made a submission on the subject.

In his Financial Report association Vice-President and Treasurer James Nell reported that for 2014 the association had total assets of \$278,541 up from \$277,038 in 2013. (See separate section of this report for the Association's Financial Statements).

The LUAA Executive elected at the meeting for 2015/2016 was –Jo Spencer-Bower, President; James Nell, Vice-President; Craig Williamson, Immediate Past President; Roy Evans, Neil Gow, Simon Lee, Andrew Lingard, Derrick Moot and Andrew O'Regan.

### 28 May

**Executive Meeting, Mackay, Bailey premises, Blenheim Road, Christchurch**

Lincoln University's Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Group Manager, Corporate Services, Murray Dickson, was guest at this meeting and gave an update on campus developments and the Lincoln Hub.

Penny Curran spoke to her report covering the increase in database statistics, Alumni and Development Office communications, and past and upcoming events. Penny also gave an update on the Nepal Education Appeal and the Rural Field Cadets history project.

President Jo Spencer-Bower thanked executive members who attended the inaugural LUAA Day on 23 April.

The nominations for the next round of Bledisloe and Alumni International Medal awards were discussed and a selection meeting scheduled.

### 10 September

**Executive Meeting, Mackay Bailey premises, Blenheim Road, Christchurch**

Alumni and Development Director, Jo Brady provided an overview of the University's trusts and fundraising and an update on the 2015 campaign. She said the main focus of the 2015 Annual Campaign was to raise funds for the LUAA and Global Challenges scholarships. A draft campaign letter was circulated to the Executive for comment. All alumni in New Zealand and Australia will be



sent the letter by post with a follow-up email. Other alumni, around the world, will receive it via email.

Jo advised that the University had completed a review of its 81 existing trusts. A scoping report indicated that work was required with the trusts and a number of recommendations need to be worked through.

The Executive's Secretary, Alumni and Development Officer Penny Curran, provided a report on the Alumni and Development Office's increasing engagement with alumni. She said over 40 events had been held to date in 2015.

The Executive discussed criteria for the Association's degree and diploma scholarships and changes were approved to the application process.

### 19 November

#### Executive Meeting, Mackay Bailey premises, Blenheim Road, Christchurch

Vice-President and Treasurer James Nell advised that the association's investment portfolio was 'doing well' and income for the year was expected to cover the 2015 withdrawal of \$12,500 for the scholarship payments.

Penny Curran advised that the Alumni and Development Office's temporary staff member Erin Eyles was concluding her Fixed Term Contract on 18 December and the appointment of an Alumni and Development Manager had been made, with a New Year starting date.

Concerning the criteria for the LUAA Scholarships, following consultation with the Scholarships Office new amendments to the application form are to be presented to the Executive early in 2016.

An approach to the Alumni and Development Office by NZForex to partner with them to offer Lincoln alumni fee-free money transfers as a membership benefit was discussed. The Executive agreed with the concept.



LU Alumni Association AGM 2015. Executive member Andrew O'Regan speaking.



Mystery Creek 2015. Jaime Thomson, Lincoln Roper, alumni Sam Mcknight and Brendan Herries, Lance Roper.

## Reunions

Lincoln University alumni enjoyed numerous reunion opportunities, formal and informal, around the country and internationally in 2015. From Southland to Sarawak and Singapore, Cairns to Kuala Lumpur, Hawkes Bay to Hobart, Launceston to London, and many places in between, members of the Lincoln family came together in 2015 to catch up and enjoy one another's company.

A London gathering on 27 August was attended by Alumni and Development Director, Jo Brady, and it was the third official alumni event in the UK capital in recent years following functions at New Zealand House in 2006 and at Marlborough House (courtesy of Sir Don McKinnon) in 2008.

Among loyal alumni at the 2015 London reunion were Michael Pirkis (DipAg 1958) and Fred Wilkinson (DipHort 1956).

A major reunion in 2015 marked Telford's golden jubilee. The event, centred on Telford and organised by staff there, was held over Easter and drew an attendance of around 200, including Clutha District Mayor Bryan Cadogan. A book *Telford The Golden Years* was produced for the occasion.

Among other New Zealand reunions during the year was a highly successful Mid-1970's Guys and Girls gathering in Napier in March, attended by some 80 alumni and partners.

The year also saw the revival of a social gathering in Hamilton for alumni to coincide with the annual National Agricultural Fieldays at Mystery Creek. The good number attending indicated strong local interest in reinstating a Lincoln event at Fieldays time.

