



VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF
WELLINGTON
TE HERENGA WAKA

GRADUATION

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INTRODUCTION

Congratulations to our graduates

After years of hard work, you have completed your studies and are graduating from Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand’s globally ranked capital city university. You should be very proud of your achievements.

I’m especially pleased to be able to celebrate with you in person after the unique circumstances we found ourselves in over the past few years. Graduation is a time of celebration and reflection—the chance to mark what you have achieved and consider where your accomplishments might lead. We celebrate this milestone with you and acknowledge the hard work and perseverance that have brought you here today.

Today is also an opportunity to recognise the contribution made by families, whānau, and friends to your success. On behalf of the University, I thank them for everything they have done to support you.

Your qualification provides you with a platform to success, in life and in your chosen field. As well as gaining a world-class education, you have developed as a person in ways that may not immediately be obvious, but which will reveal themselves in the years to come. Your ability to learn, to question, to collaborate, and to lead are just as important as the knowledge you have gained.

Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington is proud to have played a part in providing graduates who will drive the economy, lead thinking on major environmental and scientific issues, use creativity and innovation to generate new ideas, and enrich our society through the arts. We hope you have been inspired to contribute in your own way to a better world.

Today’s ceremony is the end of one journey but, in many ways, it marks the first step in many others, and we look forward to you staying in touch with the University. On behalf of the entire university community, please accept my warmest congratulations and best wishes for wherever those journeys may lead.



John Allen
Chancellor

TE TANGI PUORO AND HAKA PŌHIRI



Te Kapa Haka o Te Herenga Waka

Te tangi puoro, the opening call, is followed by a series of haka to welcome Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington’s graduates into the auditorium and to acknowledge their families.

The opening moments of the graduation ceremony give us time to pause and reflect. The call of the pūtātara and karanga ceremonially call forth our graduates to acknowledge their achievements.

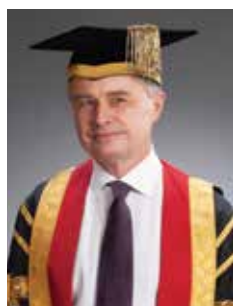
Before the conception of the world, the conception of life, there is nothing ... and from nothing develops darkness.

Only in the womb of darkness can be heard the faint creaking and waning of sound.

Sound is the recognition that there is movement!

Movement is the recognition that there is life!

CEREMONIAL OFFICE HOLDERS



Chancellor

John Allen LLB *Wgtn*

John Allen is an experienced company director and the chief executive of WellingtonNZ. He chairs the University Council's people and culture committee and the nominations panel, and is a trustee on the Victoria University of Wellington Foundation board. In addition, he is a member of Te Herenga Waka's Wellington Uni-Professional board. Mr Allen is a former chief executive of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, the New Zealand Post Group, and the New Zealand Racing Board, and is a former partner in the law firm Rudd Watts & Stone. He was previously co-chair of the Australia New Zealand Leadership Forum as well as a director on a number of boards, including those of Datacom, Kiwibank, the New Zealand International Festival of the Arts, the New Zealand Stroke Foundation, the Nikau Foundation, and Te Papa Tongarewa. Mr Allen is an alumnus of the University and has previously been a visiting lecturer in the Faculty of Law. He received a Distinguished Alumni Award in 2006. Mr Allen was appointed to the University Council in 2018 and assumed the Chancellorship in 2022.



Pro-Chancellor

The Honourable Maryan Street DipTchg *ACE*, BA BA(Hons) *Wgtn*, MPhil(Hons) *Auck*, AMusTCL

The Honourable Maryan Street was elected Pro-Chancellor of Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington by the University Council in August 2022. She chairs the University's audit and risk committee and sits on the people and culture committee. As a former cabinet minister, Ms Street brings detailed and practical knowledge of government and parliamentary processes to the University. She is also a director on the board of KiwiRail Holdings Limited. She has undertaken a number of international roles, specialising in advancing democratic participation and human rights, and has proven leadership skills in bringing together organisations with competing interests around common goals.



Vice-Chancellor

Professor Nic Smith BEng *Auck*, MA *Oxon*, PhD *Auck*

Professor Nic Smith was appointed Tumu Whakarae—Vice-Chancellor of Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington in late 2022 and began in the role in 2023. Prior to this, Professor Smith held professorial appointments as provost of the Queensland University of Technology, dean of engineering at the University of Auckland, and head of biomedical engineering at King's College London, and was a professor of computational physiology at the University of Oxford. In all these roles, he has continued an active teaching and research practice. This work has focused on the development of unique computational models that have been integrated with patient images and applied in hospitals to improve the diagnosis and treatment of heart disease. Professor Smith has authored more than 170 peer-reviewed journal publications and 350 conference publications and has been the lead author on several patent applications for the development of physiological models for specific clinical applications. He is a fellow of the Royal Society Te Apārangi and Engineering New Zealand.



Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Māori and Engagement)

Professor Rawinia Higgins (Tūhoe) *DipMāori BA Wgtn, PGDipArts MA PhD Otago, CELTA RSA/Cambridge, PFHEA, FRSNZ*

Professor Rawinia Higgins was appointed tumu ahurei—deputy vice-chancellor (Māori) in 2016 and became acting deputy vice-chancellor (engagement) in 2023. She was previously assistant vice-chancellor (Māori research) and head of school for Te Kawa a Māui—School of Māori Studies. Professor Higgins came to Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington as a senior lecturer in 2009 after holding academic positions at the University of Otago for 12 years. Her research expertise is Māori language revitalisation and, more specifically, language planning and policy. Professor Higgins is a board member of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand and a member of the Waitangi Tribunal, and has served on a number of governance boards for government and her iwi. In 2018, she was appointed chair and commissioner for Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Māori, the Māori Language Commission. She is the first woman to hold this role. In 2017, Professor Higgins won the Te Waiti award for te reo Māori and tikanga Māori at the Matariki Awards and, in 2018, she won the Education section of the Wellingtonian of the Year Awards. In 2020, she was awarded the Pou Aronui Award by the Royal Society Te Apārangi for distinguished service to aronui (humanities) over a sustained period of time.



