

UC has initiated a comprehensive response to the outbreak of Coronavirus. Notably we have established an incident response team and an SMT strategic response team, as well as developing a response plan with 12 workstreams.

consolidates other related legislation. UC commented on the proposed submission to Universities New Zealand and we look forward to the next stages for this Bill.

Engagement

On Wednesday 6 February, I attended the 2020 Showcase of the UC Centre for Entrepreneurship's (UCE's) Summer Startup Programme at the Piano in the central city. More than 300 people attended the event, while others joined in through livestream events around the country. During the Summer Startup Programme, the cohort of 24 students had the opportunity to engage with more than 70 mentors, speakers and coaches from a range of partner organisations in Christchurch, UC alumni and visiting academics from overseas universities.

The overall winner at the Showcase was Ngire Scartozzi as founder of eClean, a startup that removes nitrates and phosphates from waterways. The innovation prize went to Jonathan Ring who, together with UC academic Aaron Marshall, co-founded Zincovery, a startup that recovers zinc from acid waste. The winners of the change-maker prize were Anzac Gallate and Jack Fraser from the Gro•Up Group, whose startup is creating environmental science resources for primary schools using digital technologies such as virtual reality and augmented reality.

Further recognition has come for Zincovery through its selection as one of the 10 finalists in Callaghan Innovation's C-Prize national competition. This year the focus of the C-Prize competition is on world-leading innovative solutions to environmental problems. Another finalist is Radius Robotics, in UCE's ThinLab Founder Incubator. This company has close ties to UC through co-founders Daniel Morris, a current PhD student in Mechanical Engineering, and UC alumnus Henry Bersani. Radius Robotics is developing technology to enable farmers to easily and efficiently establish 'polyculture' fields, which offers the benefits of avoiding the environmental impact and the reduced yields of monoculture farming practices.

Another exciting development for the UC Centre for Entrepreneurship is that it has secured a new partnership with Vodafone New Zealand. The 2020 Vodafone Digital Innovation Thought Leadership Series will feature six public events, each one hosting up to 150 guests, at 'Vodafone Innov8' Christchurch and at UC Campus between April and December 2020. Showcasing the latest trends in digital innovation, the Series will present a unique opportunity for the Christchurch business community as well as UC students and alumni to learn, network, engage and connect.

Eight of 17 interns placed in divisions of Christchurch City Council (CCC) this February will be UC students. This follows an inaugural event at the end of last year hosted by UC, wh5(ev)4(elo000008871 0 595.32 841.9

exhibition will now run till August, during which time it will be open to the public on weekends and some weekdays. The Teece has had over 35,000 visitors since it opened its doors in 2017.

Also at the Arts Centre, from 4 March we will be resuming our 'An Evening With' public seminar series. This time with the theme of Diversity, it will feature, among others, Philippa Martin (women in science, technology, engineering and maths – STEM), Steven Ratuva (Pasifika and New Zealand) and Naima Talib and Jim Ockey (Islam and religion).

Professor Ian Wright has been invited by ChristchurchNZ to join the inaugural Aerospace and Future

In an effort to recover from the favourability dip, UC has increased its output of proactive research, student and alumni success stories. Proactive media releases were up 200% in December 2019 from December 2018 and 140% in January 2020 from January 2019. Coverage in December and January included:

The [redacted] has collaborated with Mātauraka Mahaanui to respond to the growing need for Māori-medium and bilingual teachers in Canterbury by creating a [redacted] for qualified teachers and tertiary educators. The course strengthens teachers' knowledge and use of te reo Māori me ōna tikanga Māori, and prepares certificated teachers for working in bilingual early childhood education and school settings and in kura kaupapa Māori.

The School has also launched a redesigned [redacted], offering it both via distance and on campus. With the addition of its on-campus pathway [redacted]

UC is launching to all first-year students a series of compulsory online modules covering topics such as "Welcome to UC", student wellbeing, drugs, alcohol, consent, making friends, security and emergency management. The modules are designed to be engaging and include videos and quizzes. This approach will enable UC to have more confidence that students receive and review base-level information on wellbeing. In addition, a UC Social Integration Programme is being launched in

for Pacific Studies (formerly housed in Te Ao Marama), as well as the Confucius Institute, the Arts Digital Lab, the National Centre for Research on Europe and the Department of Global, Cultural and Language Studies. The adjoining Elsie Locke building is due for completion in the middle of this year and will be home to the Social Sciences division of the College, as well as the College Office.

Internationalisation – Locally Engaged, Globally Networked

The Confucius Institute at the University of Canterbury (CIUC) is currently welcoming (following the self-isolation period) a new intake of Mandarin Language Assistants from China, who will help deliver language teaching to schools all over the South Island. Our arrangement with the CIUC includes cooperation with one of China's top-ranked universities, the Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST), where the Pro-Vice-Chancellor Arts recently had successful discussions to establish UC as a partner in a four-way research and teaching collaboration with HUST, Wayne State (USA) and the University of Minas Gerais (Brazil).

The College of Arts has coordinated two highly successful internship programmes in Beijing (December 2019) and Thailand (January 2020) under the umbrella of its PACE programme. These programmes included a diverse range of students from across the University's colleges and have helped to foster a truly globalised student outlook.

The Erskine Programme Office welcomed the 2,000th Erskine Visiting Fellow to the University early in 2020. Professor Jon Shaw has joined us from the School of Geography, Earth, and Environment Sciences in the University of Plymouth, UK. His field of expertise is in transport geography, mobilities and ageing. He will be teaching here in the School of Earth and Environment .

Organisational Efficacy

The 2019 Annual Report and Audit is nearing completion. The unaudited result is a \$11.296M.million surplus against a budgeted surplus of \$2 million. This is a very pleasing

UC Foundation recorded a total of \$8.9m raised in 2019. Another founding gift has been received for the Endowed Research Fund which brings the total to just over \$1.5m. This is a special gift because it comes from a past staff member and demonstrates philanthropic leadership. I hosted former UC Vice

