

## President's message



I am delighted to welcome you to the October edition of **AlumniLinc**. We had good feedback on the July edition and now we hope that you enjoy the range of news and information in this publication. Your feedback is always welcome ([alumni@lincoln.ac.nz](mailto:alumni@lincoln.ac.nz)).

Since the last publication of **AlumniLinc** the LUAA executive has met on two occasions - 18 July and 19 September - and we were pleased to hear from the Alumni & Development Officers about the progress being made in a number of areas, such as updating, tidying and rationalising the membership database. We were also happy to hear about the on-going programme of activities organised or facilitated for members by the team, activities such as the Bledisloe Cup Dinner in Sydney on 15 August, and the one we would all like to have had a ticket for - the America's Cup gathering in San Francisco on 29 August which was organised by NZ Universities Alumni and Education New Zealand.

On the campus, 2013 has been a year of progress too, with Vice-Chancellor Dr Andrew West and his management team making very significant advances in numerous areas. Dr West explains the Lincoln University Strategic Plan 2014 - 2018 personally in this **AlumniLinc** and we are sure you will be interested in this blueprint for the future. Now that Lincoln University is multi-campus

we need to distinguish between campuses. The campus in Lincoln is now referred to as the Te Waihora Campus - Waihora being the Maori name for nearby Lake Ellesmere, a major source of local sustenance in pre-European times - and the campus at Telford is, naturally enough, the Telford Campus.

Lincoln is also a university of multi-connections and some of you might have heard about the links established with Smedley Station and Cadet Training Farm in Central Hawke's Bay, and Northland College in Kaikohe. We wish the University well with these initiatives. They re-emphasize the status that Lincoln has always had as a national university, serving the country as a whole, and not exclusively Canterbury-centric.

By the time I write my next **AlumniLinc** message alumni will have held a dinner in Hawke's Bay (21 October), a reunion in Melbourne (8 November) and a dinner and special presentation gathering in Papua New Guinea (28 November).

Until the next time... best wishes and enjoy reading this latest edition of **AlumniLinc**.

**Jo Spencer-Bower**  
President,  
Lincoln University Alumni Association (LUAA)

## Message from the Vice-Chancellor Dr Andrew West

At the last meeting of the Lincoln University Alumni Association's executive, I had the pleasure of addressing the board on the subject of the University's new Strategic Plan. With documents still in pre-press stage, the alumni representatives were the first to hear the plans that we have for the next five years: from the start of 2014 to the end of 2018.

The plan is ambitious yet it will enable the University to not only recover from the impact of earthquakes, but also to grow past that, and take its rightful place as a contributor to the noble goals of helping to feed the world, protect the future, and live well on this planet.

We will do this by implementing three, overarching strategic themes:

- 2014-2015: Restore institutional viability
- 2015-2016: Grow the performance of New Zealand's land-based industries
- 2016-2018: Expand the global influence of New Zealand's land-based expertise.

Within each of these three themes there are a number of identified strategies. Collectively they will enable us to achieve our Vision to be 'A specialist land-based university that's a great place to learn, discover and share'.

You can [view the \(short\) Strategic Plan document](#) on the University website as we have made it public. This is an unusual step for a university yet to achieve our goals, we believe we need our stakeholders – all of you – to be informed about where we aspire to be. So we felt it was important to make the Plan visible.

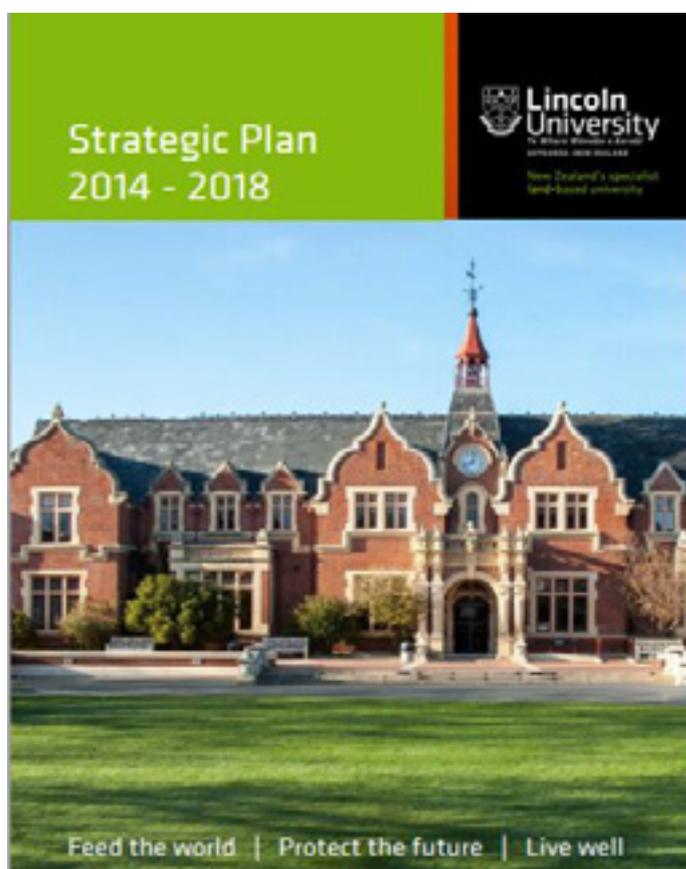
In a nutshell our strategic framework is such that:

**Lincoln University will provide** high quality education, student support, research & development (R&D), and knowledge and technology extension, **for** the primary industries, tourism, sport, conservation, Maori, land-based professionals, Pasifika, and other indigenous peoples, **whilst** becoming profitable, national and global.