Dean of Te Wāhanga Waihangā-Hoahoa—Wellington Faculty of Architecture and Design Innovation

Professor Robyn Phipps *BBSoc BArch(Hons) Wgtn, PhD Massey*

Professor Robyn Phipps was appointed dean of Te Wāhanga Waihangā-Hoahoa—Wellington Faculty of Architecture and Design Innovation in October 2022. She joined the Faculty as a professor of Building Science in the Wellington School of Architecture in January 2021 and has been head of school since February 2022. An internationally respected researcher in the performance of homes and schools, Professor Phipps is known for her expertise in sustainable, low-carbon, and low-cost solutions for indoor environments that promote wellbeing. She is currently chair of the Ministry of Education's Ventilation Technical Advisory Group for the COVID-19 response, a director of the New Zealand Green Building Council, and a founding member of the New Zealand Indoor Air Quality Research Centre. For her work with the He Kainga Oranga Healthy Housing Research Group, Professor Phipps received the 2014 Prime Minister's Science Research Team Prize and the 2021 Rutherford Medal, and in 2022 she received the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors' Lifetime Achievement Award.



Dean of Ōrauāriki—Wellington School of Business and Government

Professor Jane Bryson *BSc Otago, MSc(Hons) Cant, PhD Wgtn*

Professor Jane Bryson was appointed dean of Ōrauāriki—Wellington School of Business and Government in 2022 after 18 months acting in the role. Prior to this, she was deputy dean and associate dean (research) for the Faculty. Professor Bryson joined Victoria University of Wellington in 1999 after a successful career in human resources and management. Her career and research converge in one overarching concern: how we can facilitate the achievement of human capability through work. Professor Bryson's current areas of research include the investigation of human resource management practices in the context of work and society, multidisciplinary perspectives on people at work, and examining aspirations and influences on workers.



Acting Dean of Te Whānau o Ako Pai— Wellington Faculty of Education

Professor Carmen Dalli *BA(Hons) Malta, MEd Bristol, PhD Wgtn*

Professor Carmen Dalli was appointed acting dean of Te Whānau o Ako Pai—Wellington Faculty of Education in late 2022. She first joined Victoria University of Wellington in 1988, playing a lead role in the establishment of the Institute for Early Childhood Studies in 1995 and serving as its director for many years. Throughout her career, Professor Dalli has influenced policy and practice; notably, she was chair of the ministerial advisory group that developed the 10-Year Early Learning Action Plan for Aotearoa New Zealand (2019–2029). She is a pioneer of research into early childhood education, both within the University and internationally, and is known in particular for her work on pedagogy with children under three, teacher professionalism, and ethical practice within the early childhood care and education sector.



Dean of Te Wāhanga Ahunui Pūkaha— Wellington Faculty of Engineering

Professor Dave Harper *BA(Hons) Otago, MA PhD Cant*

Professor Dave Harper has been dean of Engineering since July 2023. He came to Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington in 1994 as a lecturer in Psychology. In 2012, he was appointed a Fellow of the Association of Psychological Science, and he was promoted to professor in 2013. Professor Harper's research interests are interdisciplinary and have utilised methods from neuroscience, psychological science, and data analytics. His work has been applied to the understanding of human and animal learning processes, attention, decision-making, and memory function. Professor Harper has held many senior leadership roles at the University, including head of the School of Psychology, dean of the Faculty of Science, and pro-vice-chancellor and deputy pro-vice-chancellor of the faculties of Science, Health, Engineering, and Architecture and Design Innovation. He has represented the University on a number of governance boards, including those of the Malaghan Institute of Medical Research, the Maurice Wilkins Centre, and Te Tītoki Mataora—MedTech Research Translator.



Dean of Te Wāhanga Tātai Hauora— Wellington Faculty of Health

Professor Markus Melloh *MD FU Berlin, DMedSc Charité, MPH SSPH+,
PhD Otago, MBA EBS*

Professor Markus Melloh was appointed dean of Te Wāhanga Tātai Hauora—Wellington Faculty of Health in September 2021. He is an international expert in orthopaedics, public health, and digital transformation. He was previously the associate dean research and development and foundation director of the Institute of Health Sciences and a professor of public health at the Zurich University of Applied Sciences. He was deputy director of Zurich University's Digital Health Lab, and a board member of the Zurich Digital Initiative. He is also the founder of a spin-off company working across the sectors of health, physics, engineering, and life sciences, and holds patents from the United States and Europe on dynamic real-time 3D pressure measurement in biological systems. He is also co-chair of the International Task Force on Diagnosis and Management of Lumbar Spinal Stenosis that won the International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine Clinical Prize in 2016.



Dean of Te Wāhanga Aronui— Wellington Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Professor Sarah Leggott BA MA PhD Auck

Professor Sarah Leggott was appointed dean of Te Wāhanga Aronui—Wellington Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in 2019. From March 2022 to July 2023, she was acting pro-vice-chancellor of that Faculty and Te Whānau o Ako Pai—Wellington Faculty of Education.

Professor Leggott joined the University in 1998 as its first lecturer in Spanish and has held various leadership roles, including as deputy dean, associate dean (research), and head of the School of Languages and Cultures. As professor of Spanish, her research expertise is in the field of Spanish literary and cultural studies, and she has published extensively on works by women writers related to the Spanish Civil War, Franco's dictatorship, and Spain's transition to democracy.



