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## Unlocking the Blue Economy: are seaweeds the key?

Worldwide, seaweed cultivation and utilisation are multi-billion dollar industries, yet New Zealand plays little role in either. This is set to change, with growing interest in using our coastal and offshore waters to produce seaweeds that will not only provide high-value products for global markets, but will help mitigate human carbon emissions both directly through products that lower methane emissions and indirectly through long term carbon sequestration. Professor Lindsey White's main research interests have always been in seaweed utilisation, both by humans and marine herbivores. In his inaugural professorial address, he will explore the importance of seaweeds and how they will feed into the growing global "blue economy".

Professor White was a late comer to academia. He left High School aged sixteen and spent the next eleven years working in a wide range of jobs, ending up as a self-employed tradesman. He then embarked upon a Bachelor of Science and eight years later he completed his PhD in 2001. The Foundation for Research, Science and Technology then awarded him a Post-Doctoral Fellowship and in 2004 he took up a position as Senior Lecturer in the School of Science at AUT. He has since held various leadership roles including Head of the School and Associate Dean - Research and Enterprise and he served on the Faculty Executive for the last eleven years. He now teaches, supervises and undertakes research in the School of Science while serving on the Science Executive of the Blue Economy Cooperative Research Centre where he is Deputy Lead of the Seafood and Marine Products Programme.

THURSDAY  
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4.30-5.30pm

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