

# Vice-Chancellor's Report to Council

## September 2023

### Introduction

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The final term of the 2023 academic year began on 11 September, coinciding with the arrival of Spring and marked by the beautiful blooms on campus.

We hosted a successful *Rātene | Open Day 2023* where prospective students and their whānau were engaged and informed of essential information for attendees to make decisions about their tertiary education and course choices. Across our 109 information sessions, we filled approximately 12,000 seats in lecture theatres throughout the day. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

150<sup>th</sup> celebrations continued in September, and notable among the events was the trip to the United Kingdom. The UC delegation (including the Chancellor) visited Christ Church College, Oxford, for an Evensong Service at Christ Church Cathedral followed by a dinner; both officiated by the Dean of Christ Church, the Very Reverend Professor Sarah Foot, in commemoration of our shared historic ties.

At Cambridge University we met with the Vice-Chancellor and Pro-Vice-Chancellor Education to discuss potential areas of collaboration, and afterwards there was a lunch with students, staff, UC Alumni, Cambridge fellows and key collaborators. Professor Mary Fowler, great granddaughter of Ernest Rutherford, spoke about the close ties between UC and Cambridge. Our UK trip concluded with an alumni reception in London, with 127 registered guests, where New Zealand High Commissioner Phil Goff gave an opening address following a welcome by the Chancellor.

As part of the same trip I attended the Times Higher Education World Academic Summit in Sydney, where I participated in the Presidents' Forum and presented in a panel session on "*Closing the Equity gap*". I also spoke at the Sydney Alumni event which was very well attended. Sydney Alumni were especially receptive, as this was the first time we'd been to Sydney since 2016.

### Engagement

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Our UC 150th Anniversary photographic travelling exhibition, showcasing some of UC's historic photos and

On 7 September 83 career advisors from schools around Aotearoa participated in Rongo o te W , a two-day





## Organisational Efficacy of a sustainable scale by 2030

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The Digital Services and the Student Insights team have established UC's first Azure Machine Learning Application Landing Zone initially for the A