Associate Dean (Students) of Te Wāhanga Aronui—Wellington Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Associate Professor Diana Burton BA(Hons) Wgtn, PhD Lond

Associate Professor Diana Burton has been the associate dean (students) of Te Wāhanga Aronui—Wellington Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences since 2020. She also teaches Classics, Greek, and Latin and is

the curator of the University's Classics Museum. She is interested in creative uses of 3D printing of antiquities, and is part of an ongoing 3D printing project with Te Wāhanga Waihangā-Hoahoa—Wellington Faculty of Architecture and Design Innovation, in which items from the museum are scanned and turned into 3D prints. Her research explores Greek art, myth, religion, and death, and the areas in which they intersect. She is working on a monograph on the god Hades and on the second volume of *Corpus Vasorum Antiquorum, New Zealand*.

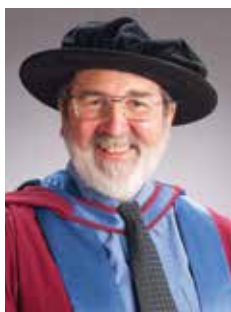


Dean of Te Kauhanganui Tātai Ture— Faculty of Law

Professor Lee Godden BA(Hons) MA Melb, BLS Macquarie, PhD Griffith

Professor Lee Godden joined Te Kauhanganui Tātai Ture—Faculty of Law as dean in November 2022. She is a leading researcher in environmental law and its intersection with Indigenous peoples' rights to land and resources, as well as property law and legal theory. She has been an academic at the University of Melbourne for the past two decades,

leading many research programmes during this time including projects involving Māori law and the Treaty of Waitangi in Aotearoa New Zealand. She was an Australian law reform commissioner from 2013 to 2015, leading a review of native title claims under the Native Title Act 1993. She is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law and of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia. She is widely published, has held visiting professor positions internationally, and has been a member of numerous expert panels and advisory groups.



Associate Dean—Academic (Programme Development) of Te Wāhanga Pūtaiao—Wellington Faculty of Science

Professor Paul Teesdale-Spittle *BSc(Hons) PhD Nott*

Professor Paul Teesdale-Spittle has been the associate dean—academic (programme development) in Te Wāhanga Pūtaiao—Wellington Faculty of Science since 2019. He started working at the University's School of Biological Sciences as a senior lecturer in 2000, and became a professor in 2023. He is an interdisciplinary researcher across biochemistry, medicinal chemistry, oncology, organic chemistry, and pharmacology. His work has been applied to developing a detailed mechanistic understanding of the mode of action of biologically active compounds and the design, synthesis, and evaluation of selective anticancer compounds. He was head of the School of Biological Sciences from 2006 to 2010 and the director of the Centre for Biodiscovery from 2015 to 2018. He is known for his active external engagement with professional and disciplinary communities worldwide for research and educational activities, and is a subject specialist reviewer for Pacifichem, the largest chemistry conference in the Pacific region.



Te Ripowai Higgins (Tūhoe) *GSM, DipMāori Wgtn, MPhil NU Malaysia, MA (Honoris Causa) UKL*

Te Ripowai Higgins has taught and served students, staff, and visitors at Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington for 25 years, first as a lecturer in social work, then as a senior lecturer and head of school of Te Kawa a Māui—School of Māori Studies. She then took up the role of ruahine, the female cultural leader, and then taurima, the marae manager of Te Herenga Waka. She has been involved in Māori language initiatives since the 1970s, including Te Ataarangi (a community-based programme for adult Māori language learning), Te Ūpoko o Te Ika Māori Radio, and Te Māngai Pāho (the Māori Broadcasting Funding Agency). She has been a long-standing Māori adviser to the New Zealand Law Commission and other government agencies, and served as one of the kaumātua for former Governor-General Dame Patsy Reddy.



Dr Ben Walker (Ngāti Raukawa) *BCA(Hons) MCA PhD Wgtn*

Dr Ben Walker is a lecturer in organisational behaviour at Ōrauāriki—Wellington School of Business and Government. His teaching and research focuses on the 'people side' of work and management. He is the course coordinator of the Introduction to Management course, through which he introduces more than 1,000 students each year to the study of management. His current research explores the origins and outcomes of individuals' performance-based identities, people's hidden assumptions about the nature of expertise, and the negative psychological processes connected with professional success.



A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington’s graduation ceremonies are held at the Michael Fowler Centre and at Te Herenga Waka marae. Graduation at the marae was instigated by Professor Hirini Moko Mead, the University’s founding Professor of Māori Studies. The marae ceremony is an opportunity for graduates and their whānau to acknowledge and celebrate the Māori dimension of their student lives in a Māori setting through the application of tikanga Māori.

Graduation ceremonies combine tikanga Māori and academic tradition that dates back to the twelfth century, when the first universities appeared. The words ‘university’ and ‘degree’ are both derived from Latin, the language used by scholars in the Middle Ages. The Latin term *universitas* meant a guild or union, formed by the ‘masters’ (MAs) who held a licence to teach.

‘Degree’ and ‘graduate’ come from *gradus*, meaning step. The first step taken by students was admission to a Bachelor degree; the second and final step made them a Master and won them admission to the *universitas*.

In the old days, the new Master had to deliver an inaugural lecture, take the whole *universitas* of Masters out to dinner, and preside over disputations for 40 days. Graduating Masters at the University will be relieved to know that this practice was dispensed with some time ago.

The title of Chancellor was originally that of the Bishop’s secretary. The Bishop had the right to grant licences to teach in his diocese, at a time when the Church held a virtual monopoly on learning, but he tended to depute this job to his Chancellor. Later, the Pope assumed the power to grant licences to teach anywhere, not just in specified dioceses, and the Chancellor conferred degrees on his behalf.

During the Reformation in Britain, Henry VIII took over all the powers of the Pope, including that of granting degrees. Consequently, the Chancellor’s robes are not ecclesiastical, but similar to those worn by the Lord Chancellor of England.