I hope you'll agree that the work we are doing – and the stated direction – will continue to raise the profile and mana of your qualification from Lincoln. Your thoughts and feedback, as always, are welcome.

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Vice-Chancellor

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## Global QS ranking

Lincoln University has won its way on to the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings for the first time, entering the list in the band 481-490, which puts it among the top 500 universities internationally.

Eight hundred universities across 76 countries are on the latest QS list, which compares institutions in terms of six criteria - academic reputation (40%), employer reputation (10%), staff-student ratio (20%), citations per staff member (20%), international students (5%) and international staff members (5%).

The QS rankings, regarded as one of the most trustworthy in the world, were first compiled in 2004. For 2013-2014 more than 2000 universities were assessed and of those 800 were ranked. The United States had the most universities ranked, 144, followed by the UK, Germany, France and Japan. The top-ranked New Zealand university is Auckland at 94, followed by Otago at 155 and Canterbury at 238. Massey is at 343. All have slipped places since the last ranking period. Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) is number one on the list, followed by Harvard and Cambridge.

“The challenge for New Zealand from the QS figures is to respond more nimbly and quickly to the competitive challenges they face,” says Tertiary Education Minister Steven Joyce, “That includes growing international linkages and investing more in disciplines where they have competitive advantage.”

## New Bachelor's qualifications

Earlier in the year it was reported in *AlumniLinc* that the University was undertaking a review of the bachelor's qualifications it offers, sharpening the focus of the undergraduate degrees to address key challenges that the world faces, namely how to: feed the world, protect the future, and live well. To this end, the undergraduate qualifications for 2014 now include a range of specialist areas, like agribusiness, food marketing, GIS and environmental informatics, water management, food and resource economics, supply chain management, global business, conservation, ecology, bio-protection, property and planning, tourism, agricultural science, sport, viticulture, and landscape architecture, to name just some.

The new degrees are supported by industry and regulators, and will serve well the University's graduates of the future, as well as the land-based sectors across the globe.

Please have a look at the full line up of bachelor's degrees and their majors on [www.lincoln.ac.nz](http://www.lincoln.ac.nz).

## New degrees for 2014



## New scholarships carry well-known Alexander name

'An alumnus and colleagues helping alumni to help New Zealand' - that describes Lincoln University's latest scholarships in the agribusiness area.

Two awards, known as the Alexanders' Agribusiness Scholarships, have been established, each valued at \$10,000.

Created through the generosity and commitment of Alexanders Chartered Accountants. Alexanders Chartered Accountants (a Christchurch-based, nationally-recognised firm of farm accounting specialists, founded by Lincoln alumnus and Bledisloe medallist Pita Alexander ONZM). The scholarships are annual awards aimed at benefiting New Zealand through backing promising young Lincoln University graduates.

The scholarships will enable graduates to continue their studies in areas that will benefit New Zealand as a whole.

"We see the scholarships as being all about science, the personal development of young men and women, and growth of the New Zealand agricultural industry," says Pita Alexander.

Pita, a well-known alumnus, is one of four Directors at Alexanders Chartered Accountants. The company has a number of Lincoln University graduates on its staff, including Gendie Woods BCom (Ag); Michelle Jones BCom(Ag); and Amelia Marris BCom.

The company directors decided to make the scholarships tenable exclusively at Lincoln because

of the University's focus on land-based industries associated with New Zealand's key commercial interests.

The first two recipients are Laura Buckthought and Travis Ryan-Salter, both undertaking doctoral study. Laura is researching the interactive effects of nitrogen fertiliser and animal urine on nitrogen losses in dairying farming systems, and Ryan is investigating ways to improve the financial and environmental sustainability of high country grazing systems through increased plant and animal productivity.



Pita Alexander



Laura Buckthought

## Golden era of rugby league

With All Black visits to Argentina and South Africa completed, the ITM Cup competition in high gear and the America's Cup wrapped up, let's not forget other sports, such as rugby league! Easter's a few months back now, but that's when memories of league's heyday at Lincoln were revived.

Former student players returned to the campus for a 20th anniversary reunion celebrating the glory days when Lincoln University won Grand Finals in the Christchurch league competition.

Rugby league flourished at Lincoln University from the early 1990s until the end of the decade and helped launch a number of professional league careers. In 1993 the Lincoln University team produced the first of its best two results - winning the Grand Final of Christchurch's Division 2 Competition, beating Burnham Army at Addington Showgrounds. The team repeated its success in 1994, and old hands claim that in 1995 they were "robbed" from making it three in a row.

