



Pacific Peoples Housing Forum

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Welcome

Pacific Peoples have a remarkable history of voyaging long-distances and making their homes in new islands. With a shared history of migration, networks of family members maintain relationships across country boundaries, supporting each other through economic, educational, employment and Increasingly climate-related challenges.

This presents both complexity and opportunity for Pacific Peoples to meet their housing needs in their home countries and in countries like New Zealand. Systems of land allocation, quality of housing stock and the constant threat of weather events make housing in the Islands difficult. In New Zealand, the jarringly low level of net wealth among New Zealand's Pacific households – on average: \$12,000 versus NZ average: \$160,000 (Goodyear, 2017) – is a key long-term issue that will require clear vision, strategic skill, and a deep long-term commitment to overcome.

Fortunately, if history is our guide, Pacific Peoples will be uniquely well-placed to navigate this complex journey.

Habitat for Humanity with Hon. Jenny Salesa is pleased to bring together a pioneering group of thought and action leaders in a one-day forum as a focal point for the conversation on this subject. It follows two events and discussions in the Pacific capitals of Apia and Nuku'alofa over the last two weeks. Representatives from these lead-in events, and of youth voices in these three countries will share insights at the Auckland Fourm.

I hope you enjoy this inaugural Pacific Peoples Housing Forum.



Claire Szabó,
CEO, Habitat for Humanity New Zealand



Talofa Lava, Malo e lelei,
Bula Vinaka, Fakalofalahiatu, Kia orana,

Warm Pacific Greetings!

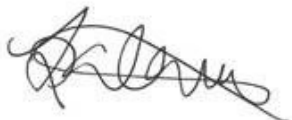
Welcome to the very first Pacific Peoples Housing Forum. Together with Habitat for Humanity New Zealand this event is bringing together people and organisations who have an interest in the housing of Pacific People in New Zealand and the Pacific. Our people face unique challenges and opportunities in housing. We are excited to see the learning, collaboration and dialogue that will occur today.

The 2019 Pacific Peoples Housing Forum could not be more timely. Improving access to home ownership in New Zealand is an important focus of my work and issues of climate change and disaster resilience for our people in the Pacific are becoming increasingly urgent.

There is much work to be done.

Thank you for joining us in envisioning a future where our Pacific Peoples both in New Zealand and in the Pacific are able to thrive and flourish with decent housing.

Yours sincerely,



Hon. Jenny Salesa
Minister for Building and Construction
Minister for Ethnic Communities





About the Pacific Peoples Housing Forum

This Pacific Peoples Housing Forum is the first event of its kind in Aotearoa New Zealand. Hosted by Habitat for Humanity New Zealand and Hon. Jenny Salesa MP, this event has the theme 'Powering Collaboration for Housing Impact'.

Bringing together stakeholders such as policy-makers, academics, government agencies, housing sector developers, non-governmental organisations and advocates, the forum seeks to explore innovative solutions to housing for Pacific People both in New Zealand and the Pacific.

Pacific Peoples' housing needs are shaped by a unique geography, significant and long-standing migration patterns, deeply linked regional economies, the prevalence natural disasters and intense weather and, in Aotearoa New Zealand, a disproportionately high decline in home ownership. These factors must feed into responses to Pacific Peoples' Housing, and this forum is an opportunity to discuss these factors in greater detail.

The Pacific Peoples Housing Forum is one of the preliminary events for the 2019 Asia-Pacific Housing Forum.

The Pacific Peoples Housing Forum also hosted two lead-in events in Apia, Samoa on 7th May and Nuku'alofa, Tonga on 14th May. These events were an opportunity to discuss the specific housing contexts in each country with a roundtable of major stakeholders.





Asia-Pacific Housing Forum

About the Asia-Pacific Housing Forum

The Asia-Pacific Housing Forum is a biennial conference organised by Habitat for Humanity International. Now in its seventh iteration, the regional conference brings together housing experts and champions from business, academia, government, civil society and youth to work towards finding innovative and sustainable housing solutions that address the world's massive housing needs.

Through the years, the Asia-Pacific Housing Forum has served as a major regional platform to amplify messages around why housing matters, as well as a forum for connecting industry leaders and decision makers. It also provides an opportunity to learn from and share industry best practice and local experiences across urban and rural settings around the region.

The theme for the 2019 Asia-Pacific Housing Forum, Sep. 16-19 in Bangkok, Thailand, is 'Powering Collaboration for Housing Impact.'

