



## MILLENNIUM SEED BANK PROJECT LINKS TO NEW ZEALAND

In March, the Foundation, in association with Alumni, presented Michael Way, Head of Collecting for the Millennium Seed Bank Partnership, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Michael spoke to an audience of invited guests and alumni about the significance of the Millennium Seed Bank Project, the largest ex situ plant conservation project in the world, and the work being undertaken here in New Zealand to contribute to that.

Massey's own Craig McGill spoke about seed collection in New Zealand and the role that Massey is playing in this. On a related topic, Massey's Professor Vaughan Symonds presented conceptual plans for a research-based Massey University Botanic Garden, which were well received.

Both of these Massey-led projects (New Zealand Indigenous Flora Seed Bank and the Botanic Garden) are looking for sponsors and interested parties to help support them. The Botanic Garden project requires substantial funding and in-kind volunteer work to make it a reality. At this point we are asking for interested parties to make pledges or to notify us of their interest in the project in order for us to ascertain viability.

If you would like to make a pledge or express interest please contact Foundation director Mitch Murdoch on 06 350 5159.

## MASSEY CELEBRATES ITS HERITAGE

2014 marks several milestones for Massey. It's 50 years since Massey became a university and 21 years since the Albany campus was established. It's also 50 years since Massey offered the world's first degree in Food Technology!

To celebrate, Massey University Alumni and Foundation hosted several reunion groups of alumni that had studied at Massey University (or Massey Agricultural College) from 1927 to 1979. For more detail and photos visit our alumni website.



[www.alumnionline.massey.ac.nz/events](http://www.alumnionline.massey.ac.nz/events)

## LAUNCH OF THE 80 YEAR RETROSPECTIVE "THE WHEAT FROM THE CHAFF"

From 1934 to 2011, Chaff was the student newspaper of Massey University's original Manawatu campus. For over twelve hundred individual editions, throughout most of one extraordinary century and into the beginning of the next, Chaff reported from the front lines of student opinion and activity. In doing so, it recorded not only Massey's "process of becoming" – from relatively isolated agricultural facility to multi-discipline world player – but the same journey as experienced by New Zealand as a nation.

This 80 year retrospective of Massey's famous student magazine 'Chaff', "THE WHEAT FROM THE CHAFF", was launched in March. The event was funded by the Alumni Office and proceeds from book sales are going to the Foundation's heritage fund, a fund to support some of the oldest and most important buildings on the Manawatu Campus. (Books can be purchased online via [www.alumnishop.massey.ac.nz](http://www.alumnishop.massey.ac.nz))



**TOM SCOTT**

*former Chaff editor, spoke at the launch*



# MASSEY UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER NO 6

## SAVE THE DATE

### September 2014

**Tuesday 2nd:** Fifty Two Victorians – Champagne Lunch, Melbourne Launch of the review of the careers of the Fifty-Two Victorians who were awarded scholarships to study at Massey Agricultural college or university from 1948-1974.

Melbourne After 5 Alumnus function hosted by Deputy Vice-Chancellor Robert Anderson and notable alumni Col Paul Bayly

**Thursday 4th:** Sydney After 5 Alumni function hosted by Deputy Vice-Chancellor Robert Anderson, notable alumni Col Paul Bayly and serial entrepreneur Linda Jenkinson.

**Sat/Sun 4th/5th October:** Fergusson Hall's 50th Jubilee

## KIA ORA TĀTOU

Welcome to the Foundation's first newsletter of 2014. It has been a pleasing first half of the year with some significant donations and pledges which mean that the Foundation's capital has now hit the \$20 million mark. We have done this while also managing to distribute just over \$300,000 year-to-date on scholarships and research. By year end we are anticipating this to have risen to a record half a million in scholarships and \$700,000 in research.

Other highlights have been working with alumnus Paul Bayly to further fundraising for the Centenary History Project, and with Sir Graham Henry on Wildbase.

We are very grateful to these two very busy alumni for giving up their time for us! We are tantalizingly close to finishing our fundraising for both of these projects and it will be really gratifying to see them completed!

Finally I must thank all of our donors again for contributing to the Foundation – your donations make a difference to teaching and learning here at Massey and to the lives of many students.

*Mitch Murdoch, Foundation Director*



**MITCH MURDOCH**



## PROVET BOOSTS WILDBASE FUNDRAISING

A major distributor of animal health products, Provect has been the latest boost to Massey University's Wildbase Hospital. The hospital has been fundraising to build a bigger hospital in response to increasing demand for its charitable wildlife veterinarian services.



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Provet, a subsidiary of German company Henry Schein, has given \$60,000 to be split between the build and operational expenses. The company has a long standing relationship with the University's vet school and wanted to support the expansion of its wildlife Hospital.

Provet General Manager James Terry said: "As suppliers of veterinary equipment our company has an inherent interest in supporting animal welfare and has always supported the veterinary community at large.

