



Oxford University Australia & New Zealand Society

G'day and Kia ora,

On behalf of the Oxford University Australia New Zealand Society (OUANZ) congratulations on your offer to join us at the University of Oxford. As well as providing information and practical support, OUANZ hosts some of Oxford's most exciting and anticipated events - including guest speakers, formal dinners, sports matches, and national celebrations.

Each year we are driven by three key goals:

- to help students from Australia and New Zealand settle into Oxford;
- to organise events to meet and socialise with other Antipodeans; and
- to enrich members' Oxford experiences by hosting prominent Antipodeans at OUANZ events and giving our members a platform to discuss their own research.

At any given time, there are around 350 students from Australia and New Zealand studying at Oxford, and a further 200 strong contingent of Antipodean staff. OUANZ has existed for many years and is known as a platform to build friendships and a professional network for your future career. Even if you do not plan to return to the Antipodes in the future, at some stage you may miss the sound of *Strine* and *New Zild* accents, debates about AFL vs. rugby, discussions on Antipodean politics, and the friendly jabs of the trans-Tasman rivalry.

If this is of interest to you, please subscribe to our newsletter by sending a blank email to antipodeans-subscribe@maillist.ox.ac.uk. You may also wish to join the OUANZ Facebook group (www.facebook.com/groups/ouanz/) for further updates. We will be at the Freshers' Fair, so feel free to come down and chat to our members about Oxford life, and our planned events. Going into the new academic year, we find ourselves in unique circumstances – although legal coronavirus restrictions in the UK have ended, the global pandemic continues. While we have planned a variety of exciting social and academic events for the year ahead, we must remain pragmatic and flexible to prevailing conditions. The health and safety of our community is always our utmost priority. To view our events as scheduled, you may consult our term cards, and to best stay updated on our current plans, we encourage you to subscribe to our newsletter and join the OUANZ Facebook group.

The OUANZ committee and entire OUANZ community look forward to welcoming you in the new academic year. If you have any questions please consult our website (ouanz.com), which contains substantial information on studying, working, and extracurricular opportunities at Oxford. Alternatively, do not hesitate to contact our committee – we will do our best to respond quickly.

Once again congratulations,

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