Impact to the max:

Promoting multi-sector policies which achieve positive social impact, environmental contributions and financial performance.

Promoting inclusion amidst rapid urbanisation:

Striving for inclusive access to housing.

Fostering resilient cities and communities:

Mitigating disaster risk and building successful, long-term resilience and community development.

Responsive housing technologies:

Using advanced technologies and the latest innovations.





Forum Programme

Start Time	Session
9:00	Karakia
	Housekeeping
9:05	Claire Szabó CEO, Habitat for Humanity New Zealand
	Forum Opening and Welcome
9:10	Claire Szabó CEO, Habitat for Humanity New Zealand
	Opportunities and Challenges in Pacific Housing
9:35	Hon. Jenny Salesa MP Minister of Building and Construction
10:00	Morning Tea
	Climate Change and Housing
10:30	Penehuro Lefale Nobel Prize Winning International Climate Analyst
	Disaster Housing Panel
11:15	Moderator: Masi Latianara Country Director, Habitat for Humanity Fiji. With Panelists: Leveni 'Aho (former Director National Disaster Management Office Tonga, currently Special Envoy to Tonga, World Bank); Tilianamua Lorna Aloalii, Assistant Chief Executive Officer for the Ministry of Works Transport and Infrastructure, Samoa
12:00	Lunch
	Strength, Stability and Self-Reliance: Habitat's Work with Pacific People
12:45	Taulapapa Brenda Heather-Latu (Three-time Attorney-General of Samoa, Habitat for Humanity New Zealand Director)
	Housing Finance Panel
1:15	Mata'utia Rula Levi, CEO Samoa Housing Corporation; Viane Nooana-Arioka, Managing Director of Bank of Cook Islands; Sanjeeva Perera, the Permanent Secretary for the Fijian Ministry of Housing and Community Development



Start Time	Session
	Pacific Housing in New Zealand
2:15	Hon. Vui Mark Gosche (Former Minister of Housing; Deputy Chair, Housing New Zealand Corporation)
3:00	Afternoon Tea
	Feedback from Lead-in Meetings in Samoa and Tonga
3:15	Samoa: Taulapapa Brenda Heather-Latu (Three-time Attorney-General of Samoa; Director, Habitat for Humanity New Zealand); Su'a Julia Wallwork (Country Director, Adventist Day Relief Agency Samoa). Tonga: Leveni 'Aho (former Director National Disaster Management Office Tonga, currently at the World Bank).
	Youth panel: with Country Representatives from the Youth Essay Competition
3:45	<i>Moderator: Caren Rangi (Director, Cook Islands Investment Corporation; Deputy Chair, Creative New Zealand; Director, Le Va; and more) moderating. With panelists: Aruna Tuala Wallwork (Samoa), 'Ana Malia Falemaka (Tonga) and Rachel Swann (Fiji).</i>
	Wrap-up and next actions
4:15	Hon. Jenny Salesa MP (Minister of Building and Construction); Rick Hathaway (International Vice President (Asia-Pacific); Habitat for Humanity International); Claire Szabó (CEO, Habitat for Humanity New Zealand).
5:00	Drinks and Nibbles
6:00	Networking Dinner Musical item by Resonate and speech by Kaiata Kaitao
9:00	Event Ends



General Information

Registration

Attendees can register and collect their conference packs at the registration desk from 8.30am. The registration desk is located at the back of the Fale Pasifika.

Parking

There is no reserved parking for the forum. The nearest parking is available in the Owen G Glenn Building, which has an extensive car park, entry off Grafton Road.

Meals

Tea and coffee breaks and lunch will be served between sessions at the back of the Fale Pasifika. Please inform our staff when registering if you have any dietary restrictions.

Drinks and Nibbles Hour

Drinks and nibbles will be available immediately after the end of the forum programme at 5pm, in the Pacific Studies complex adjoining the Fale. Staff will be available to direct you to the correct room. These are available for attendees who purchased a dinner-inclusive ticket when they registered. If you are unsure what type of ticket you hold, please ask at the registration desk.

Networking Dinner

The networking dinner will be held after the event in the Fale beginning at 6pm. Attendees who have registered with a dinner-inclusive ticket are invited to attend to continue the conversations from the day's plenaries in a night of inspiration and entertainment. Unfortunately, we are unable to take on-the-day registrations for the dinner.

