
Pacific Peoples
Advisory Panel
**End of Term
Report 2019**



Chair Acknowledgements



Leaupepe Ta'ala Ralph Erika,
Chair, PPAP

The success of this term was due largely to the collective effort of many talented individuals and it would be remiss of me to not acknowledge and thank them for their significant contribution.

Firstly, to my fellow panel members, especially Deputy Chair Caroline (Ligi) Harris – thank you for your time, commitment and input.

The discussions we've had over the term has been very insightful and practical, providing Council with useful feedback across an array of proposals, initiatives and policies.

Secondly, to our hard-working council aiga; Our Principal Advisors Austin Kim succeeded by Carol Hayward, Our Lead Officers Louise Mason succeeded by Koro Dickinson, Our Deputy Lead Officer Nacanieli Yalimaiwai, Our Governance Advisors Luka Grbavac, Kalinda Gopal and Mike Giddey – thank you very much all for your time, wise counsel and commitment, usually going above and beyond what is expected.

To our Auckland Councillors – Chief Liaison Councillor Dr Cathy Casey, thank you for providing various opportunities to collaborate and for your continued support of our work programme objectives. Our Liaison Councillor Alf Filipaina, thank you for your leadership, guidance and commitment to always prioritise our meetings and events amongst your other community responsibilities.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge and thank my fellow Chairs of the other Demographic Panels; Janet Clews (Senior Panel), Mary Schnackenberg (Disability), Julie Radford-Poupard and John Kingi (Rainbow), Sunil Kaushal and Jade Tang-Taylor (Ethnic), Veisia Maka and Damien Piilua (Youth). Throughout this term we have worked together and supported each other on matters of common interest as many of our communities are the same.





Executive Summary

The Pacific Peoples Advisory Panel has focused its efforts on council priorities, major initiatives of the Auckland Plan, as well as systemic issues of importance to Pacific communities. The Panel has also continued to provide strategic advice, and support council events/activities for Pacific communities, including but not limited to Auckland's annual Pasifika Festival.

THE PACIFIC PEOPLES ADVISORY PANEL

The Pacific Peoples Advisory Panel provided strategic advice on the needs of Pacific communities and strengthening Pacific voices in the council's initiatives and activities. Panel members were supported by Liaison Councillor Cr Alf Filipaina. The current Pacific Peoples Advisory Panel members are:

- Leaupepe Ta'ala Ralph Elika (Chair)
- Caroline (Ligi) Harris (Deputy Chair)
- Sefita Hao'uli
- Jordan Kightley
- Afa'ese Manoa
- Fa'alavaau Helen Tau'au-Filisi

We would also like to acknowledge the significant contribution of the following Panel members who for various reasons resigned during the term but were still very active and committed to the PPAP objectives when they were part of the Panel:

- Tammy Kingi
- Taito Eddie Tuiavi
- Patrick Masina

PACIFIC PEOPLES ADVISORY PANEL PRIORITIES

The PPAP designed its work programme based on Pacific peoples' views and priorities and how these aligned with the Auckland Plan. The panel's work programme priorities were:

- a. increasing civic participation/ leadership of Pacific peoples within and outside the council
- b. Understand and positively influence Council initiatives that promote affordable quality housing and increased awareness of housing options available for the Pasifika community.
- c. contribute to the council's diversity and inclusion strategy
- d. support the council's health and well-being initiatives for Pasifika
- e. advise on council policies and strategies for environment and sustainability
- f. social issues including housing and community safety
- g. arts and culture including traditional tattooing
- h. economic development including opportunities for Pacific peoples and youth participation.



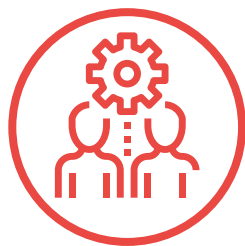
Pacific Peoples Advisory Panel Achievements

The PPAP were heavily involved with a wide range of Council activities and initiatives. Where possible, panel members took a portfolio or formed sub-groups to directly engage with relevant staff for additional advice on specific issues outside their monthly fono (meetings) for example The Southern Initiative (TSI) and Auckland Plan dialogue.

Below are some of the PPAPs major achievements.



Strategies, plans and policies



The Southern Initiative (TSI)



Housing



Empowered communities'
approach



Inclusive Auckland



Voter participation



Community forums
and events



Engagement and partnership
with external partners

Achievements



STRATEGIES, PLANS AND POLICIES

THURSDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 5:00-8:00PM MANGERE ARTS CENTRE THEATRE

Health and Hygiene Bylaw Consultation
Pacific Fono

We would like to invite you to the Health and Hygiene Bylaw Fono taking place on **Thursday 20 September at the Mangere Arts Centre Theatre** to discuss proposed changes to the Bylaw.