Soil scientist Peter Carey was club president and 'Mr Rugby League' at Lincoln University back in the 1990s and he and alumnus Tony Fakahau organised the 2013 reunion.

"Back in the day, Lincoln University caught a wave of talented Polynesian sportsmen among its students," says Peter. "Many were scouted away from the University to play for other clubs and others finished their studies and moved on in life".

"Eventually both these factors had an impact on the viability of league at Lincoln and things came to a natural conclusion at the end of the 1990s."

Among those at the reunion who played league for Lincoln University in the 1990s was Tagaloa Fa'afouina Su'a, now President of Rugby League Samoa and head of Su'a Associates, an international award winning accountancy and sports consulting and event management company in Samoa.

Tony Fakahau is now Deputy Chair of Canterbury Rugby League and General Manager of Pacific Trust Canterbury. Mike Tamati, who went on to play professionally for Parramatta and who also played Super 12 rugby union for the Crusaders and rugby in Italy, was on the guest list too. Former coaches attending were Mark Broadhurst and Gordon Smith, both ex-Kiwis.

Players not able to attend but who went on to top overseas clubs on professional contracts include Tongans Tevita Vaikona and Paul Kolo. Tevita, star of the University's 1993 team, who was selected for the Junior Kiwis and toured to the UK and France, later had a long and successful career with the Bradford Bulls. Paul won a professional contract with legendary north of England club Wigan, played for the Canterbury Cardinals, was a liaison officer for the Tongan Rugby League organisation, and is now a teacher in Britain.

## Academic gown a 'Trew' heirloom

Brand new Lincoln University alumnus Willie Trew (BV&O 2013), son of Hawke's Bay farmers Trevor and Helen Trew, had a very old connection with academia when he was capped this year.

The academic gown he wore dates back to 1910 when it was first worn by one of his ancestors, school teacher Henrietta Dyer, when she graduated from Canterbury College (now the University of Canterbury). Since then it has been worn by some 30 different family members at graduations up and down the country.

The 103-year-old gown, made by Ballantynes in Christchurch, and still carrying the Ballantyne's label, is in remarkably good condition.

Henrietta Dyer was the sister of Willie's maternal great-grandfather and schools she taught at included Waimate District High School.

Willie's maternal grandfather was originally from the Waimate area but spent most of his life in the North Island, where his daughter Helen married Hawke's Bay farmer Trevor Trew, a Smedley graduate. The family operates a sheep and cattle property south of Hastings.

Willie attended Napier Boys' High School and at Lincoln University he held an Elite Sports Scholarship. A gifted athlete, he was a member of the New Zealand Bobsleigh Team training for selection for the 2010 Winter Olympics in Canada when its entry had to be scratched after a team member was injured. He then turned his attention to track cycling and was selected for the Canterbury Elite Men's Team at the 2012 track cycling nationals.

With his BV&O degree, Willie was taken on as a vintage intern at Greystone Wines, Waipara, North Canterbury. Ultimately he hopes to travel to the wine producing state of Oregon in the USA.



Alumnus Willie Trew admires the 103-year-old academic gown with parents Trevor and Helen Trew

## Mystery Creek Fieldays

Lincoln University was once again well represented at the annual National Agricultural Fieldays at Mystery Creek.

This year's event was held over 12-15 June and Vice-Chancellor Dr Andrew West attended along with Alumni & Development Officers Penny Curran and Anisha Thomas, Events Coordinator Melissa Barnett and other staff members.

Among the many alumni to catch up with staff were sharemilker Fergus King of Matamata and agricultural analyst Monty Bamford of Canterbury, both finalists in the Fieldays' Rural Bachelor of the Year competition.

Staff also caught up with Bachelor of Commerce (Agriculture) student Brendan Herries who won the 2013 Fieldays Innovation Grassroots Award.

Lincoln students have had marked success in the Innovation awards at Fieldays over the years. Brendan won his award for a dual vaccination gun that allows for the administration of two vaccines, two minerals, or one of each, at the same time.

From spending time in yards injecting stock, Brendan knew from personal experience the inefficiency of having to run stock through the race twice or needing two employees vaccinating at a time.

Brendan developed the dual vaccination gun as a project within the agricultural engineering class of his BCom (Agriculture) programme. He hopes to have his product available for farmers within 12 months.



Lincoln University alumna and former Events Coordinator Mel Barnett at Mystery Creek flanked by other Lincoln alumni, Fergus King (left) and Monty Bamford.

## Alumni go dockside at the America's Cup

Lincoln University showed the flag in San Francisco as America's Cup fever spread among California-based alumni. The 'Fast Yachts and Fine Food' dockside get-together they attended in San Francisco, organised by NZ Universities and Education NZ, was a great success, says recent Lincoln postgrad Jason Hahner, who was the University's host for the occasion.

The event, attended by alumni from each of New Zealand's universities, was held at the Waka, the Emirates Team New Zealand Sailing Base. Lincoln University alumni who attended were Jack Anderson, Michele Bernard-Gendall, Andrew

Bilenkij, Rick Cronkhite, Yvette Gault, Tom Gendall, Jason Hahner, Jason Moulton, Andrew Radford, Sean Robinett, Abby Watts, Fraser Wilson, and Riley Wilson.