Contact Information

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Fale Pasifika

The Fale Pasifika is an iconic building on the City Campus of the University of Auckland. It plays an important role as the touch-point between the University and Pacific communities.

Location

20-26 Wynyard Street
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University of Auckland

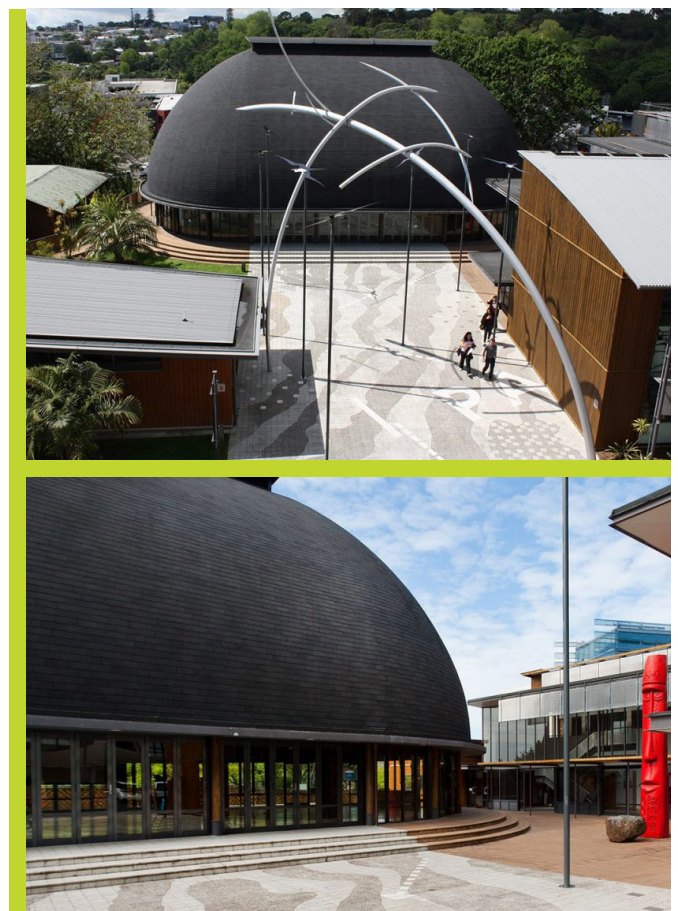
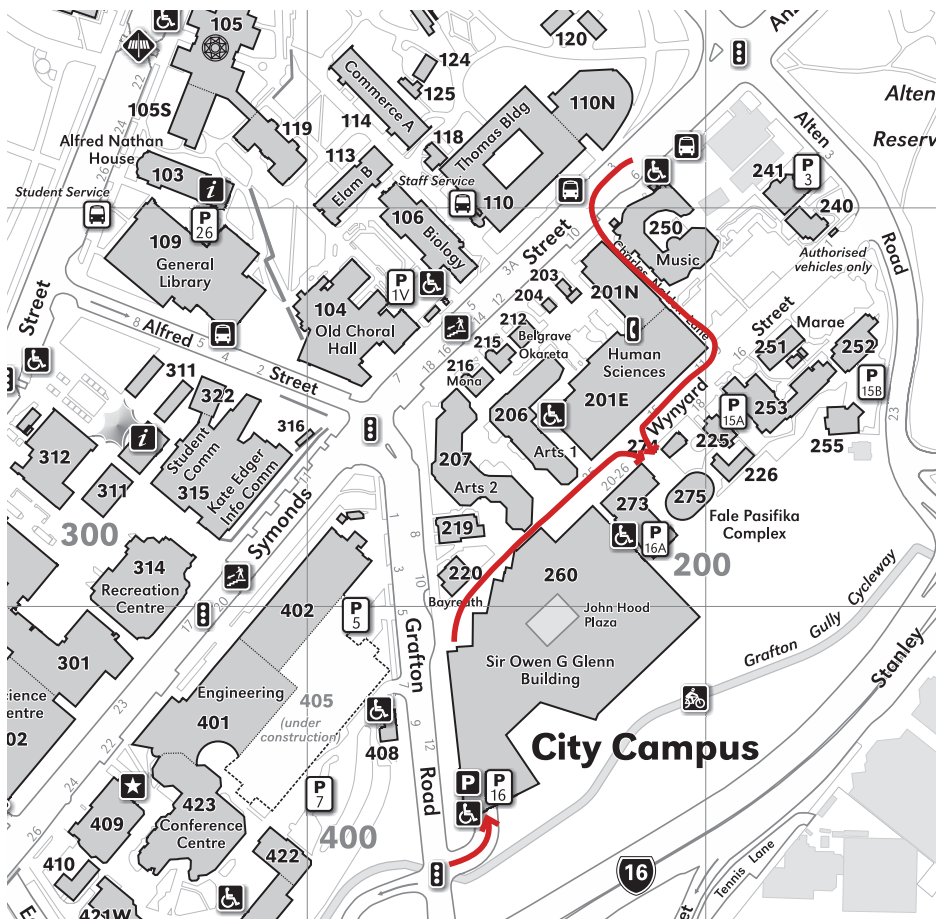
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From Grafton Road, outside the Owen G Building, walk through in front of the Commerce C building and then down the stairs into Wynyard Street.