The gowns worn by the graduates and academic staff, however, are fashioned after the dress of the medieval clergy, although those of the Middle Ages were fastened at the front; the fashion for wearing the gowns open at the front resulted from a desire to show off the fine clothes underneath. The hood was also a normal medieval garment, the coloured lining being added a little later. Since the 1600s, the colours of the hoods have been strictly controlled, so that a graduate’s hood colour denotes their university and degree.

CEREMONIAL ROBES



The colours of the graduates' hoods or stoles—ranging from nasturtium to pompadour and peacock green—denote the degree achieved, and are special to Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington.

The official academic dress for graduates attending a ceremony is a gown, hood or stole, and cap. The cap has been defined as a black trencher with a tassel for every degree except Doctor's degrees. Doctorates wear a John Knox cap.

Those attending a ceremony to receive a diploma or a certificate wear a gown and a Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington stole, not the hood and trencher. However, if they already hold a degree, they wear the garments appropriate for that degree. Graduates may, if they wish, embellish their graduation regalia with garments of honour from their cultural traditions.

The University's gowns are modelled on those used at the University of Cambridge. The gown for a Bachelor's degree is the same as for the Cambridge Bachelor of Arts, and those for Master's and Doctor of Philosophy degrees are the same as for a Cambridge Master of Arts. The gown for other Doctor's degrees is as for the Cambridge Master of Arts but is made of scarlet silk or cloth.

The hood for every degree is the same as for the Cambridge Master of Arts. The hood for a Bachelor's degree is lined with coloured silk and bordered with white fur, while the hood for a Bachelor's degree with Honours is lined with coloured silk and edged with white silk, and a Master's hood or stole omits the fur. The stole for a Doctor of Philosophy degree is lined with red silk, and the hood for other Doctor's degrees is made wholly of silk.

HOOD AND STOLE COLOURS

Degree	Colours of hood or stole linings
Applied Finance	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Applied Linguistics	Fuchsia/Tartan Green stripe
Applied Statistics	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Architectural Science	Nasturtium/Plum stripe
Architectural Science (Research)	Nasturtium/Plum stripe
Architectural Studies	Nasturtium/Plum stripe
Architecture	Nasturtium
Architecture (Professional)	Nasturtium/Plum stripe
Artificial Intelligence	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Arts	Rose Pink
Biomedical Science	Turquoise
Building Science	Nasturtium/Black stripe
Business Administration	Old Gold
Business (Professional)	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Climate Change Science and Policy	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Clinical Immunology	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Clinical Research	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Commerce	Marigold
Communication	Mauve
Computer Science	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Conservation Biology	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Design	Kenya Red
Design Innovation	Kenya Red/Orange stripe
Design Technology	Kenya Red/Orange stripe
Development Studies	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Drug Discovery and Development	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Education, Education (Teaching)	Peacock Green
Educational Psychology	Peacock Green/Brick Red stripe
e-Government	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Engineering	Pansy
Engineering Practice	Pansy/Cardinal Red stripe
Environmental Science	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Environmental Studies	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Fine Arts (Creative Practice)	Fuchsia/Tartan Green stripe
Geographic Information Science	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Global Business	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Global Management	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Global Marketing	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Government	Champagne

Degree	Colours of hood or stole linings
Health	Emerald
Health Care	Emerald/Purple stripe
Health Psychology	Emerald/Peony stripe
Health Research	Emerald/Purple stripe
Indigenous Studies	Fuchsia/Tartan Green stripe
Information Management	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Information Studies	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Innovation and Commercialisation	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Intercultural Communication and Applied Translation	Fuchsia/Tartan Green stripe
Interior Architecture	Nasturtium/Plum stripe
International Relations	Fuchsia/Tartan Green stripe
International Trade	Pompadour/Purple stripe
Landscape Architecture	Nasturtium/Plum stripe
Laws	Pompadour
Linguistics	Fuchsia/Tartan Green stripe
Literature	Rose Pink
Marine Conservation	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Meteorology	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Midwifery	Emerald/Purple stripe
Migration Studies	Fuchsia/Tartan Green stripe
Museum and Heritage Practice	Fuchsia/Tartan Green stripe
Music	White
Music Therapy	White
Musical Arts	White
New Zealand Studies	Fuchsia/Tartan Green stripe
Nursing	Emerald
Nursing Science	Emerald/Purple stripe
Philosophy	Post Office Red
Philosophy, Politics, and Economics	Fuchsia/Tartan Green stripe
Political Science	Fuchsia/Tartan Green stripe
Professional Accounting	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Professional Business Analysis	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Professional Economics	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Public Administration (Executive)	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Public Management	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Public Policy	Champagne/Tartan Green stripe
Science	Empire Blue
Science in Society	Adonis Blue/White stripe
Secondary School Leadership	Peacock Green/White stripe
Software Development	Pansy/Cardinal Red stripe
Strategic Studies	Fuchsia/Tartan Green stripe
Teaching and Learning (Primary or Secondary)	Peacock Green/White stripe
TESOL	Fuchsia/Tartan Green stripe
Tourism Management	French Beige
User Experience Design	Horse Chestnut/Antique Gold stripe
Undergraduate diplomas and certificates	Tartan Green/Indian Yellow stripe



CEREMONY 2

9.30 am, Thursday 7 December 2023

Wellington School of Business and Government and Faculty of Law

Order of ceremony

Official procession into the auditorium

Te tangi puoro and haka pōhiri (page 3)

Graduates' procession into the auditorium

God Defend New Zealand (page 54)

Chancellor's address

Conferment of honorary doctorate

Sir Mark Dunajtschik

Conferment of honorary doctorate

Her Honour Chief Judge Christina Inglis

Graduation address

Sir Mark Dunajtschik

Presentation of graduates to the Chancellor, John Allen

Graduation address

Her Honour Chief Judge Christina Inglis

Presentation of graduates to the Pro-Chancellor, the Hon. Maryan Street

Musical interlude

Presentation of graduates to the Chancellor

Graduate speaker's address

Natalie Claire Vaughan, Faculty of Law

Chancellor's closing remarks

Gaudeamus (page 54)

Official procession from the auditorium

Graduates' procession from the auditorium

Please remain standing until the processions have left the auditorium.