This project was an ideal opportunity for us to support both animal welfare and the veterinary community. Wildbase is an amazing facility which contributes so much to the conservation of some of New Zealand's most endangered species as well as driving valuable research which further protects species and helps to develop better conservation management plans - we are very proud to be a part of that."

Now just \$90,000 short of its \$1.44million target, fundraisers are hopeful that they will have reached the target by September allowing them to start work on the state-of-the art wildlife hospital early next year.

*RIGHT: Wildbase Ambassadors, Te Radar, Raewyn, Lady Henry, and Craig Shepherd, with Massey University Distinguished Alumnus Sir Graham Henry*

## WILDBASE UPDATE

Wildbase Hospital is having a huge impact on the survival of our most vulnerable species. Part of Massey's Institute of Veterinary, Animal and Biomedical Sciences, it is New Zealand's only dedicated wildlife hospital and for many at-risk patients it is their only chance of survival. As the hospital's workload and reputation has increased, so has its staff but its facilities have remained virtually unchanged. The new hospital will include a purpose built surgery, an intensive care unit and temperature controlled specialist wards specific to the patient's unique needs. The expansion of the hospital will radically improve the care and subsequent survival rate of our wild patients and contribute, ultimately to the conservation of New Zealand's most precious endangered species.

We were thrilled to receive notification in May that our grant application for \$166,000 has been accepted by Lottery World War One Commemorations and Environment and Heritage Committee. The Foundation also received a very generous donation from Wildbase ambassador Craig Shepherd (aka 'Duckman') of \$25,000.

On 1 May Massey University Distinguished Alumnus and rugby world cup-winning coach of the All Blacks, Sir Graham Henry, spoke about his experience in a high performance environment and answered questions from the audience. A committed conservationist, Sir Graham generously donated his time to speak in support of Wildbase. In addition, award-winning satirist, documentary-maker, writer and Wildbase Ambassador Te Radar MC'd the night. All proceeds from the evening have gone directly to the expansion of the Wildbase hospital.



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HUGH MACDIARMID BURSARY ESTABLISHED

The late Hugh MacDiarmid was a veterinarian who dedicated his life to treating and caring for animals. Late last year the Foundation received a donation to establish the Hugh MacDiarmid Memorial Bursary Fund in memory of Hugh’s life and work. The fund is invested in perpetuity by the Massey University Foundation ensuring future students will continue to benefit from the Hugh MacDiarmid Memorial Bursaries.

The Bursary will financially support two New Zealand-born Bachelor of Veterinary Science (BVSc) students who are suffering from financial hardship. The bursaries are awarded in the final year of study at Massey University.

If you are considering establishing a bursary or scholarship please contact the Foundation.



DEFINING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Massey University Foundation congratulates Distinguished Alumni Awardees 2014 (pictured) – Linda Jenkinson, Peter Hughes CNZM, Kathryn Wilson, and Don McKenzie OBE, CNZM.



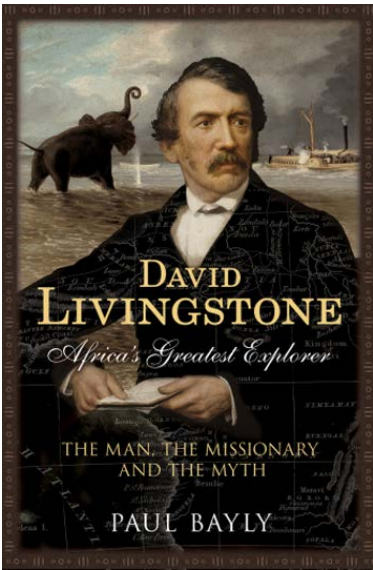
The Sir Geoffrey Peren Award, was for the first time in its history awarded to a woman, Linda Jenkinson. Based in San Francisco, but originally from Palmerston North, Linda is a serial entrepreneur and was the first New Zealand woman to take a company public on the NASDAQ exchange. She co-founded WOW For Africa, a new model social investment fund focused on building women-led businesses in Senegal, West Africa. She is now turning her focus closer to her New Zealand roots.

Linda Jenkinson is a supporter of the Foundation and sits on the board of the University’s charitable USA arm, Friends of Massey University USA Inc. In early June it was announced that she is also joining the board of Air New Zealand.

Proceeds from ticket sales of those attending the DEA went towards Massey’s Wildbase Hospital build.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM MASSEY STAFF RISE

Some 56 Massey staff now give to the Foundation through the direct from salary giving scheme which allows staff to give from their salaries and to receive a tax reimbursement immediately. Together these staff are contributing some \$28,000 per annum to a range of Foundation funds. The Foundation is grateful to staff that contribute – your contributions are making a tangible difference to Massey.



ALUMNUS DONATES BOOK SALES TO FOUNDATION

Massey alumnus Colonel Paul Bayly has written a book about the life of the legendary Dr David Livingstone titled David Livingstone - Africa’s Greatest Explorer.

