

# Grow Shawty, It's Your Growthday! [50 Cent]

## Happy Birthday, UoA!

A 140 year legacy is no small thing! Innovation, integrity, and growth - it's been a big 140 years! Here are some neat little facts about the institution we know and love – how many did you know already?

### Humble Beginnings – from legalese to learned legends

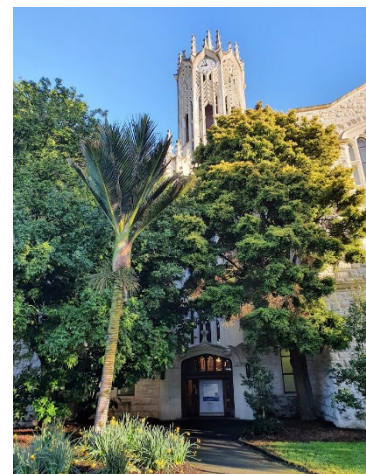
In 1883, a tiny little courthouse and attached jail saw the first of our soon-to-be expanding students – aaaaaaaaaaaaaall 95 of them. Nowadays, that's a single lecture group! Known then as Auckland University College, we were a little green sapling of the larger University of New Zealand. When UNZ dissolved in 1962, it allowed "the University of Auckland" to start growing out into the world from Auckland CBD, now having roots in Tai Tokerau, Tai Tonga, Newmarket, Grafton, Epsom, Goldie Estate Vineyard and Leigh Marine Laboratory.

### Alfred Nathan House – For All Your Healing Needs

ANH started life as the home of its namesake, businessman Alfred Nathan. It was to a private hospital in the 1930s, where it saw many a patient and healed many a hurt. The University took over the building in 1959, and it has since become a home for the International Office, Communications and Marketing, the School of Graduate Studies, and the School of Community Engagement – what a storied and humanitarian life this place has led!

### Clock Tower By Design

Opened in 1926, The University's venerable clock tower is the result of international collaboration and was considered just a little bit scandalous at the time. Originally commissioned as an Arts building around 1923, the winning design submitted by American architect Roy Alston Lippincott, a fan of art nouveau style architecture. Critics were torn between calling the submission "unrecognisable" to those who preferred more classic design, and intriguing and striking to those who approved of it. What would you imagine the University Clock Tower to look like if Lippincott's design hadn't been selected?



### Grow beyond ASPIRE

For more reading on the University's grassroots beginnings and developments over time, head to these links below – including one for the Staff Common Room, and a cameo from Governor Grey – the official University Cat.

<https://www.staff.auckland.ac.nz/en/news-events-and-notice/news/news-2023/05/140-anniversary.html>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGfc8UDT2BE>

<https://www.staff.auckland.ac.nz/en/how-the-university-works/university-of-auckland-glossary.html>

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