From Symonds Street walk down the path between the Human Sciences Building and the Music School, then turn right into Wynyard Street.

Owen G Glenn Building

The entrance to the Owen G Glenn Building carpark is accessed from Grafton Road, and is also the entrance to the Fale carpark. To park beneath the Fale Pasifika, enter the carpark and stay on the entrance level. Drive straight through past the lifts and disability parks. Casual parking for visitors is available at \$4 an hour on weekdays.





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Since 1992, Habitat has built over 500 homes across New Zealand and works extensively in the Pacific, helping families in Tonga, Samoa and Fiji to access safe and affordable homes, including after disasters.

Globally, Habitat for Humanity has helped more than 9.8 million people meet their affordable housing needs since 1976. Habitat works in more than 70 countries around the world. In the Asia-Pacific region, Habitat has enabled close to 2.4 million people to improve a place they can call home, for over three decades.

Through financial support, volunteering or adding a voice to support affordable housing, everyone can help families achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build better lives for themselves.

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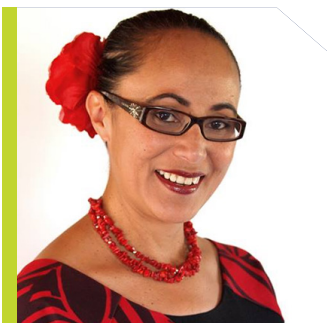


Speakers and Moderators



Claire Szabó
CEO of Habitat for Humanity New Zealand

Claire grew up in South Auckland, the daughter of a Hungarian refugee and a nurse from Southland. She has run her own business in Europe and been the Chief Executive Officer of English Language Partners New Zealand, a migrant/refugee support agency. Claire has degrees in music (Auckland), education (Trinity College, Dublin), commerce (Victoria), and public administration (Harvard). She has been the CEO of Habitat for Humanity for New Zealand since 2013 and is married to Rowan. Together they have four year-old Lexie and baby Nick.



Hon Jenny Salesa
**MP for Manukau East, Minister for Building and Construction,
Minister for Ethnic Communities, Associate Minister of Education, Health,
and Housing and Urban Development**

Hon Jenny Salesa is New Zealand's first Tongan born, Tongan speaking Member of Parliament and the first Tongan born Cabinet Minister of the Crown. In 2014 she was elected in as the Member of Parliament for Manukau East and was subsequently re-elected in 2017.

Following her re-election, Jenny was sworn into Cabinet as a Minister of the Crown with portfolio responsibilities for Building and Construction and Ethnic Communities, and with Associate responsibilities for Education, Health, Housing and Urban Development.

As the local MP for Manukau East, Jenny has been at the forefront of confronting housing issues. In 2016, she highlighted the plight of Auckland's 'Hidden Homeless' which influenced the political agenda considerably. Whilst this has been her immediate focus at a local level, she has also spent her first term as an MP concentrating on helping to develop policies on education, skills and training, and health.



Penehuro Lefale
Director and International Climate Analyst, LeA International

Penehuro has a postgraduate degree in International Environmental Legal Studies and Bachelor of Science (Physics & Mathematics) degree.

In his early career, he helped develop the language for the Kyoto Protocol and worked with negotiating teams during the UNFCCC Conference of Parties meetings. Later, he was the Climate Coordinator for the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme, a Pacific Climate Analyst with New Zealand's National Institute for Water and Atmospheric Research, and Scientific Officer of the World Climate Program in the World Meteorological Organization.