The fono will mainly focus on the Bylaw and Tatau. Currently the Bylaw requires Tufuga who provide Tatau to be licensed by Auckland Council and comply with minimum standards.

The fono provides an opportunity for the community to give feedback to Council on whether:

- Tufuga who provide Tatau should continue to be licensed and comply with minimum standards
- the proposed new wording in the Bylaw is more culturally appropriate than the current wording.

A final decision on proposed changes will be made in November 2018. Any relevant minimum standards for Tatau will be reviewed in consultation with Pacific communities in 2019.

5:30pm	Attendee arrival	7:00pm	Discussions
6:00pm	Welcome and presentations	7:45pm	Wrap up/discussion reflections
6:40pm	Break and light refreshments	8:00pm	Event Finish

Registration
To ensure the event is suitably catered for, please register for this event by [using this link](#). Registrations close on **Monday 17 September at 5:00pm**.
Alternatively, please email healthandhygieneylaw@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz or call 09 301 0101

www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/haveyoursay/healthandhygieneylaw@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

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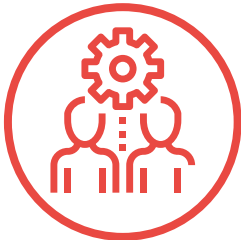
1. The panel's advice on council strategies and plans enabled council to better capture the voices of Pacific communities. Specifically, panel members' views helped to inform the Auckland Plan and the Long-term Plan (LTP) 2018-2028. The PPAP supported the West and South Pasifika fonos on the LTP and Auckland Plan in 2018 by attending and supporting the facilitation.
2. In terms of polices and programmes, the PPAP provided advice to council on community, recreation, leisure, art and cultural services of interest to Pacific communities such as the Sports Investment Plan.
3. The panel offered advice on various bylaws, including the Health and Hygiene Bylaw.

One of the bylaws dealt with tattooing and so the PPAP saw this as an opportunity to build relationships with the local boards out South. Therefore, the panel hosted a Health and Hygiene Bylaw fono at Manukau Civic in conjunction with the Mangere Otahuhu and Otara Papatoetoe Local boards. The purpose of the first fono was to share about the scope of the bylaw and the potential impacts on the traditional tattooing that was operating in Auckland as well as get the community's feedback on the proposed amendments.

4. A second Fono was held out in the Mangere Community Arts Centre and this too was well attended and done in partnership with the local boards.



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THE SOUTHERN INITIATIVE (TSI)




- 5. The panel offered ongoing advice on TSI programmes. Panel member Ligi Harris joined the TSI Steering Group to provide ongoing advice on the direction and approach of the TSI to Pacific communities.



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HOUSING



DEBATE: AUCKLAND
IS IT THE BEST PLACE FOR PASIFIKA TO LIVE?

THURSDAY 18TH APRIL

On **Thursday 18 April** the Pacific Peoples Advisory Panel will be co-hosting a debate with Auckland Council on "Auckland – is it the best place for Pasifika to live?"

The facilitated panel of well-known political, economic and cultural commentators will cover issues important to Pasifika peoples and relevant to living and working in Tāmaki Makaurau: housing affordability, belonging and civic participation.

Following the debate the Panel will summarise key points and suggest recommendations on how Auckland Council can address the issues raised and explored during the debate.

A bit about our panel

The Pacific Peoples Advisory Panel advises Auckland Council on its strategies, plans and policies to deliver better outcomes for Pasifika peoples. The panel strives towards building a stronger connection between Auckland's Pacific communities and the council.

How you can get involved

Members of the public are welcome to attend or livestream the debate. Come and listen to a dynamic debate on the issues that are very real for Pasifika communities living and working in Tāmaki Makaurau.

For planning purposes (seating and food), please register your attendance by emailing the following: Sonya.Jonger@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz by **Tuesday 16 April**.

Key details


What: Debate: Auckland – is it the best place for Pasifika to live?

Co-hosted by the Pacific Peoples Advisory Panel with Auckland Council's Community Development and Safety Committee.

Where: Western Springs Garden Community Hall

When: Thursday 18 April, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Livestream: <http://councillive.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz>



6. Housing has been of significant interest to the panel as Pacific peoples are disproportionately affected by unaffordable housing, the under-supply of emergency housing and homelessness.
7. The Panel contributed regularly to forums where housing was discussed including the combined panel recommendations for the LTP and Auckland Plan focused on addressing Housing and Transport matters of concern to our communities.
8. In addition the Chair on behalf of the PPAP had opportunities to share Pasifika concerns around housing directly with the Mayor and other councillors at council meetings. The message was consistent and was a key point of advocacy for the PPAP.
9. The PPAP and council co-hosted a community debate on "Auckland – is it the best place for Pasifika to live?" in April 2019. The debate was well-attended by the public, live streamed to the community and generated constructive media commentary.



