

Minutes of the Pacific Advisory Group meeting, 10 August 2011.

Time & Venue	6.00 to 8.00 pm, Council Chambers, 101 Wakefield Street
Present	PAG - Tina McNicholas (Chairperson), Anthony Leaupepe, Malakai Jiko, Maria Solouota, Mailigi Hetutu, Violet Ekenasio, Fetu ole Moana Tamapeau, Siofilisi Taifo'ou. Council Officers - Lisa Matthews, Janette Wallace Gedge Councillors -
Apologies	Cllr Ian McKinnon, Cllr Leonie Gill, Sainimili Pouvalu

Welcome	Anthony Leaupepe
Opening Prayer	Malaki Jiko
Agenda Items	
Welcome to Theresa Fabricius and Anton Carter of the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs	<p>Presentation from Theresa Fabricius on the Pacific Languages Framework Theresa presented overview of Framework. The framework is a key output for the MPIA and supports the priority outcome: Strengthening Pacific Families and Communities in New Zealand and Government Priority "Promoting Pacific Cultures and Languages".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The purpose is to revitalise, promote and maintain the use of Pacific languages in New Zealand. - The aim is to lead and co-ordinate government policy, funding and services that support Pacific communities to retain their languages in New Zealand. <p>Theresa took us through the Framework, Principles, Outcomes and Intervention areas and the links to the Framework. Theresa also mentioned there is a limited amount of funding available. There is already one initiative in place by the Fijian community promoting language classes. She made a strong request for submissions on the Framework from the PAG members and their communities; she also invited PAG members and their communities to attend the Fono that have been organised. PAG Members suggestions for PIA included promoting the consultation on Samoan Radio, a youth Fono, and resources for churches such as books and teachers. Anton Carter offered the opportunity to order Money Pacific Calendars through him. Anton Carter is the Central Regional Manager for MPIA produces a weekly Newsletter that he is happy to pass on.</p>

	<p>Tina McNicholas, Chair, commended the work being done by MPIA.</p> <p>Actions: Anton Carter offered to partner PAG in developing a youth Fono in Wellington, possibly in the first week in September. Anton to contact Fetu to coordinate.</p> <p>Actions: Anton Carter to email Weekly update to Janette WG to pass on to PAG members</p>
<p>Welcome to Colin Drew Programme Manager Policy.</p>	<p>Council Review of Older Person’s Policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Colin asked for feedback from PAG on the current Council Review of the Older Person’s Policy. - Colin would welcome thoughts and requested PAG members identify priority issues and advice to take to Council. - Older persons are defined as people 65 and older. <p>The last strategy was developed by the community. There is a community workshop in September and the council is co-ordinating input with a paper to council planned for 22 October. Colin left a Memorandum asking for feedback on specific questions and general feedback.</p> <p>Actions: Feedback to be provided from PAG before paper goes to Council. (date for feedback to follow)</p>
<p>Lisa Matthews was invited to present the draft Forward Programme on behalf of the working group.</p>	<p>PAG Forward Programme</p> <p>A subgroup composing Tina, Violet, Maria, Malakai, and Fetu, met to progress this work with Lisa Matthews providing administration support.</p> <p>Lisa presented the draft work plan formulated from the sub group meeting.</p> <p>It had been identified that a possible way of freeing up time of PAG to deal with the proposed work programme would be to form a subgroup to work with the events team on the Pasifika Festival as that has been very time consuming in the past. The subgroup would work with the Events team and the events team will take on the logistical work.</p> <p>It was suggested a maximum of 4 members should comprise the subgroup, all members to consider if they wish to be part of subcommittee for Festival by next meeting.</p> <p>Action: Draft plan to be circulated by email for feedback and to be discussed at next meeting. Subcommittee for Festival to be discussed at next meeting.</p>
<p>Confirmation of Minutes</p>	<p>The Minutes of the July meeting were adopted with corrections - Maria moved/Malaki seconded.</p>

Matters Arising from the Minutes	<p>Fetu has drafted a Communications proposal for PAG including use of Facebook and web alerts for meeting notices. It was suggested that discussion of the Communications proposal should be deferred to the next meeting.</p> <p>Action – Communications proposal to be added to agenda for next meeting.</p>
Community updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samoa – Antony Leaupepe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reported successful conclusion to residents parking issues. - Samoan community is preparing to participate in the RWC activities and welcoming the South African team as well as the Samoan team. • Samoa - Violet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council advice on insulation and heating to be given on 16 August, - Senior exercise group now being held at PIC Hall • Samoa – Fetu <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently upgrading news pages and organising RWC activities. Fetu encourages all PAG members to join up to NewsBites. • Niue – Mailigi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working on project to get youth to come to church including a service conducted by young people. Involved in planning for RWC celebrations including a Nuiean village at TePapa. - Nuiean Language Trust for NZ is requesting support for Nuiean Language week 15-23 October. Project begun for providing resources including a DVD to teach language for every Nuiean born in NZ. • Niue – Maria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working on performances showcasing Pacific culture for RWC. Pooling resources with other communities. Nuiean community looking at appointing a rep to convene and overlook language framework. Church community undertaking major work – Taking the Pulse. - Niuean High Commissioner has had bereavement and has gone to Niue. • Fiji - Malakai <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - C&CDHB funding coming soon. - Community is preparing RWC activities. - Zumba classes are continuing and are packed out with groups from all communities. • Fiji – Tina <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next PAG meeting Fijian RWC Team will be in Wellington - Encourage members to support activity at Pacific Village, details to be sent out. • Tonga – Sofi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RWC is the main focus for the Tongan Community and the welcome of the Tongan team to Wellington.

Final Comments	Violet tabled a summary of the key points from the Wellington 2040 consultation and invited members to feedback comments on 2040.
Date for next meeting	14 September, 2011 Venue: Committee Room 1.
Closing Prayer	Malakai