REFERENCES

1	First Class Honours	<i>D</i>	Distinction
2/1	Second Class Honours (first division)	<i>M</i>	Merit
2/2	Second Class Honours (second division)		
3	Third Class Honours		

HONORARY DOCTORATE CITATION

Sir Markus Dunajtschik

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Commerce, honoris causa

Sir Markus (Mark) Dunajtschik, KNZM, is one of Wellington and New Zealand's most generous philanthropists. He has selflessly given tens of millions of dollars in support of education, health, sport, and wellbeing causes. His outstanding generosity has transformed countless lives through an unwavering commitment to positive change.

Sir Mark was born in former Yugoslavia in 1935. His formal education was suspended at age nine in 1944 when he was imprisoned in a concentration camp in what is now Serbia. After World War II, Sir Mark settled in Germany, where he trained to become a toolmaker. He relocated to Canada after he completed his training and, from there, spent five years travelling before permanently settling in Wellington in 1958. In Wellington, he started a successful engineering business, Precision Grinders, which he sold 28 years later.

On retiring from the toolmaking business, Sir Mark took on property developing as a hobby, at which he proved enormously successful. As a prominent property developer in Wellington, he has built and owned many large commercial properties, including the HSBC Tower, the Asteron Centre, and the Harcourts Building. Sir Mark has also funded several affordable housing projects, providing hundreds of people with modern, dry, and energy-efficient homes.

Sir Mark, together with his business and life partner Dorothy Spotswood, has been a generous philanthropist for more than 40 years. In the mid-1970s, he helped fund a helicopter rescue service in Wellington, which later became Life Flight Trust, now credited with saving over 22,000 lives. One of Sir Mark's most significant contributions came in 2017 when he donated \$53 million to build and gift a new children's hospital to Wellington. It has been described as an extraordinary act of generosity and a once-in-a-lifetime event.

In 2019, Sir Mark donated \$2 million to Hōhepa Homes (a service provider for special-needs children and intellectually disabled adults) to purchase land to expand its operation in Kāpiti, making a transformational difference to the lives of people who use this service. In 2022, he pledged \$40–50 million to build a new 34-bed adult mental health facility in the Hutt Valley, providing a modern and safe space.

Sir Mark's contribution to Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington has been significant. This began with a donation for a scholarship in engineering, followed by a \$2 million gift in 2016 to establish the Mark Dunajtschik Chair of Sustainable Energy Systems. In 2023, Sir Mark made a remarkable donation of \$10 million to the Wellington Faculty of Engineering to establish a mechanical engineering department. This gift will enable the University to diversify into new areas and develop the next generation of engineering graduates.

For his vast work in philanthropy and property, Sir Mark has received many accolades and awards. In 2017, he was recognised as Wellingtonian of the Year, and in 2020, he was made the Property Council New Zealand Members' Laureate. In 2023, Sir Mark was named Senior New Zealander of the Year and was made a Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the New Year Honours.

As an everlasting gift to the city of Wellington, a city that Sir Mark credits with giving him his first leg-up in life, he has pledged to leave his estate to the Nikau Foundation to support people living with physical and intellectual disabilities.

Sir Mark is highly respected throughout the business and commercial community and is always willing to share his knowledge with those around him. He has worked tirelessly to build his career, and has used his wealth to positively influence the lives of those around him. Sir Mark's altruism and philosophy for giving back are immense and his contributions to the city of Wellington and to this university are nothing short of remarkable.

Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington is privileged to work with Sir Mark, who demonstrates the civic-mindedness and dedication to his community we seek to instil in all our graduates. Sir Mark is one of Wellington's most extraordinary citizens and a deserving recipient of this honorary doctorate.

HONORARY DOCTORATE CITATION

Her Honour Chief Judge Christina Inglis

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa

Christina Clyde Inglis is a highly respected lawyer and judge, who has been, and continues to be, an influential figure in employment law.

She graduated with a Master of Laws with Honours from Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington and a Master of Arts with Honours from the University of Canterbury.

Admitted to the Bar in 1993, Chief Judge Inglis began her legal career with the Ministry of Transport. In 1996, she joined Crown Law, serving as a Crown counsel for many years. While there, she worked in various teams, including commercial, employment, human rights, social services, and Treaty of Waitangi issues.

She was appointed to the District Court bench in 2010 and sat in Manukau. In 2011, she was appointed to the Employment Court bench, only the second woman to be sworn in as an Employment Court judge. In 2017, she became the court's first female chief judge.

As chief judge of the Employment Court, Chief Judge Inglis has drawn particular attention to issues relating to access to justice, the impact of changing social norms as they affect employment relationships, and the balancing of rights and interests. She has highlighted the potential role of tikanga in employment law and practice and has continued to focus attention on the pressing need to address barriers to the employment institutions, particularly for vulnerable workers.

Chief Judge Inglis has extensive litigation experience and has sat on a range of key cases since her appointment to the court. She gave judgment for the full court on the ground-breaking equal-pay case involving Kristine Bartlett and Terranova Homes and Care Ltd; the so-called 'zero-hours' case (*Postal Workers Union v. NZ Post Ltd*); and *Gate Gourmet v. Sandhu*, a claim relating to minimum wage entitlements for workers during the COVID-19 shutdown. She has also presided over several high-profile cases on the vexed issue of whether workers are either contractors or employees, including those involving airline catering staff, a courier driver, a parental caregiver for a severely disabled child, Uber drivers, and, most recently, residents working at the Gloriavale Christian Community.