As the lead author for the Chapter on Small Islands for Working Group II of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, he earned a Nobel Peace Prize with his climate colleagues in 2007.



Masi Latianara
National Director, Habitat for Humanity Fiji

Masi Latianara is a Fijian and a Pacific Islander who strongly believes that the Pacific cultures are closely related and tied together by the water that separates them.

He currently serves as the National Director of Habitat for Humanity Fiji, which he has done for the past 5 years. An architect by trade with almost 30 years in the building industry, he is an active member in Fiji's architectural community. Some of his previous roles include treasurer, secretary and President of the Fiji Association of Architects.

Masi has practiced his trade in many countries around the world including shopping malls in USA, World Heritage site restoration in Nepal, resorts and resort homes throughout the South Pacific, as well as a resort in the Caribbean.

Through all of this, his passion is in finding accessible housing solutions that are also culturally appropriate. Currently Masi is focused on developing building technologies suitable for rural Pacific communities and on bridging the gap between gender and construction in Fiji.



Leveni 'Aho
Special Envoy to Tonga, World Bank

Leveni 'Aho has had a successful career in public service. Following nine years (1983-1992) as an Architect for the Tongan Ministry of Works, he undertook a brief stint with Alexander Lloyd architects in Sydney before returning to Tonga as the Head of the Building Division for the Ministry of Works, before rising to become acting CEO of the Ministry in 2009. In 2012 Leveni became the Director for the National Emergency Management Office (NEMO) in Tonga, before retiring at the end of 2018.

Leveni received qualifications in Architecture in Auckland, Papua New Guinea and Australia, and is a registered architect with the Australian Institute of Architects. He has extensive experience in disaster response, and has been deployed on UN missions in Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu and the Cook Islands. He also has experience in major reconstruction efforts following natural disasters, including the reconstruction and relocation of 80 Samoan houses following the 2009 Tsunami, the reconstruction of 400 houses in Tonga following Cyclone Waka, and the reconstruction of 2600 houses since 1982 in the wake of Cyclone Isaac.



Mata'utia Mrs Rula Levi
CEO, Samoa Housing Corporation

Mrs Levi has held the of Chief Executive of Samoa Housing Corporation since 2005. Prior to that she spent twenty-three years with the Development Bank of Samoa.

Mrs Levi is a graduate from the Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand with a Bachelor of Arts Degree majoring in Economics. In 2012 she was appointed to the board of the Association of Development Financing Institutions in the Pacific.



Vui Mark Gosche
CEO – Vaka Tautua
Labour List MP (1996-1999) Member of Parliament for Maungakiekie (1999-2008) Former Minister of Housing, Pacific Island Affairs, Corrections and Transport

Vui Mark Gosche is the Chief Executive of Vaka Tautua, a role he took up in July 2014 after 5 years on the governance board. Vaka Tautua is a not for profit 'for Pacific by Pacific' community health and social service provider working in the areas of disability, mental health, older people, family violence and financial capability.

Vui Mark Gosche is of Samoan heritage. Prior to his current role he was Chief Advisor Strategic Relationships at the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs in Auckland and a Member of the NZ Parliament (1996- 2008) who held cabinet ministerial portfolios of Housing, Pacific Island Affairs, Transport and Corrections. He currently serves on the board of Lifewise and was recently elected to the Mt. Wellington Licensing Trust which owns and operates hotel and conference centres – the profits of which are returned to the community via a charitable trust.

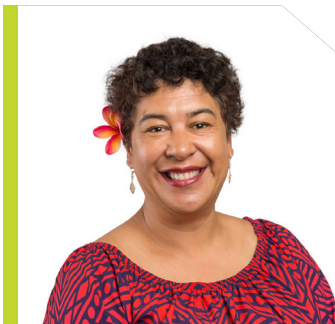


Taulapapa Brenda Heather-Latu
Habitat for Humanity New Zealand Board Member
Honorary Consul for Great Britain and Northern Ireland to Samoa
Attorney General of Samoa (1997-2006)

A former Attorney General and Crown Counsel in Samoa, Brenda has represented the Governments of New Zealand and Samoa as a legal adviser. She has also been a legal advisor to a range of Government entities - undertaking over 10 directorships in public and private entities as well as supervising the drafting of legislation for almost a decade.

She chairs the Pacific Leadership Foundation, is a Board member of the Commonwealth Study Conference (CSC) (Australia); the Association of Emerging Leaders Dialogues (International) and Leadership Samoa.