New Zealand's AC72 catamaran Aoteroa was disassembled but guests were given a tour of facilities where the masts and various parts were stored, and they were able to view the hull up close outside.

Jason Hahner commented after hosting the group, that it was good that Lincoln University participated in the event.

Alumni & Development Officer Penny Curran says the 'Fast Yachts and Fine Food' event was a unique opportunity for Lincoln University alumni to get up close and share the excitement of an international sporting spectacle of the highest order.



Back row: Michele Bernard-Gendall, Abby Watts and Riley Wilson  
Front row: Tom Gendall, Jason Moulton, Fraser Wilson, Jack Anderson and Andrew Radford



Dr Andrew West speaking at the Sydney branch dinner

## Sydney 'Bledisloe Cup' alumni dinner hears from VC

Lincoln University Vice-Chancellor Dr Andrew West met Sydney-based alumni at the annual pre-Bledisloe Cup alumni dinner, held this year on 15 August.

The historic 'Hero of Waterloo' pub was again the venue and close to 30 alumni and partners attended. Alan Boddy and members of the Sydney-based branch hosted the event, assisted by Lincoln University's Alumni and Development Officer Penny Curran.

The evening opened with a tour of the pub's historic cellars, jail cell and tunnel which date back to convict days, but our alumni managed to escape incarceration and made their way back up to the

private dining room and a delicious meal which included Australian fish favourite barramundi.

Dr West updated the Sydney alumni on the University's future directions.

Stories, talk and reminiscences among the alumni went well into the night, along with banter about the pending Bledisloe Cup rugby match.

Among the guests was Lincoln University's foundation Professor of Accounting and Finance, Roger Juchau (Lincoln 1985-1990), who after Lincoln went on to be Foundation Professor of Accounting and Management at the University of Western Sydney. He is now an Emeritus Professor of UWS.

Penny thanks the Sydney-based alumni for their role in making this year's dinner another successful event on the Alumni and Development Office's calendar of Australian activities.

## Ivey's birthday celebrated with a surprise gift from family

Lincoln University celebrated the 175th anniversary of the birth of its founding director, William Edward Ivey, with a campus celebration - complete with giant birthday cake - on 6 September.

It is the second year the University has marked the Ivey anniversary and the plan is to develop the celebration as a fixed annual event on the calendar for staff, students and alumni. Ivey's exact birth date is 26 August, 1838.

Guest of honour at this year's celebration was Bernard Ogilvy of Auckland, a direct descendant of Ivey on his mother's side. Chancellor Tom Lambie welcomed him to the campus and said that Ivey's drive and energy in setting up and running the School of Agriculture and establishing agricultural education in New Zealand was inspirational.

Standing on the lawn in front of his great-grandfather's old home (Ivey Hall) Mr Ogilvy said he felt privileged to participate in the University's celebration and represent his ancestor. Mr Ogilvy then presented the University with a special piece of Ivey family memorabilia - a pipe presented to William Edward Ivey by the students of the School of Agriculture on the occasion Ivey's 50th birthday in 1888.

The pipe has a delicately engraved band on its stem recording that it is a gift from the students. Mr Ogilvy said there was agreement among his family members that the pipe should be returned to Lincoln University and its original home. Chancellor Tom Lambie accepted it on behalf of the University and said it would be a treasured possession and put on display, logically in Ivey Hall.



Bernard Ogilvy cuts the birthday cake in the presence of Chancellor Tom Lambie and students



The engraving on William Ivey's pipe:  
'W.E. Ivey  
From Students  
Aug 26, 1888'

## Days of growing up on the campus recalled

Children of staff members who lived in college houses knew the Lincoln campus as home for many years. On 10 September these 'campus kids' came together to relive their time as playmates on campus.

Jean Moffat of Taranaki, daughter of Professor Jack Calder, wrote to the University in July saying how much she would love to make contact with other 'staff kids' from her era. Jean's father was a staff member from 1927 to 1958 and for 21 years the family lived in the two storied house on the corner of Calder Drive and the Lincoln-Springston road.

In her letter Jean mentioned the names Linda Baird, Philippa Blair, Elizabeth Burns, Anne and Jean Hudson and Shona and Phillipa Mackey. She also recounted childhood memories of drays "clopping down the drive to work and Malcolm (her brother) and I walking on the warm dung, keeping our feet warm".

Shona McCartin of the Library and staff of the Alumni & Development Office soon formed the basis of a small get-together. Anne Lucas (nee Hudson, daughter of Professor Eric Hudson) was committed to coming over from Australia to visit her sister Jean in Christchurch, Elizabeth Berry (nee Burns) and sister Carolyn Burns (daughters of Sir Malcolm Burns) expressed interest, as did Hugh Flay (son of Associate Professor Albert Flay), and Jen Halliday (daughter of Professor TW Walker). Vern Clark, a retired staff member who knew Professor Hudson and Sir Malcolm Burns well, was also invited to participate.