## Tuesday Lunch Clubs

Nine Tuesday Lunch Club gatherings were held in 2015 with the bulk of the organising being done by Executive Committee member Neil Gow with Penny Curran and Erin Eyles of the Alumni and Development Office. Dates and venues were: 23 February, Tai Tapu; 31 March, Methven; 26 May, Rosebank Estate; 30 June, Akaroa; 28 July, The Tannery; 25 August, Dine Divine, Christchurch; 29 September, Rangiora; 27 October, The Rock, Rolleston; 9 December, Lincoln University, Te Kete Ika.

## Sir Turi Carroll Commemoration

The life and legacy of distinguished alumnus and Bledisloe Medallist Sir Turi Carroll (1890-1975) was marked with a special function at Taihoa Marae, Wairoa, over 6-7 November. In attendance were Chancellor Tom Lambie and University Council member David Yardley, both Lincoln alumni. David's grandfather was a contemporary and personal friend of Turi Carroll at Canterbury Agricultural College in 1910-1911.

Members of the Carroll whanau hosted the function which included workshop sessions taken by Lincoln University animal and plant scientists and others under the theme 'Growing Maori Assets'.

Turi Carroll was awarded the Diploma of Agriculture in 1912, the Bledisloe Medal in 1940 and he was knighted in 1962.

## Anzac Day Representation

Lincoln University Alumni Association was represented at the 2015 Lincoln Community Anzac Day Service by Executive Committee member Neil Gow, who read the University's roll of honour and laid the association's wreath on the Lincoln War Memorial. Chancellor Tom Lambie also spoke at the service.

The Community Anzac Day Service, now held in the Lincoln Event Centre, has its origins in the Lincoln College Anzac service always held in Memorial Hall and organised by the Old Students' Association. It became a full community service in 2009.



Wharenui, Taihoa Marae, Wairoa, venue for the Sir Turi Carroll commemoration 2015.



## LUAA Day - an innovation

The day before Graduation has been designated “LUAA Day” and is dedicated to a range of activities focussing on alumni and encouraging them to engage with their old university. The first LUAA Day was held in 2015 and featured the Bledisloe Medal Address and luncheon and the VC’s Invitational PhD Dinner for new doctoral alumni. Over 70 alumni and partners attended the luncheon, including John and Sandy Andre from South Australia and Dr John Morris from New South Wales. Around 80 attended the VC’s Invitational Dinner. On Graduation Day itself, Association President Jo Spencer-Bower spoke at both ceremonies, reading the citations for the awards of the Bledisloe and Alumni International medals. Staff of the Alumni and Development Office handed out special Graduation Packs including ‘Stay Connected’ cards, to all new graduates.

## LUAA Scholarships

The two LUAA Scholarship winners for 2015 were **Tom Davies** of Brookside (diploma award) and **Justine Ferguson** of Christchurch (degree award).

Tom has achieved good academic results, progressing through the Diploma in Agriculture in 2014, then the Diploma in Farm Management in 2015 helped by the LUAA Scholarship. In 2016 he is returning to Lincoln to do a BCom (Agriculture). His practical agricultural background is strong and between the end of school in 2010 and the start of his first university diploma he worked on farms in Canterbury, Wales and England.

As an old boy of Christchurch Boys’ High School Tom has a Sir Arthur Sims Scholarship, and as a former student at Marlborough Boys’ College he holds an Argyle Scholarship. These awards combined with working part-time as a farmhand and relief milker help sustain him financially while he studies.

He says that without scholarships he ‘couldn’t continue with university study’.

Tom’s long-term career ambitions are to work in dairy farming and later perhaps farm consultancy within the dairy industry.

Justine is a past pupil of Hornby High School and has been studying at Lincoln University for a BSc (Hons) in Agricultural Biotechnology, Biochemistry and Plant Science. In 2015 she was in the Honours year of this degree and her dissertation research examined nitrogen assimilation and the growth of beans under different carbon dioxide levels and how elevated carbon dioxide and nitrate levels may influence carbon assimilation, root, shoot and leaf carbon and nitrogen content and the nitrogen percentage in beans.

Future ambitions are for a PhD in an area related to plant breeding or biotechnology. Justine is particularly interested in pasture and legume species and increasing production from these.





Top row, left to right: Telford's Golden Years Jubilee, Easter 2015.  
 Tuesday Lunch Club, Christmas 2015, Barbara Ludecke, Eleanor Fleming, David Reynolds.  
 Alumnus and inaugural International Medal winner (2003) John André of South Australia enjoyed a return to Lincoln, 2015.

Middle row, left to right: Sarawak graduation, Kuching, 2015.  
 In April 2015 Lincoln alumnus and staff member Dr Mark Wilson visited memorials at Gallipoli to Lincoln alumni killed there in 1915, including Private Harold Harding, whose picture he is holding.  
 LUAA dinner 2015.