In 2014 Brenda was bestowed with the chiefly title of 'Taulapapa' from the village of Fogapoa, in the district of Safotulafai, on the island of Savai'i. In the same year she was appointed the Honorary British Consul to Samoa and reports to the British High Commissioner to Samoa. In 2019 Brenda was appointed to the Board of Habitat for Humanity New Zealand.



Caren Rangi ONZM, FCA
Consultant and Director

Caren is a proud Cook Islander, and an experienced facilitator and governance practitioner. She holds a range of governance roles in New Zealand and the Cook Islands including Deputy Chair, Arts Council of New Zealand, Board member for the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, and Director for the Cook Islands Investment Corporation in Rarotonga.

In 2015, Caren was made a Fellow of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand. She was also conferred as an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2018, for services to governance and the Pacific community.



Rick Hathaway
Vice President of Habitat for Humanity (Asia-Pacific region)

Rick is a Vice President of Habitat for Humanity Asia-Pacific. He is responsible for the overall success of Habitat's affordable housing activities in dozens of countries throughout Asia and the Pacific.

Rick joined Habitat for Humanity in 1989 as a director of US programs and became a Vice President in September 2007. Prior to his Habitat work, Rick was a mechanical engineer with the General Electric Corporation. Rick currently resides in Manila, Philippines. Rick also joined the Board of Habitat for Humanity Australia in May 2018.



Vaine Nooana-Arioka

Currently the Managing Director for Bank of the Cook Islands, Vaine leads a team of 80 throughout the Cook Islands to deliver successful financial services to all people of the Cook Islands. With a vision for a “Financially Independent Cook Islands” Vaine supports business, government and non-government organisations deliver business and financial literacy, and general personal development.

Vaine attained her Masters in International Economics & Finance in 2001 from the University of Queensland in Brisbane, but gained her grounding in scholastic achievement from Tereora from 1987 through to 1991.

With 20+ years experience in the Cook Islands Banking Industry Vaine started out as Accountant in 1995 with the Cook Islands Development Bank and promoted to Manager Finance at the age of 23. Stepping away to complete her Masters, Vaine returned to BCI as Manager Product Development, then moved to ANZ as Chief Operating Officer, all before the age of 30. Following 6.5yrs with ANZ, and after 6 months as a business consultant, in November 2008 became the Managing Director for BCI.

The many executive and board positions Vaine has held include, Government budget committee, Cook Islands Womens Counseling Centre, Girl Guides, Business Trade & Investment Board, is now Chairman for ADFIP (Association of Development Finance Institutes in the Pacific), and was one of four Cook Islands Women that participated in the inaugural Emerging Pacific Womens Leadership Program.



Sanjeeva Perera

Permanent Secretary for the Fijian Ministry of Housing and Community Development

Mr. Perera has a strong commercial background working in finance and operations in Sri Lanka, New Zealand and Fiji.

His early career was in Sri Lanka with Ernst and Young before moving to Fiji in 2003. He progressed through the Tappoo Group and was General Manager for Finance before taking a leading finance and operations role in New Zealand telco Comtel NZ. He returned to Fiji to take up his role as Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of Housing and Community Development in January 2019.

Tilianamua Lorna Aloalii

Assistant Chief Executive Officer for the Ministry of Works Transport and Infrastructure, Asset Management & Building Division



Dinner Items



Kaiata Kaitao, Young Writer

Kaiata is an 11 year old Cook Islands Maori from Napier who is passionate about writing, especially on current and historical issues. Her recent poem written about the Christchurch mosque shootings entitled “Fifty Dead” went viral around the world and has been added to the School for Young Writers collection of young peoples’ responses to the shootings. She wrote her first poem in 2017 about homelessness and sent it to newly appointed Prime Minister Jacinda Arden, asking what the government will do about this. She has also written a review on award-winning children’s book “Dawn Raids” which was published on <https://www.thecoconet.tv/coco-kids/coco-kids-world/dawn-raid-a-book-review-by-kaiata-kaitao/>.



Resonate

Resonate is a 4-piece vocal harmony group based in Auckland, New Zealand. Made up of 3 Tongan siblings Richard, William and Moala, and Richard’s wife Leah who is Samoan/Kiwi/Maori.

Their talents were cultivated in the church and they can be found singing at church services, events and conferences. They have a passion for singing and inspiring young people to love life and use their gifts for a purpose.



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