During her career, Chief Judge Inglis has played a strong role in promoting human rights. This includes her leadership of the human rights team at Crown Law between 2007 and 2010, her role on the advisory board of the New Zealand Centre for Human Rights Law, Policy and Practice, and her current role on the Access to Justice Advisory Group. She chairs Te Awa Tuia Tangata, a judicial diversity committee established by the chief justice to drive change towards a more diverse judiciary across all courts in Aotearoa; sits on the Digital Strategy (for Courts and Tribunals) Advisory Group; and is a member of the Judicial Conduct Advisory Committee.

She has also been a member of Wellington District Law Society committees and the Wellington Women Lawyers' Association. In 2023, she was invited to be a patron of the Royal New Zealand Police College.

Chief Judge Inglis has retained strong links to Victoria University of Wellington as a guest lecturer for Employment Law classes. Her addresses to students are thoughtful and deal in depth with topics of contemporary or ongoing interest in employment law. She continues to maintain close, positive, and active relationships with the academic community.

Chief Judge Inglis has had an influential and distinguished career, making a positive impact on the lives of many New Zealanders. She continues to take an active role in promoting the public good in ensuring that justice is available to all. She is an outstanding alumna of this university and we are proud to recognise her achievements with our highest honour.

Doctoral degree research summaries

Rosalind Mary Coote

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Government

Thesis title: 'Agents, ideas and microprocesses: What happens in the early stage of a public service reform?'

Supervisors: *Professor Karl Lofgren and Dr Elizabeth Eppel*

Vu Tran Dang

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Finance

Thesis title: 'Essays on the Liquidity and Return Commonalities'

Supervisors: *Professor Hai Lin and Dr Jinji Hao*

Dao Viet Hoa

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy

Thesis title: 'A Study of Public-Private Partnerships Through the Public Value Lens: Case Study of Transport Infrastructure Provision in Viet Nam'

Supervisors: *Dr Barbara Allen and Dr Jaikishan Desai*

Najmeh Gharibi

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Tourism Management

Thesis title: 'An Eye to the Future: Defining a Framework for the VR Tourism Experience'

Supervisors: *Associate Professor Ian Yeoman, Dr Ina Reichenberger, and Associate Professor Faizan Ali*

Nguyen Xuan Ba

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Information Systems

Thesis title: 'International Research Collaboration Measurement'

Supervisors: *Associate Professor Markus Luczak-Roesch and Dr Jesse David Dinneen*

Nguyen Thi Thu Huyen

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Finance

Thesis title: 'Three Essays on Corporate Finance: Capital Structure, Venture Capital, and Stock Market'

Supervisors: *Dr Michael Keefe and Dr Griffin Geng*

Nguyen Thi Phuong Loan

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Accounting

Thesis title: 'Earnings Management and Default Risk'

Supervisors: *Professor Tony van Zijl and Associate Professor Thu Phuong Truong*

Conal Hugh Leonard Smith

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy

Thesis title: 'Experienced Wellbeing, Income, and Measurement of the Value of Non-Market Outcomes'

Supervisors: *Professor Arthur Grimes and Dr Kate Prickett*

Vo Thi Minh Hoa

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Public Policy

Thesis title: 'Local Discretion in Policy Implementation: A Vietnamese Case Study'

Supervisors: *Associate Professor Amanda Wolf, Dr Flavia Donadelli, and Jill Tao*

Yi Yang

Admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Accounting

Thesis title: 'Shareholder Activism, Corporate Social Responsibility, and Financial Performance'

Supervisors: *Dr Binh Bui and Dr ThuPhuong Truong*

Presentation of graduates

Graduates may be called on stage in a different order from that listed in this programme.

Doctor of Government

Coote, Rosalind Mary

Doctor of Philosophy

Dang, Vu Tran, *in Finance*

Dao, Viet Hoa, *in Public Policy*

Gharibi, Najmeh, *in Tourism Management*

Nguyen, Thi Phuong Loan, *in Accounting*

Nguyen, Thi Thu Huyen, *in Finance*

Nguyen, Xuan Ba, *in Information Systems*

Smith, Conal Hugh Leonard, *in Public Policy*

Vo, Thi Minh Hoa, *in Public Policy*

Yang, Yi, *in Accounting*

Master of Information Studies

Gruschow, Samuel Francis, *in Archives and
Records Management, D*

Harris, Amy Victoria, *in Library Science, D*

McNamara, Angel Mae Baekhave, *in Archives
and Records Management and Library
Science, M*

Speight, Aimee, *in Library Science, D*

Master of Professional Accounting

Chirume, Tapiwa Prosper

Gao, Hetong

Kelly, Louise Alison

Shrestha, Shraddha

Wellington School of Business and Government

Executive Master of Business Administration

Amundberg, Neill Alexander, *M*

Butler, Sarah Jayne, *M*

Narayan, Sunatika

Smeaton, Jennie Makareta, *M*

Watson, William Richard, *M*

Wills, Matthew Hayden, *D*

Master of Professional Business Analysis

Foldesi, Gizela Luz, *M*

Grover, Ankur, *D*

Nguyen, Ha Ngoc, *M*

Ouyang, Can, *M*

Raghuwanshi, Srijan Singh, *M*

Rizawana, Shahista

Temnikova, Kseniia

Thomson, Kaylin Shannahan, *M*

Master of Commerce

Lockyer, Trent Leonard, *in Economics, D*

Zheng, Yin hao, *in Information Systems, D*

Master of Professional Economics

Smith, Aaron Matthew, *D*

Master of Information Management

Blackford, Phillip Lawrence, *M*

Master of Public Management

Karati, Helen Lilly Pamata

Master of Public Policy

Kaiuea, Felicity Ioane

Pope, Shelley Amanda, *M*

Sheen, Richard Guan-Chern, *M*

*Bachelor of
Commerce with Honours*

Abdul Jamil, Nisa Husna, 1, *in Finance*
bin Saifuddin, Muhammad Syabil, 2/1, *in Finance*
Khairuzin, Kama Syakira, 1, *in Finance*
Md Amin, Nur Sabrina Binti, 2/1, *in Finance*
Mohd Mahfudz, Ameer Haikarl, 2/2, *in Finance*
Mustafa, Nik Nor Asyikin, 1, *in Accounting*
Sellimin, Andi Sakinah, 1, *in Finance*
Zahdi, Harith Aiman, 1, *in Finance*