The reunion took place and was a combination of looking over parts of the campus familiar from the past, lunch in the Vice-Chancellor's lounge, viewing photos, and reminiscing. Vice-Chancellor Dr Andrew West met and spoke to the group, as did Chancellor Tom Lambie.

Highlights were the presentation made by Jean Hudson and Anne Lucas to the University, of an illuminated scroll presented to Professor Eric Hudson on his retirement in 1952; and the gifting of an oilskin sou'wester raincoat that belonged to Associate Professor Albert Flay (staff 1929-1964) by Geoffrey Sullivan, General Manager of Hamer Ltd, Christchurch. Mr Sullivan had been given the coat many years ago by Flay's daughter Lorna Hyde.

'Campus Kid' Jean Moffat was accompanied by her husband Bob Moffat, an alumnus (BAgrSc 1956, MAgrSc 1958).



Left to right: Anne Lucas and sister Jean Hudson along with Jean Moffat



Geoffrey Sullivan and Dr Andrew West with Albert Flay's raincoat

## America's Cup crewman a Lincoln alumnus

Winston Macfarlane was a name heard frequently in media reports from the America's Cup regatta. A grinder on Team New Zealand's catamaran, Aotearoa, he alternated in his position towards the end with team boss Grant Dalton.

Winston is a Lincoln University alumnus who studied farm management in 1997-1998 heading for a life on the land. Ultimately, however, a passion for yachting and the sea took over and he became a professional sailor.

Winston grew up on the family farm at Kekerengu and seemed destined for a career in agriculture. Older brother, Sandford, had been to Lincoln University, and Winston enrolled there too after attending Christ's College.

From Lincoln, Winston went on to farm work in Australia. However, when he returned to New Zealand, he sat down with his parents and said that while he was still interested in farming it wasn't what he really wanted to do. His true passion was sailing, begun in childhood in the Marlborough Sounds with his uncles and family friends.

Through a contact, Winston was put in touch with Sir Peter Blake, then New Zealand's America's Cup boss, and he asked if there were any openings. The team was full at that stage so Winston joined Southern Spars in Auckland, a world-leading company building hi-tech masts, booms and rigging.

Through his work with Southern Spars he was invited to crew in a number of sailing events within

New Zealand and beyond. In 2001 he did the Fastnet race on Morning Glory and Jubilee regatta on KZ7. One thing led to another and he soon won a position as one of Team New Zealand's runners/pitmen.

He has been with Emirates Team New Zealand since the 2003 America's Cup campaign.



Emirates Team New Zealand member  
Winston Macfarlane

## Chief Judge launches Sir Turi Carroll lecture series

First steps have been taken towards promoting the 2014 commemoration of the life and career of distinguished Lincoln University alumnus Sir Turi Carroll (DipAgr 1912, Bledisloe Medal 1940).



Chief Judge Wilson Isaac (left) welcomed to Lincoln University by Professor Hirini Matunga

Among promotional events leading up to the commemoration is a series of guest lectures being held on the campus between now and November 2014.

Known as the Sir Turi Carroll Lectures, the series opened on 26 September with an address by the Chief Judge of the Maori Land Court, Wilson Isaac. The lecture series has been organised by the University's Kaitakawaenga (Maori Outreach Co-ordinator) Ekara Lewis.

Chief Judge Isaac, who has family links with the Carroll whanau, spoke on the role of the Maori Land Court today, and the development of Maori land for its owners, whanau and hapu.

Describing the Court's many functions, he said he hoped it was seen by land owners as an "enabler" to help them achieve what they wanted to achieve with their land.

Sir Turi Carroll, from Wairoa in northern Hawke's Bay, was a Diploma of Agriculture student at Lincoln University (then known as Canterbury Agricultural College) over 1910 – 1912, and went on to a distinguished career in the development of Maori agriculture and in local body and community affairs.

He became President of the New Zealand Maori Council and was knighted in 1962 for his services to Maoridom.

Sir Turi died in 1975 aged 85.

## Alumni at the polls

With New Zealand's local body elections scheduled for 12 October, we note that at least two Lincoln University alumni are standing for mayoralties.

Kelvin Coe, incumbent Mayor of Selwyn, the district in which Lincoln University is located, is standing for re-election, and in Gisborne, former District Council member Gary Hope, is standing for the mayoralty, which he also contested in 2010.

Kelvin, who farms at Irwell, was first elected to Selwyn District Council in 1995 and became Mayor in 2007. Gary was a Gisborne District Council member 2001 – 2010. He has been involved in agricultural and horticultural business activities for most of his working life and is today a self-employed farmer and investor.

Kelvin holds a Lincoln University DipVFM (1967) and a BAgCom (1977) and Gary was capped BCom(Ag) in 1982.

Lincoln University alumni have often been prominent in local body politics and in the past alumni have occupied the mayoralties in both Hurunui and Queenstown.

The Alumni & Development Office would like to hear about any members winning positions in the 2013 elections. Let us know by emailing us at [alumni@lincoln.ac.nz](mailto:alumni@lincoln.ac.nz).