In March this year Paul toured the main centres of New Zealand with the Foundation talking to alumni and friends about his book on Dr Livingstone and signing books for fans. All proceeds from entrance fee and book sales have been generously donated by Paul to the Foundation’s Centenary History project.

Paul completed his Bachelor of Business Studies at Massey in 1985 and went on to do a post graduate diploma at the London School of Economics and then a Master of Philosophy from Massey in 2001. Paul has effectively had two careers, first in the NZ Army and then in merchant banking. Some 20 years ago Paul and twin brother Andrew (also a Massey alumnus) became founding directors of Cranleigh – an Australasian merchant bank specialising in strategic corporate advice and mergers and acquisitions.

While Paul has had an exemplary career he is also something of an adventurer and was a sailor and advisor on a reconstructed 700 AD ship in 2003/04 and in 2008/12 a reconstructed 600BC ship. He is a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. It is hard to believe that Paul has spare time, but apparently he does and he is using it to build a replica M26 Super Marine Spitfire.

The Centenary History Project is a partnership between Massey University, the New Zealand Defence Force, and the Ministry for Culture and Heritage to produce the first definitive written history of New Zealand’s experience of the First World War. The Foundation has raised over \$500,000 for this series.

Paul will be repeating his talk in Melbourne and Sydney in September this year – for details visit [www.alumnioline.massey.ac.nz/events](http://www.alumnioline.massey.ac.nz/events). Paul’s book is available through the alumni shop or online at [www.alumishop.massey.ac.nz](http://www.alumishop.massey.ac.nz). Copies are sold for \$45.00 and all proceeds go to the Centenary History fund.

COLLIS BLAKE BULL BEEF FUND

The Blake family gave a further \$25,000 to the Collis Blake Bull Beef Fund, to support research into bull beef. Collis Blake completed his diploma in agriculture in 1952, and was a founding member of Massey’s alumni organization and a member of the Massey Council for ten years. Collis passed away in late 2012.

The aim of the Bull Beef project is to investigate alternative forage and supplement feeds for young Friesian bulls so that growth rates of 1kg per day can be achieved in the first 150 days of post-weaning. Currently, the weak point in the bull rearing and finishing system is the period immediately post-weaning when the young, 100kg bull calf enters the beef farm from the calf rearer in early summer. At this time, growth of the young bulls can be limited due to insufficient quality and quantities of pasture that often occurs in summer conditions.

The researchers, led by Professor Steve Morris, gratefully acknowledge the generous assistance of the Blake family.



RESTORATION OF TIRITEA HOUSE AND CLASS OF ‘58

The Massey University Foundation in association with the “Class of ‘58” established a fund to develop Tiritea House as an Alumni and Heritage Centre. The Class of ‘58 raised an astounding \$84,000 to refurbish and furnish the front lounge room of this historic house. The house was reopened as an Alumni Centre by Fiona Conway (nee Riddett) and Gillian Peren, daughters of the University’s founding fathers William Riddett and Sir Geoffrey Peren.

Now the “Class of 49” has begun a class appeal to contribute to the house and the Foundation would like to thank Distinguished Alumnus Peter MacGillivray for leading the charge on this.

Clive Palmer, another legendary alumnus and past President of the Student’s Association (1957) and Public Relations Officer for Massey University (1962 - 1973), is preparing an appeal to class groups 1960 – 65 to contribute to the restoration of the study in the house. Once complete this space will be used by alumni and distinguished visitors to ‘hot desk’ and work while visiting the University.

It is envisaged that once the renovation work is completed the old Vice-Chancellor’s Residence, Tiritea House, will be something of a jewel in the crown of the University and will also be used for other purposes such as state entertainment, and as a place to display and exhibit the University’s heritage.

To get involved or donate, visit <http://foundation.massey.ac.nz>

TOP RIGHT CIRCLE: Gillian Peren and Fiona Conway (nee Riddett) cut the ribbon to reopen the house (March 2014).



SIR STEPHEN TINDALL CHAIR IN RETAIL MANAGEMENT

A donation from The Warehouse Group Limited has established the Sir Stephen Tindall Chair in Retail Management and will include the appointment of a professor in retail management within Massey’s College of Business. This is the first step towards the development of a retail-focused degree, which is expected to receive its first intake of students in 2015. The degree will be aimed at people already employed in the retail industry who want to upskill, or secondary school-leavers attracted to a career in the sector.

TW Group chief executive Mark Powell believes a strong university degree will raise the profile of retail as a desirable career choice.

“Retail is an exciting industry to work in and the new retail degree will combine general business knowledge with retail-specific content, meaning students will be set up for a wide array of career opportunities, ranging from logistics to supply chain management to running multi-million dollar businesses.

“With global benchmarking, a best in class curriculum and wide spread industry support, I believe the new retail-focused degree will strengthen New Zealand’s business offering in this highly competitive global economic environment,” said Mr Powell.



Massey University’s Professor Ted Zorn with TW Group chief executive Mark Powell.