

# UNIVERSITY NEWS



## Celebrating our new graduates



In May Victoria University welcomed 2,459 new graduates to its alumni community. [Watch a video](#) featuring some of our newest alumni sharing how they feel about graduating and what advice they would give to themselves in first year.

## Discussions continue about name simplification



Discussions are continuing with staff, students, alumni and the wider community about a proposal to simplify Victoria University of Wellington's name by retiring the word 'Victoria'. You can email your feedback on this proposal to [alumni@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:alumni@vuw.ac.nz) by Friday 8 June.

## Unique chemistry



Research by recent Victoria University PhD graduate Dr Taitusi Taufa has found new medicinal properties in marine sponges collected from Tongan waters, including several unique anti-cancer compounds.

## Insights into chronic pain

Dr Hazel Godfrey recently graduated with a PhD in Psychology, despite having spent the last 13 years in chronic pain. Drawing on her personal and academic background, her research sheds light on how chronic pain affects people's everyday lives.



## Pacific nursing partnership



A unique initiative will soon see Victoria University academics delivering postgraduate courses in Nursing, Midwifery and Health at The National University of Samoa.

## Provost receives prestigious medal



Victoria University Provost Professor Wendy Lerner has received one of geography's most prestigious awards, joining an illustrious list of predecessors that includes explorers David Livingstone and Robert Falcon Scott and broadcaster Sir David Attenborough.

## Fossil record reveals changes in Earth's movement



International research led by Victoria University looks back 450 million years to reveal an important link between changes in our planet's motion through space and the extinction and evolution of life on Earth.

## The parent trap

Dr Isabelle Sin from Victoria University's School of Economics and Finance explains how having a child contributes to the gender pay gap.



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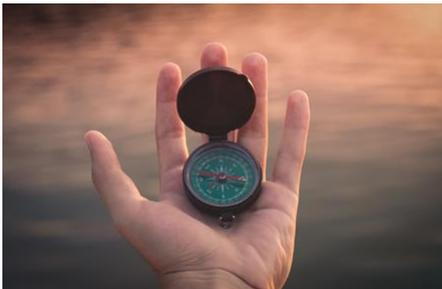
## UPCOMING EVENTS

### The ideology of the skyscraper - public lecture



There's a skyscraper in every major city, but behind this staple of modern architecture lies a complicated history. Come along to the first inaugural professorial lecture for 2018 to hear Professor Joanna Merwood-Salisbury discuss the ideology of the skyscraper on 12 June.

### Leading for integrity - public lecture



Come along on 26 June to hear Professor Karin Lasthuizen from the School of Management discuss opportunities and challenges for ethical leadership in New Zealand.

### Acknowledging state abuse - public lecture

In this public lecture Dr Elizabeth Stanley asks: how can state abuse be acknowledged in a way that goes beyond lip service? Come along to hear about this complex issue on 28 June.



## Wellington Teachers' Training College 50th Reunion



Did you start at Wellington Teachers' Training College (now the Faculty of Education) in 1968, or were you a staff member there between 1968 and 1970? If so, [register](#) to come along and celebrate a 50th reunion on 26-27 October.

## The life and times of supervolcanoes



Victoria University is proud to partner with the Royal Society Te Apārangi, GNS Science, and EQC in presenting the 2018 New Zealand Rutherford Lecture. From late July to early September, Victoria University's Professor Colin Wilson will head to 22 towns and cities in New Zealand to explain the nature of supervolcanoes, the ways in which such volcanoes operate and can be studied, and whether the next eruption is likely to take us by surprise.

## Updates to Victoria University's Privacy Notice

Like all universities, Victoria University of Wellington needs to collect certain types of information to carry out its operations, functions and activities as an education provider. Without this information, we may not be able to provide a high standard of services and benefits to staff, students and alumni.

While we aren't changing the way we use personal information, we have updated our [Privacy Notice](#) to give you a clearer idea of what we do with this information, why we sometimes need to use it, and what your rights are.

The new Privacy Notice is intended to ensure we meet international best practice as well as ensuring we comply with changes in privacy law, including the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

We recommend that you read our new [Privacy Notice](#), and if you have any questions or concerns please contact [alumni@vuw.ac.nz](mailto:alumni@vuw.ac.nz).

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