## University names preserved in streets and neighbourhoods

Lincoln University's residential property development joint venture with Ngai Tahu Property continues to progress. Centred on former University farm land between the campus and Lincoln township, the development has been named Te Whariki and details of the layout and sections can be seen on [www.tewhariki.co.nz](http://www.tewhariki.co.nz).

To perpetuate links to the University, a number of streets and neighbourhoods are being progressively named after notable Lincoln University staff, alumni and personalities.

The first name to be accepted was 'Langer' after retired Professor of Plant Science Reinhart Langer. That was followed by Ballinger (alumnus Ralph Ballinger), Crowder (retired staff member Bob Crowder), Goh (retired staff member Professor Kuan Goh) and Turi (alumnus Sir Turi Carroll). Each of these has been approved for use by Selwyn District Council. Now four 'neighbourhood' names have gone forward - Carroll (alumnus Sir Turi Carroll), Hudson (former Director, Professor Eric Hudson), Stirling (the University's first Kaumatua, Senior Elder, Wahawaha Stirling) and Wright (the University's first Chancellor Sir Allan Wright).

## PNG connections expand

As Lincoln University's relationship with Papua New Guinea (PNG) advances under the LincWantok programme (initiated in 2010), a new generation of PNG alumni is emerging to join those from earlier years of contact.

The University's Alumni & Development Office was recently visited by Ishmael Pennie Wailapu from East Sepik Province who is now at Lincoln University doing the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) course in preparation for enrolment in a BCom degree.

Ishmael brought news of his uncle, alumnus Joseph Jerry Yopyyopy who holds a Lincoln University Diploma in Farm Management awarded in 1998, and is now a Member of Parliament in PNG.

Mr Yopyyopy represents the Wosera-Gai Open electorate in East Sepik Province for the Social Democrat Party. Last year he was part of a PNG parliamentary delegation visiting Queensland State Parliament to revitalise links between the two parliaments. It was through his uncle that Ishmael was encouraged to come to Lincoln University and study for a tertiary qualification.

In another PNG parliamentary connection, Lincoln University was visited on 12 August by the Hon. Delilah Gore, Member of Parliament for Sohe Open electorate in PNG's Northern Province and Vice Minister (Treasury) in the PNG Government. Mrs Gore is only the fifth woman ever elected to PNG's Parliament. At Lincoln University she said she was keen to make connections and obtain expertise to assist in the economic advancement of her electorate. She mentioned floriculture in particular as an area in which business help would

be appreciated. Orchids and other flowers grow abundantly and well in the rich soils of her district.

Five students from Mrs Gore's Northern Province started at Lincoln University in August this year in the latest intake of PNG students. Initially they are doing Foundation Studies and will eventually transition into diplomas and degree programmes.



Mr Yopyyopy (extreme right) on a visit to the QLD Parliament, Australia

## John at home in Pacific paradise

Lincoln University alumni ply their professions in many parts of the world and we were delighted to hear recently from former Rural Field Cadet John McElhinney who runs a business in Rarotonga.

John was at Lincoln College in 1966-1968 and holds a Diploma in Agriculture and a Diploma in Valuation and Farm Management. After working in New Zealand with the State Advances Corporation, Williams and Kettle Stock and Station Agents, Dalgety Crown, in private practice and on his own account, John moved to Rarotonga in 1992. There he has a real estate valuation business, Rarotonga Realty, and also does holiday home rentals with his partner Winnie.

An enthusiastic promoter of Rarotonga as a holiday location, John refers to it as a “destination plus” and says advantages include: the use of New Zealand dollars as currency; it's only a four-hour plane trip from New Zealand; it has a clean, green, safe environment; and everybody speaks English.

“Rarotonga is only 32 kilometres right around the island - it is like a big resort where you are never more than 16 kilometres from anywhere. Great restaurants, bars, water sports, eco tourist walks, road races, art galleries and cultural events,” he says.

John promises Lincoln alumni “swift and excellent personal service”, saying “Give us a brief and we will do all the hard work so you can concentrate on your holiday.”

If that sounds like an advertisement, it probably is, but then John is an alumnus and we wish him well in promoting his particular patch of paradise.

Lincoln VFM-er Bob Austin endorses what John says about Rarotonga as a holiday destination. He was there recently with some fellow alumni and says: “Our group of Lincoln VFM-ers made the right decision to try it out. John and his partner Winnie were extremely helpful. We are going back again next year...so we might see you there.”

For more information contact John at [john@taakokavillas.co.ck](mailto:john@taakokavillas.co.ck)



Enjoying Rarotonga from left, Shirley Shelton, Peter Wilkes (VFM), Sandra Wilkes, Jan Long wife of the late Maurie Long (VFM), Bob Austin (VFM) and Dick Shelton (VFM).

## Mentor remembered with appreciation

Memories of inspirational teachers stay with us all our lives. From Australia, the Alumni & Development Office was delighted to hear from alumnus David White (BAgrSc 1964, MAgrSc 1966) reflecting on the impact of Professor Lex Henderson, Professor of Wool Science (staff member 1945-1981) whom he describes as a 'mentor'.

David writes: "I studied at Lincoln from 1959-1965 including graduating MAgrSc in wool science and sheep husbandry, primarily under the supervision of Professor AE (Lex) Henderson.