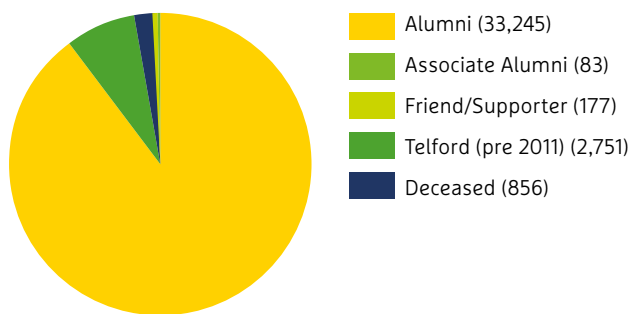
Bottom row, left to right Alumnus Jeremy Rockliff, Deputy Premier of Tasmania, visited Lincoln in 2015.  
 Brisbane reunion.  
 Bledisloe Medal recipient 2015, John Acland.



# MEMBERSHIP

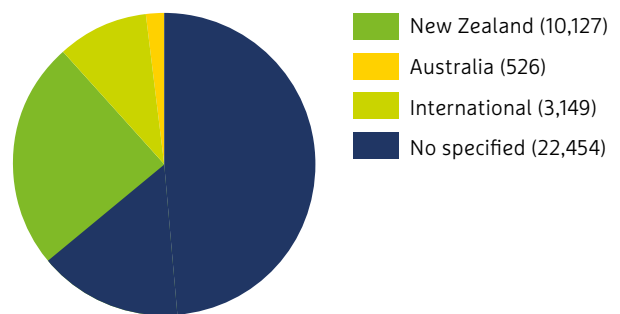
## MEMBERS BY MEMBER TYPE

TOTAL ALUMNI = 37,112



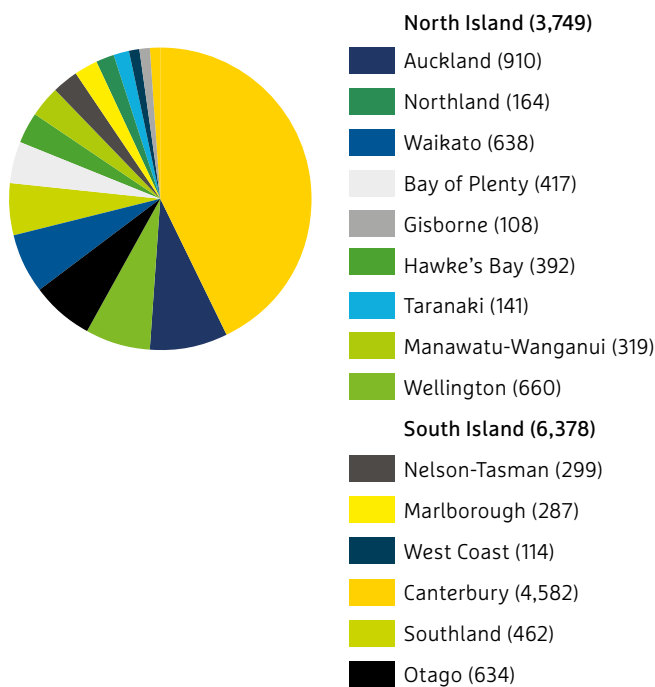
## MEMBERS BY LOCATION

(EXCLUDES DECEASED ALUMNI)



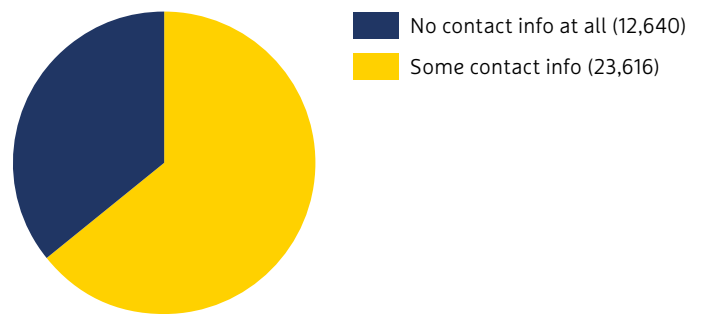
## MEMBERS BY NEW ZEALAND REGION

(EXCLUDES DECEASED ALUMNI)



## CONTACT/NO CONTACT INFO

(EXCLUDES DECEASED ALUMNI)



These data have a statement of accuracy of 82% and excludes deceased alumni

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## LINCOLN UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (INC) PROFILE

<b>Nature of business:</b>	Registered Charity # CC48001
<b>IRD number:</b>	13-912-785
<b>GST registration:</b>	Not Registered
<b>Address:</b>	PO Box 15 Lincoln University Lincoln
<b>Bankers:</b>	ASB Bank Ltd PO Box 35 Shortland Street Auckland
<b>Accountants:</b>	Mackay Bailey Ltd PO Box 13 311 Christchurch



Alumni Michael Pirkis (left) and Fred Wilkinson at the London gathering 2015.



## STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	2015	2014
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donations Received	-	2,489
Withdrawal from Investment Portfolio	12,500	7,000
	<b>12,500</b>	<b>9,489</b>
<b>LESS EXPENSES</b>		
General Expenses	51	51
LUAA Degree Scholarship	7,500	7,500
LUAA Diploma Scholarship	5,000	5,000
Xero Subscription	242	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>12,793</b>	<b>12,551</b>
<b>NET OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)</b>	<b>(293)</b>	<b>(3,062)</b>
<b>Other Income / (Expenses)</b>		
Change in Value of Investment Portfolio (Net of Withdrawals)	(3,028)	4,565
	<b>(3,028)</b>	<b>4,565</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(\$3,321)</b>	<b>\$1,503</b>

## STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	2015	2014
Equity at the beginning of the year	278,541	277,038
Net Income For Year	-	1,503
Net Loss For Year	3,321	1,503
<b>Equity at End of Year</b>	<b>\$275,220</b>	<b>\$278,541</b>

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Note	2015	2014
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
ASB Bank Cheque Account		1,050	1,342
		1,050	1,342
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Fixed Assets			
As per Schedule (at book value)		8,822	8,822
Investments			
NZ Assets Management Ltd - 178,553.43 Units		265,348	268,377
Total Investments	1	265,348	268,377
		274,170	277,199
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>275,220</b>	<b>278,541</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			
		\$275,220	\$278,541
<b>REPRESENTED BY:</b>			
Retained Earnings		275,220	278,541
<b>EQUITY</b>		<b>\$275,220</b>	<b>\$278,541</b>

## FIXED ASSET AND DEPRECIATION SCHEDULE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

Asset	Private Use	Cost Price	Book Value 01/01/2015	Additions Disposals	Gain/loss on Disposal	Capital Profit	Mth	Rate	\$	Accum Deprec 31/12/2015	Book Value 31/12/2015
<b>Office Equipment</b>											
Nova Storage Unit		1,094	1,094				12	0.0%	0	0	1,094
Office equipment		839	839				12	0.0%	0	0	839
Total – Office equipment		1,933	1,933								1,933
<b>Portraits</b>											
Library Portraits		6,889	6,889				12	0.0%	0	0	6,889
Total – Portraits		6,889	6,889								6,889
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$8,822</b>	<b>\$8,822</b>								<b>\$8,822</b>



## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

### 1 Statement of accounting policies

Lincoln University Alumni Association (Inc) is a non-profit incorporated society. The financial statements of the Members have been prepared as a special purpose financial report.

Accordingly this report is not prepared in full compliance with generally accepted accounting practice (GAAP) and should not be relied upon for any other purposes or by anyone other than the restricted user group.

#### Measurement Base

The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of financial performance and financial position on an historical cost basis are followed by the non-profit incorporated society, with the exception of certain items for which specific accounting policies have been identified.

Accrual accounting is used to match revenue and expenses. Reliance is placed on the fact that the non-profit incorporated society is a going concern.

#### Specific Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of the specific accounting policies adopted by the non-profit incorporated society in the preparation of this special purpose financial report.

#### Fixed Assets & Depreciation

Fixed assets are stated at cost. No depreciation has been claimed.

#### Goods and Services Tax

These financial statements have been prepared inclusive of GST as Lincoln University Alumni Association (Inc) is not registered for GST.

#### Investments

Investments are recorded at market value as at 31 December 2015.

#### Changes in Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared for the year ended 31 December 2015. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those used in previous years.

### 2 Fixed asset summary

	Cost	Accum Depn	Book Value	Last Year book value
Office Furniture & Equipment	1,933	–	1,933	1,933
Portraits	6,889	–	6,889	6,889
	<b>\$8,822</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>\$8,822</b>	<b>\$8,822</b>

### 3 Contingent liabilities

At balance date there are no known contingent liabilities. (2014 : Nil )



Clockwise from top left: Southland alumni dinner, Invercargill, 2015; PhD dinner; LUAA AGM 2015, Tony Whatman, Dr Michael Nelson; Hawke's Bay reunion 2015, David Todd, Leith Ashworth; Cairns reunion 2015; Alumni International Medal recipient 2015, Dr John Morris.



## Stay Connected

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