*Postgraduate Diploma in
Public Policy*

Evans, Rosie Amelia

*Postgraduate Certificate in
Information Studies*

Gwynne, Bethany Eliana

*Postgraduate Certificate in
Public Policy*

Thompson, Nadia

*Graduate Certificate in
Commerce*

Patel, Nehaben Ishvarbhai
Simeona, Falili

*Bachelor of
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Abbott, Georgia Emily
Abdul Hadi, Natasha Suraya Binti
Addock, Louis Michael Francis
Ahmad Nadzri, Aleya Farhana Binti
Airey, Olivia Nina
Aldridge, Samuel Morrison Gilmour
Alley, Caragh Grace
Amin Kadda, Arizkhan
Ashworth, Myles Challoner
Azizul Nizam, Muhammad Hafidz Nizam
Barker, Emma Kaitlyn
Bates, Joshua Collure
Batuwantudawe, Amaya Himanthi

Beck, Jordan Bailey
Bengree, Matthew Joseph
Bengree, William Thomas
Bhula, Jakob Jarrod
Booker, Madison Renee
Brittain, Matthew Robert
Brownie, Ash Cory
Challis, Corbin Anthony
Chand, Vijay Ager
Chau, Khue Dinh Minh
Chen, Muyao
Clark, Benjamin David Barraclough
Cross, Waimarie Leonie Lovey
Curry, Melanie Maggie
Dalzell, Arcadia Joy Cara
Davis, Vincent Wiremu Jules
Deans, Henry John
Denver, Arlia Grace Loveday
Donovan, Ryan Patrick
Enticott, Amelia Shannon
Fidow, Olivia Lisa
Firtiyani, M Daffa Anzalna
Flanagan-Connors, Boston
Foo, Wan Wen
Foster, April Lydia
Franken, Kane Hendrik
Freeman, Mia Isabella Sefton
Gandhi, Helina Minhaskumar
Gauler, Michelle Anneke
Gilbert, Jessie Mariee
Gray, Emeline Rose
Guy, Christopher William
Ha, Nguyen An
Harp, Sarah Liang
Harrison, Taylor Keith
Hartley, Sophia Nicole
Hashizume, Ema
Hashmi, Aaqir Mohammed
Hassell, Sophie Janice
Hazeldine, Peter John
Henger, Greer Louise Sadaraka
Hill, Liam Charles
Hill, Reuben Roger
Hobson, Alisen Caitlyne
Hoigegudde Amarnath, Vidisha Sharma
Hollows, Asher Sampson Scandrett
Houchen, Saskia Eve
Hovell, Adam Bevyn
Hu, Qiaoyu

Hu, Tangshengjie
Humberstone-Hurley, Stella Rose
Imam Jurjani, Nur Iman Khalisah Binti
Ingram, Anna Jane
Irvine-Robinson, Jacob Blair
Jacques, Juliet Rose
Jamal, Nurul Izza Shazana Binti
James, Hayley Tiana
Jiang, Jiechen
Kingsford, James Douglas
Knowling, Olivia Jane
Koshy, Ron Joseph
Landon-Lane, Tehaumihiata Matangi
Lange, Sarah Jane
Langley, Claudia Emma
Le, Thi Hien Thuc
Liang, Yuan
Lines, Ryan Shane
Lini, Felisa Mulili
Liu, Yiling
Luthra, Parth
Lyu, Liupei
Lyu, Yiwei
Mair, Eden Mara Underwood
Martin, Stephen James
Mason, Samuel William
Md Zarin, Damia Zulaikha Binti
Mohd Raduan, Anis Aqeelah Afrina Binti
Mohd Razip Wee, Najwa Nabihah Binti
Mohd Shazeli, Noor Adleena Binti
Monteiro, Kay Kimberly
Monteith, Bryce McGregor
Mulgrew, Annalise Clare
Murdoch Macintyre, Estella Clea
Na, Danielle Eunji
Nairn, Callum Antony James
Najeeb, Nur Hafizah Binti
Narayan, David Vimlesh
Newbold, Natalie Jane
Nguyen, An Duy
O'Connor, Dillon Jake
O'Sullivan, Tara Claire
Ohlsson, Danielle Anne
Pande, Gurudutt
Parry, Euan David Frankland
Patterson, Drew Patricha
Pavey, Jemima Catherine
Pini-Hall, Serena
Piriyapongpun, Natcha
Pongchomporn, Lamsome
Prakash, Nipesh Hemant
Purcell, Helena Minime
Rhind, Keegan Samuel
Robson, Hana Rose
Rudin Azreen, Yassmine binti
Saker, Luc Bernard
Salisbury, Jason Arthur
Schuster, Taumaia Lillian
Sea, Vireakboth
Seddon, Annalee Doreen
Sek, Bunkry
Shamrazula, Siti Nur Farahin Binti
Shannon, Ciara Bernice
Shardlow, Rachel Anne
Shaw, Luke Alexandra
Sirisomphone, Arlee
Smith, Jade Mereana
Solanki, Meet Sandeep
Stewart, Liam Harrison
Talash, Shafiq
Tan, Timothy Wen An
Taylor, Sophie Elizabeth
van der Walt, Marcus Scott
Vermeulen, Dominic Bonifacio Friso
Wara, Jessica Viola-Margaret
Watkins, Madelyn Taylor
Weatherall, Conrad Miguel
Weber, Cole Hayden
Wellwood, Jack Frank
West, Guy Patrick Garth
Westbury-Brand, Justin Brian
Wharehoka, Bella Rose
Whittle, Matthew John
Williams, Tayla Maarie-Kay
Wilson, Charles Ellis
Wilson-Yalden, Jackson Douglas
Wilton, Angus Gordon
Wong, Chan Yip
Worsley, Kyle Mark
Yan, Xinyao
Yusuf, Faaiz Mohammed
Zhang, Haiyun*
Zhang, Nan
Zheng, Zhuan Li
Ziegler, Benjamin Jason
Zinzley, Liam James
Zulkifli, Luqhman Khuzairy Bin