"I have always felt deeply indebted to Professor Henderson for the friendship, guidance and training he gave me. This served me greatly throughout my career."

David also acknowledges Lincoln staff members and colleagues Tony Bywater, Alistair Campbell, Reinhart Langer, Paul Mulcock, Peter Nuthall, and Bruce Ross and says he is "indebted to all of them for friendship, information and ideas".

Originally from Dunedin, David's career in Australia has included significant contributions in farm management and in the field of computer simulations of farming systems. Positions he has held include national treasurer of the Australian Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology. Last month he attended the International Grassland Congress in Sydney.

Readers might share David's memory from his Lincoln days of off-campus trips. He mentions Professor Langer and wife Hilary participating in a number of summer ventures of the 'Field Club' - to

the Greenstone/Harris Saddle/Routeburn tracks in 1962, Stewart Island in 1963 and D'Urville Island in 1964 (accompanied by Alistair Campbell).

Readers might be able to identify themselves in the accompanying photos. If you can, please let us know via [alumni@lincoln.ac.nz](mailto:alumni@lincoln.ac.nz).



## Telford connections

Lincoln connections with the Telford name long preceded the 2010 merger between the University and Telford Rural Polytechnic in South Otago.

The earliest Telford name in the Lincoln roll books is that of Hugh Telford, who was a diploma student in 1892-1894 when the University was still a School of Agriculture. But Hugh was from the Wairarapa and no relation to the Telfords of South Otago, with whom a real connection does exist.

That link between the South Otago Telfords and Lincoln University, is through Lincoln alumnus Gerald Telford of Wanaka, whose great-great grandfather, William Telford (1817-1888), established Otanomomo estate.

Telford, which is now a Division of Lincoln University, is centred on the well-known Georgian-style stone house and associated property at Otanomomo on the Owaka Highway, near Balclutha. The farm is owned by Telford Farm Training Institute. The house was built in 1869 for Gerald's great-great grandfather, William, who was originally from Cumberland, England, and came to South Otago via Australia. William Telford subsequently became one of the largest land-owners in the area and was well known for his flock of Romney Marsh sheep and the Romney Marsh stud he established. Telford family members occupied the house for over 90 years.

Great-great grandson Gerald studied at Lincoln College in 1980 and holds a Diploma of Agriculture, awarded in 1981. Gerald has early childhood memories of playing in the "big house" on family visits to Telford.

Gerald and wife Sue run Wanaka-based Telford Fishing and Hunting Services, a professional

guiding service, established by Gerald in 1993. Gerald is strongly connected with the guiding industry as a trainer for the NZ Deerstalkers Association and President of the NZ Professional Hunting Guides Association. He has also been an executive member of the NZ Professional Fishing Guides Association.

Sue has had a long involvement in aviation and tourism and has worked as a professional pilot flying scenic tours in the southern South Island for many years.



Alumnus Gerald Telford with wife Sue and children



Administration block at Telford

## LinkedIn and Lincoln University alumni

LinkedIn is a business-focused social networking tool that provides an opportunity to build and maintain professional relationships with clients, former colleagues, associates, etc. The recently rolled out **Lincoln University 'university'\* pages** brings together LinkedIn member profiles that mention Lincoln as their educational institution or place of work.

The new university services offered by LinkedIn lists all those from the same institution that you have connections with, that have the same grad year (if you have listed this information) and with whom you share at least one connection. This can be changed to view alumni by graduation year (if listed). You may also choose to include people with no graduation year listed, which will increase the number of profiles.

If you haven't already listed Lincoln University as your institution of study, please do so by editing the Education section of your LinkedIn profile, encourage your friends to do so too, and join our alumni group by either clicking on the link 'Lincoln University, NZ - Past Students & Staff Network' on the right hand side of the Lincoln University 'university' homepage, or by clicking the button at the very bottom of the Alumni screen - 'your alumni group'.

\*Lincoln University 'Company' already had a page. The new 'university page' is part of a total roll out by LinkedIn for all universities.

## Facebook: Lincoln University Alumni Network

The Lincoln University Alumni & Development Office has recently launched a new open group on Facebook, part of the official Lincoln University Facebook page, called Lincoln University Alumni Network. As a former student of Lincoln University and its predecessors, you are automatically an alumnus of Lincoln University and a member of the Lincoln University Alumni Association.

In order to become a part of the group, all you need to do is join by going onto the group page and clicking 'Join Group'. The group will keep you up-to-date with ongoing news and events from the Alumni & Development Office. The group is monitored during the week from 8:30-4:30pm and all are welcome to join.

Please pass the message on to other alumni, and become a part of our official **Lincoln University Alumni Network** on Facebook yourself.

## Changes to student emails

On 12 September, some significant changes were made to your Lincoln email (the one you used as a student at Lincoln University). In case you didn't know, your Lincoln email is yours for life and the access you had while you were a student at Lincoln University is still available.

