

Minutes of the Pacific Advisory Group meeting, 16 January, 2013

Time & Venue	6.00 to 8.00 pm, Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Wakefield St.
Present	PAG - Tina McNicholas (Chair), Siofilisi Taupo'u, Sainimili Pouvalu, Violet Ekenasio, Martha Samasoni, Manuila Tausi, Stacey Kokaua-Balfour, Mailigi Hetutu, Dan Kauraka, Teloma Munro Council Officers - Janette Wallace Gedge, Rekha Jatav Councillors : Cllr Leonie Gill,
Apologies	Cllr McKinnon, Cllr Eagle, Anthony Leaupepe, Maria Solouota, Fetu Ole Moana Tamapeau
Welcome	Tina McNicholas opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Tina asked that the meeting commence with a moment of silence to remember the late Malakai Jiko.
Opening Prayer	Mailigi Hetutu gave the opening prayer and acknowledged the passing of our PAG Member Malakai Jiko
Councillor update	Cllr Ian McKinnon wished it to be noted that the service for Malakai Jiko at Elim Church was a most fitting tribute to a much valued member of PAG and that he was honoured on behalf of Wellington City to be able to record his contribution to the City and to a number of groups within the City, including PAG. Further, the words of the Chair of PAG, Tina McNicholas, and the attendance of a number of members of PAG plus the presence of the Mayor, Councillors and Council Officers is testimony to his value on a City Advisory Group and to the high regard in which he was held. Cllr Gill gave the Councillor update and acknowledged the passing of PAG Fijian Representative Malakai Jiko and noted that he will be missed. Cllr Gill also told us a new CEO has been appointed and will commence work at the Council in April 2013. Cllr Gill reported that she has been representing Wellington City at the meetings of the joint working party on Local Governance and amalgamation. She said there is likely to be a proposal to the Local Government Commission in 2013 and will only be a short consultation period on the proposals. PAG Members should watch out for it and plan now how to get the Pacific Community to respond. Dan Kauraka mentioned he has already brought this topic up on his radio programme. He said that 99% of his callers did not agree with amalgamation. Cllr Gill said she would take the reaction of the PAG back to the working group and that she would report back to the PAG next meeting.
Community updates	Sofi : Many people have gone away over Christmas period. In first week of January Tongan Churches have a prayer every day. Programme is arranged for Positively Pacifica. Homework Centres: Planning to do a workshop for teachers in January Manuila : Getting ready for Festival, practicing items –Tuvalu community has missed taking part in festival for a couple of years. Violet : Samoan Ministers initiated a telethon on SCR for people to ring in to donate to the cyclone disaster relief fund. Money will

	<p>be distributed through the Red Cross. Everyone in the community is looking forward to the Festival.</p> <p>Sainimili: Annual meeting of Sunday School teachers will take place at Wesley Church in Taranaki St during Wellington Anniversary weekend. The organisers have been asked to leave space in the programme so that teachers can also attend the Pasifika Festival to enjoy the activities.</p> <p>Stacey: Apologies for the Memorial service. Stacey has been working with her father with research about what would help Pacific Students complete Health Science Degrees.</p> <p>Teloma: At Christmas Wellington community had a church service in the morning and get together with people from the Porirua community at the park afterwards. Niue and Cook Island Garden project where children plant their own veggies has been going well. This week children picked veggies from the garden to cook lunch and enjoyed eating it.</p> <p>Mailigi: community still on holiday. Sad issues in Niue with people fighting over land at the moment. Has struggled to get a team together for Festival as it's before schools are due to start back.</p> <p>Martha: passed around a framed photo of an older Pacific lady to ask the community if they could help identify the owner. The photo had been left at the airport more than a year ago and she believes it is someone's family photo which they would be glad to have back.</p> <p>Martha told us she is working on producing a play and will let us have information about it. She has also helped with the play Romeo and Tulsi being staged in the week before the festival. Martha has been invited to attend the jazz festival in Samoa.</p> <p>Dan: Normal Christmas and New Year get together with the community. Dan noted the beautiful memorial service for Malakai Jiko and said that Tina as Chair of PAG had spoken well at the service.</p> <p>Tina: Noted it was not happy start to the year for the Fijian Community. She wanted to record the community's gratitude for the role PAG played in the send off. Thank you to all who were able to attend. Special thanks to Sainimili for the gift of tapa and Janette and Council for the framed posters for the family. Malakai's ashes are with the family in Christchurch and displayed surrounded by masi and flowers until his nephew takes him to Fiji on 24 January.</p> <p>Tina thanked Marisa for accommodating a late entry with a stall. Tina had been asked to visit the Solomon Islands community and had been asked if they could have a stall. Their theme is flags of Melanesia and they will have an activity of learning to speak pigeon.</p> <p>Fijian Community recently found out they have been successfully short listed for funding for a Youth Alcohol and Drug prevention project which will make a fitting commemoration of Malakai's work.</p>
<p>Alcohol Management Strategy</p>	<p>Lisa Matthews, Senior Advisor: Presentation and discussion on rationale for and development of Alcohol Management Strategy (AMS) for Wellington City.</p> <p>Lisa gave a comprehensive presentation giving the background and rationale for the proposed AMS and asked the PAG members for suggestions on how to best reach the community for their input into the strategy. She pointed out this is an opportunity for communities to set the parameters in their own suburbs.</p> <p>Agreed that Lisa would write up a brief on what's planned and email to PAG members for them to make comment and suggestions by email return to Lisa.</p> <p>Tina made the point that Density and placement is critical to management and that it's worth embedding in the plan what the community can do and how to do it. Spell out in detail what influence the community has.</p>

	<p>Tina left the meeting at this point as she had been asked to attend an urgent community meeting and Dan Kauraka took over the chair.</p> <p>Immediate feedback from the PAG Members was to use radio that Dan, Martha, Fetu and Sainimili already use for community response. Also suggested to provide resources to go to churches with. Each person agreed to respond direct to Lisa with further feedback.</p>
Minutes of last meeting	Minutes of last meeting were proposed as correct by Manuila and seconded by Violet. Approved by group.
Pacific Festival Planning	Meeting then went into subcommittee to discuss final arrangements for Festival. Marisa gave update Programme for Festival and arrangements for food stalls. Food stalls briefing held and all are ready to go.
Next meeting	Next PAG Meeting, Venue: Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Wakefield Street, Wednesday 13 February 2013
Closing prayer	