*Bachelor of
Tourism Management*

Liang, Wanyi
Vakaloloma, Mafoa Talemaitoga

Faculty of Law

*Master of
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Curzon, Matthew Stephen, *M*
Stanton, Elana Leigh Kiddle, *M*

*Master of
Laws*

Karetai Wood-Bodley, Frankie Emmett, *M*
Malik, Abdul

*Bachelor of
Laws with Honours*

Argyle, Lauren Amelia, 1
Caird, Clair Maree, 1
Chand, Vijay Ager, 1
Clark, Benjamin David Barraclough, 1
Daldorf, Tallara Rose, 1
Daysh, Louis Basil, 1
Hughes, Alister Clarke, 1
Manning, Holly Tokeley, 1
McConnell, Rachel Mary, 1
Schoonees, Anna Elizabeth, 1
Sim, Murray Neville, 1
Vaughan, Natalie Claire, 1

*Graduate Certificate in
Law*

Pizarro Vargas, Rocio Consuelo

*Bachelor of
Laws*

Addock, Louis Michael Francis
Ashworth, Myles Challoner
Blunt, Emily Frances Mary
Capill, Aaron Nicholas John
Cheetham, Ana Kristina
Chrystall, Ashley Rose
Cleland, Robin James
Cooper, Beth Taylor
Cordwell, Finn Ernest
Cotton, Mika Grace
Curry, Melanie Maggie
Dalzell, Arcadia Joy Cara
Dierick, Jamie Emile Roy
Downey, Claire Rose
Ellis, Phoebe Louise
Fermo, Megan Mariano
Flanagan, William James Tangiua
Flanagan-Connors, Boston
Gauler, Michelle Anneke
Gee, Kimberley Sedona
Gillatt, Caitlin Anne
Green, Annika Jazmine
Hawkins, Kurt Matthew William
Healy-Melhuish, Greta Beatrice
Helms, Charlotte May
Holt, Zoe Grace
Hughes, Elizabeth Jane
Hunter, Toby Jack
Johnson, Abigail Hana
Kinajil-Moran, Brooke Chelsea Kitsana
Krieble, Abigail Frances
Langley, Claudia Emma
Lawrence, India Rose
Lewis, Vivien Jean
Li, Joanna Kei On
Loverez, Arvee Klowie Dansalan
Mafi, Fugalaau Elizabeth Amanaki
Main, Kristopher Barry
Mason, Samuel William
McDonald, Natalie Mary
McLean, Emily Grace
Mitchell, Vivian Hanhee
Moores, Noah Gregor
O'Brien, Flynn James
Orange, Dominique Mary
Parker, Ashley Margaret

Peel, Jenna Kate
Penno, Samuel Oliver
Raymond, Amanda Shuttleworth
Reyes, Samantha Coleen Guce
Roberts, Alice Louise
Robrigado, Ramon Angelo Oliveros
Salisbury, Jason Arthur
Sawtell, Lily Isabella
Seton, John George Mcelwee
Sheat, Isabel Grace
Shepherd, Olivia Aynsley
Soanes, Liberty Celeste
Tinholt, Nicholas Rutger
Trounson, Tabea Anna Mahr
Tuinder, Kushali Anja
Western, Todd Anthony
Williams, Kale Dean
Williamson, Katrina Tui
Wu, Amy
Ye, Patrick

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English



MUSIC

God Defend New Zealand

Led by Jasmine Jessen, accompanied by Ethan Hotter

E Ihowā Atua,	God of Nations at Thy feet,
O ngā iwi mātou rā,	In the bonds of love we meet,
Āta whakarongona,	Hear our voices we entreat,
Me aroha noa.	God defend our free land.
Kia hua ko te pai,	Guard Pacific's triple star,
Kia tau tō atawhai,	From the shafts of strife and war,
Manaakitia mai,	Make her praises heard afar,
Aotearoa.	God defend New Zealand.

Gaudeamus

Led by Jasmine Jessen, accompanied by Ethan Hotter

Gaudeamus igitur	Let us be joyful therefore
Juvenes dum sumus;	While we are young;
Gaudeamus igitur	After youth that brings joy,
Juvenes dum sumus.	After old age that brings grief,
Post jucundam juventutem,	The grave will take us.
Post molestam senectutem,	
Nos habebit humus,	
Nos habebit humus.	
Vivat Academia,	Long live the University,
Vivant professores;	Long live the professors,
Vivat Academia,	Long live every member,
Vivant professores.	Long live every part,
Vivat membrum quodlibet,	May they ever flourish.
Vivant membra quaelibet,	
Semper sint in flore,	
Semper sint in flore.	

Performances

Pre-ceremony entertainment and recessional

Performed by Pasifika Tune: Faiva Brown (guitar), Liga Leota (drums), Nathan Lopa (vocals), Aaron Nonoa (bass), Latu Amani (keyboard), and Rowena Yates (vocals)

Processional

'Processional Fanfare', Douglas Lilburn

Written especially for Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington's graduation ceremonies

Performed by Ethan Hotter (piano), Lewis Grey, Lena Krakowiak, and Thomas Metz (trumpets)

Musical interlude

New Zealand School of Music Jazz Quartet

Joseph Alexander (drums), Jamin Forlong (guitar), Jack Harris (bass), and Alex Vujanic (saxophone)

Performing 'Fly Me to the Moon', 'The Girl From Ipanema', and 'Isn't She Lovely'

Performance interlude

Pasifika cultural performance