The changes to the email include a fresh new look through Office 365 – a cloud based email service provided through a partnership between the University and Microsoft, using Microsoft's Office 365 services. It will allow access to your Lincoln email, contacts, personal calendar, etc. from anywhere and includes mobile access, file editing and sharing using office web apps.

For more information on the key features provided by Office 365, please visit the [Lincoln University website](#).

## Salute to sporting achievements

Sporting engagement, as it always has been, is an important ingredient in the Lincoln experience for students and is always well-remembered by alumni. This year the University's sports teams and individual sportsmen and women once again did the University proud: from the 1st rugby XV finishing third in Division 1 of the Christchurch Metropolitan Competition and the netball team finishing as runners-up in the CNC Championship, to individuals such as weightlifter Saxon Gregory-Hunt achieving first place in his weight division in the Oceania Championships and 9th in the Junior World Championships and equestrian Ellie Braddock winning selection for the Young Rider TransTasman Squad. We salute them all.

A full report on Lincoln University's sports achievements in 2013 will be published in the next addition of *Landforms* magazine, so keep a lookout. To ensure you receive a copy of *Landforms* make sure you update your postal address on <http://alumniinc.lincoln.ac.nz>.

To keep track of ongoing sports, please visit the [Lincoln University Sports Facebook page](#).



## In sympathy

We have been notified of the passing of the following Alumni Association members and extend sympathy to their families.

### **Malcolm Leitch Cameron**

CMG, BAgSc, Chancellor of Lincoln University, University Council member, Bledisloe Medal and Honorary Doctorate recipient, former Director-General of Agriculture and Fisheries. Born in Timaru 4 February 1929, died Waikanae 6 August 2013.

### **Ivo Martins Cezar**

MAgrSc (Hons), PhD, respected and influential leader in agricultural research and development in Brazil, died in Brazil, 1 September 2013.

### **Niki Dow**

Lincoln University BV&O graduate Niki (Nikolas) Dow died in Portugal on 31 August 2013. Niki was capped at the graduation ceremony earlier this year.

### **Amos Norman Glass**

BAgSc, who died in New Plymouth on 4 August 2013 aged 87 was a Bachelor of Agricultural Science graduate (1949) who went on to do the Soil Conservation course and subsequently worked as a water and soil conservator in both the South and North Islands.

### **Ainsley Iggo**

MAgrSc (Hons), PhD, DSc, FRS, FRSE who died in Edinburgh, Scotland, on 25 March 2012 aged 87, was a Lincoln University alumnus who, in a distinguished career in physiology, became the world's leading authority on sensation and pain.

### **Robert Leslie Leonard**

MF, BSc, PhD, Senior Tutor, Department of Soil and Physical Sciences. Bob, as he was universally known, started at Lincoln University in 1984 and will be well known to alumni who took soil science papers and to those who enrolled at Lincoln University after participation in the EnviroSchool programme, of which he was a co-founder.

### **Jaime Vinton-Boot**

Lincoln University graduate Jamie Vinton-Boot died near Queenstown on 13 August 2013. Jamie graduated BEM from Lincoln University in 2006.

### **Bryan Eric Wright**

Dip VFM, who died in Christchurch on 12 July 2013 aged 86, farmed at Hororata and generously made his property available to Lincoln classes as a 'test farm'.

A number of obituaries will appear in *Landforms* magazine each year to mark the lives and contributions of those close to Lincoln University.

## SAVE THE DATE! Upcoming Events and Reunions

### Hawke's Bay Alumni Dinner

21 October 2013

Deliciosa Tapas and Wine Room, Havelock North

**Contact:** Penny Curran

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

### Melbourne Alumni Branch Annual Dinner

8 November 2013

Club Ringwood, Melbourne

**Contact:** Rob Latimer

**Email:** [latimer@partnerfinancialgroup.com.au](mailto:latimer@partnerfinancialgroup.com.au)

### Canterbury A & P Show - Lincoln University Marquee

13-15 November 2013

Canterbury Agricultural Park

**Contact:** Penny Curran

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

### Papua New Guinea Alumni and Friends Dinner

28 November 2013

Holiday Inn and Suites Port Moresby

**Contact:** Philip Yendowe

**Email:** [psyendowe@yahoo.com.au](mailto:psyendowe@yahoo.com.au)

### Fifty Years On - Lincoln University 50 Year Reunion

7-9 March 2014

(includes those who started courses at Lincoln between 1963-65)

**Contact:** Ralph Lattimore

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### LU Sports Golf Tournament & Challenge Cup

March 2014

Burnham Golf Club, Burnham

Please note the event has been pushed forward from September 2013 to March 2014 due to severe wind and resulting damage to the trees on the course.

**Contact:** Graeme Campbell

**Email:** [Graeme.Campbell@lincoln.ac.nz](mailto:Graeme.Campbell@lincoln.ac.nz)

### A Celebration of the VFM - 'The Final Field Test'

11-13 April 2014

Lincoln University

The reunion is open to anyone who was part of a VFM course between 1938-1975, including former students, staff and partners. The celebration will include a colloquium (with a range of selected speakers), an 'Oral Exam' (BBQ), and of course some field trips.

**Contact:** Anisha Thomas or Penny Curran

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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.