

'AUT doesn't need bailout'

By Priscilla Duncan

AUT University vice-chancellor Derek McCormack has rejected reports of a government rescue deal.

The university has been granted an extra \$50 million of Government funding but McCormack insists AUT is not "being saved from looming financial strife", as a *New Zealand Herald* article reported last week.

He says the funding is an additional benefit, not a lifeline.

"The Herald article treated it as a bailout, but AUT wasn't in any financial danger whatsoever," says McCormack. "What this grant allows is for us to take a step up and take our contribution to another level."

McCormack admits there are debts to cover but says they are manageable. Most of the debt comes from the catch-up building AUT has had to do since becoming a University in 2000.

The AUT council will have the final say on how the \$50 million

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is spent but McCormack says it will likely go towards debt reduction, building new facilities, and

research.

"We're very pleased to have this extra resource and to have the government recognition."

The funding comes as part of the Government's new approach to investing in tertiary education.

A spokesperson for tertiary education minister Michael Cullen says the money will help the university maintain its high standards.

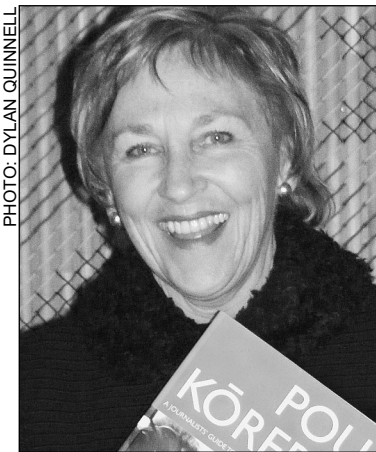
"AUT has developed and delivered tertiary education to a wide

range of students, industries, iwi and communities," says the spokesperson.

"The Government is keen to ensure that AUT can continue to deliver and part of that development is ensuring that there is funding available for AUT to invest in staff and increase its research activity."

The \$50 million is on top of the yearly Government input of \$110 million. It is subject to financial and capability building performance measures.

New book launched with praise



CAROL ARCHIE

By Priscilla Duncan

Challenging the use of the word Pakeha is just one of the sensitive issues addressed in a new book by journalist Carol Archie.

Pou Korero: A Journalist's Guide to Maori and Current Affairs, which was commissioned by the Journalism Training Organisation, had its official launch at the Nga Wai O Horotiu marae at AUT, on Monday.

It replaces journalist and historian Michael King's guide called *Kaue Korero*, written almost 20 years ago.

Archie says her book gives practical advice on how to understand racism and will encourage people to think carefully about the language they use.

"Personally, I'm happy associating with the word Pakeha but I think it excludes people.

"New Zealand is made up of more than just Maori and Pakeha, so we need a new term. I hate the word 'non-Maori' but all I can think of is 'other New Zealanders' and that's far too long," she says.

Archie, who has worked as a journalist since the 1960s, hopes that her book will spark debate on such issues.

Jim Tucker, of the JTO says the book is much broader and deeper in content than Michael King's predecessor, giving a history of Maori media, context of the Treaty of Waitangi, a pronunciation guide, and other practical guidelines.

Pou Korero can be ordered through the JTO at a price of \$56.25 for NZJTO members, including currently enrolled journalism students, and \$67.50 for non-members.



COOKING UP A STORM: Students believe they can win take out the award.

Ready, steady, cook

The Toque d'Or or "Golden Hat" cooking competition begins next month and three AUT students think they have what it takes to win.

The competition will bring together hospitality students from around New Zealand.

The AUT team is made up of two chefs, Janine Grace and Jean Wan, and Michael Thomasen who will be competing in restaurant service.

Thomasen says being chosen for the Toque d'Or is an "honour".

Toque d'Or competitors not only have the chance to walk away with a medal but they could also receive job offers from some of New Zealand's top restaurants.

— Meridee Walter

Expo bigger and better

By Kylie Rosan

An explosion of Maori and Pacific culture will be light up Aotea Centre on August 31.

The AUT Maori Expo, a biennial event held by AUT University, will be a chance to experience Pacific culture and celebrate the success and achievement of Maori.

Manager and producer of the expo Renata Blair says the last Maori expo was the biggest event ever held inside Aotea Centre.

He predicts that this year's event will be even bigger due to a surge in interest from the public.

There will be sports and political debates, iwi leader discussions, a fashion show held by AUT students and graduates, and entertainment showcasing

some of Aotearoa's highest achievers.

The expo will also feature kapa haka and performances by artists DZIAH, PNC, Che Fu, the Krates, Nesian Mystik and others.

The AUT Maori Expo 2007 will be held at the Aotea Centre from 9am to 5pm on August 31. Entry is free of charge.

Beauty clinic open on campus

By Amy Williams

One of AUT University's best-kept secrets, the Health and Beauty Clinic, has opened its doors for the year.

The clinic, on the university's Akoranga campus, is staffed by students of the Certificate in Holistic Therapies, and offers a range of beauty treatments at low prices.

Clinic supervisor Suyin Ginn says students are monitored as they carry out treatments and have a semester's training under their belts before they start work in the clinic.

"They have to pass an exam before they're unleashed on the public," she says.

Ginn says the holistic nature of the programme means students are very knowledgeable.

"They learn health in context, so they look at the person as a whole," she says.

Treatments start with the therapist checking their client's medical history, beauty routine, diet and other lifestyle factors.

Student therapist Hayley Clark, 19, says she likes the practical nature of the course and the valuable hands-on experience it provides.

"It's good for your resumé to already have client contact," she says.

The students rotate through a variety of roles within the clinic, working in the dispensary as managers or on reception, as well as carrying out treatments.

Clark, who aims to open her own salon after completing the course, says her favourite treatment is waxing – but not for sadistic reasons.

"I like how you can see the results."

In addition to their current list of therapies, Ginn says the clinic will be introducing massage after the mid-semester break.

"Look out for our Tuesday specials," she says.

The clinic is open on Tuesdays from 10am to 3pm and Thursdays from 2.30pm to 7.30pm.