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EMPOWERED COMMUNITIES' APPROACH



10. The PPAP advocated and continued to encourage council to step-up its engagement and communication with Pacific communities through the empowered communities approach initiative. The PPAP's views were reflected in the council's Engagement Framework which was signed-off in December 2018.

11. The PPAP hosted a Youth Fono in May 2018 in Henderson to discuss employment pathways to council. Pasifika Staff from council's cadet, internship and graduate programmes were present to share their experiences of working at council.



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INCLUSIVE AUCKLAND



12. The PPAP provided constructive advice on the council's diversity and inclusion framework to ensure the framework reflected a Pacific-world view (alongside other diverse and inclusive views). With the aim of having a positive impact on Pacific communities, for example enhancing the 'belonging' outcomes reflected in the Auckland Plan, as well as supporting the diversity and inclusion initiative to improve Pacific representation on council-controlled organisation boards.



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VOTER PARTICIPATION

PACIFIC PEOPLES PANEL FONÓ

Strengthening
Auckland's
Pasifika
Voice

28
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**PACIFIC
PEOPLES
PANEL FONÓ:**

Have you ever thought about the neighbourhood you live or work in? The frequency of your public transport, safety in your communities or the quality of your nearest park?

These things are decided by people elected to the Auckland Council. Their decisions affect us every day. They shape how your neighbourhood, community and city looks and how it functions.

Let's come together to strengthen Auckland's Pasifika Voice and ensure Tamaki Makaurau is an awesome place to live, study and work for our future generations.

Your Pacific Peoples Panel

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The panel strives towards building a stronger connection between Tamaki Makaurau's Pasifika communities and the council.

**COME TO
THE NEXT
FONÓ!**

You are invited to attend the last Pacific Peoples Advisory Panel Fonó before the upcoming local government elections.

Come and engage in the issues that are very real for our Pasifika communities.

What:
Pacific Peoples Advisory Panel Fonó
Strengthening Auckland's Pasifika Voice.

Where:
Metro Theatre, Main Hall, 362 Massey Road, Mangere East

When:
Wednesday 28 August 2019
Time: 5.30pm for a 5.45pm start.
The Fonó will be finished by 7.30pm.
Supper will follow the conclusion of the Fonó.

For further details and to register, please register attendance to pacificpeoples.advisorypanel@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz by Monday 27 August.

Pacific Peoples
Strengthening Auckland's Pasifika Voice

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13. The PPAP is keen to support and ensure council takes a proactive and effective approach to increasing voter turnout from Pacific communities (of all age brackets) in the upcoming 2019 local body elections.

14. This is reflected in the final public meeting for the PPAP which will focus on the coming elections and the importance of voting to determine our city leadership moving forward.



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COMMUNITY FORUMS AND EVENTS



15. Aside from the community forums and events already mentioned, the PPAP sought updates and gave regular advice to ATEED regarding the annual Pasifika Festival. This engagement was from 2017 – 2019.



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ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIP WITH EXTERNAL PARTNERS



16. The panel partnered with central government and other external stakeholders to improve and empower government and community initiatives for Pacific peoples.

This included:

- a. Endorsing the Auckland Council-Ministry for Pacific Peoples Memorandum of Understanding in May 2019. This had a specific focus on the diversity and inclusion initiative relating to appointments to CCO Boards
- b. Partnering with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade to facilitate a Pacific leaders roundtable discussion with the United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres in May 2019
- c. Engaging with the Pacific Media Network for community events to ensure that PPAP and Council initiatives are widely communicated through their various communication platforms to maximise community engagement.





Recommendations

Over this term we have learnt a few valuable lessons and would like to make the following recommendations for the next PPAP:

1. Be committed and flexible to the demands of the role.

The three-year term outlines a monthly meeting for the panel but a lot of the work occurs outside of this with different engagements with Council and the community. The more visible the members are at these various engagements the more traction you gain when advocating for priorities that are important to the panel.

2. Put yourself forward as a representative for the panel when the opportunity presents itself.

This is connected to commitment, but the key is that members can be part of something they are passionate about and strategically this allows for efficient but effective panel involvement across different groups and subcommittees.

3. Use the allocated panel funds to invest early in appropriate consultants and contractors that will allow you to focus on your core role and responsibilities.

An example for this term has been the partnership with the Pacific Media Network that has allowed the panel to focus on the delivery of key events without having to worry about community communications as they have the platforms and expertise to inform our community and get them involved.

4. Turn up to meetings prepared.

This is obvious but is still a lesson that needs to be mentioned. When the information for the upcoming meetings is received please take the time to read and digest the information so that the meeting is ultimately more focused and productive from everyone involved.

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