



Pacific Talk



Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Mālo ni, Ni sa bula vinaka, Noa'ia, Fakatalofa, Kam na mauri, Kia ora.

We're delighted to introduce you to our brand new monthly e-newsletter, Pacific Talk. It's packed full of regular updates to keep you in the loop with all the latest news from the world of Pacific languages and cultures here in Aotearoa. Keep an eye out for our favourite stories, hear about events that are making a splash in the community, and learn more about our mission to revitalise Pacific languages and culture.

Latest news



The last couple of months have kept the CPL team very busy. We were proud sponsors of the Pacific Fusion Fashion Show in June, which saw Rain Te'i (Te Rarawa, Samoan) from Māngere named the Face of Fusions 2023. As part of her prize, Rain will feature in promotions for the next Pacific Fusion Fashion Show and will be the face of the Centre for Pacific Language's Samoan Language Week next year.

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Pictured above: Rain Te'i (Te Rarawa, Samoan), Māngere College

CPL have also sponsored the Poporazzi Productions Inaugural Pacific Youth Short Film Competition (Pasifika Language Category) and we were thrilled to celebrate the Rotorua awards on 31 July 2022 and the Auckland Awards ceremonies on 13 August 2022. The future of Pasifika story telling is in good hands!

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Pictured above: Winners of Inaugural Pacific Youth Short Film Pasifika Language Category 2022. Left: James Fidow, CPL Board Trustee Mr Iani Nemani, CPL Board Chairperson Mr Ron Viviani. Right: CPL CEO Tuiloma Gayle Lafaiali'i, Desmond Mafile'o.



So far, we have promoted and celebrated Rotuman, Samoan, Kiribati and Cook Islands Māori Language weeks. The lea Faka-Tonga language week is coming up in early September, click below to find out more.

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Pictured above left to right: Caren Rangi (ONZM, Chair of Creative NZ), Tuiloma Gayle Lafaiali'i (CEO, CPL), Hon Min Aupito William Sio (Minister for Pacific Peoples; Minister for Courts; and Associate Minister for: Foreign Affairs; Education; Justice; and Health), Lemauga Lydia Sosene Labour List MP, Agnes Sefo and Maureen Betham (MPP).



Our work

At the Centre for Pacific Languages, we provide free Pacific language courses in gagana Samoa, lea Faka-Tonga, vagahau Niue, Reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani, gagana Tokelau, Vosa Vakaviti and Fāeag Rotuam. Our free courses are funded by the Ministry for Pacific Peoples.

We play a significant role in the advocacy for our Pacific languages being revitalised and strengthened, with the goal of seeing our Pacific languages and cultures thriving in the places we live, work, fellowship and play!

We also have a range of professional business services including customised cultural intelligence workshops for corporations and businesses, professional Pacific Language translation services for the above languages, plus te Gana Tuvalu and Te taetae ni Kiribati as well as some Papua New Guinea dialects, for both national and international clients. Please get in touch with us and find out how we can help.

[Contact Us](#)

“We are tautai or wayfinders, helping people recover their past, strengthen their present, and envision their future.”

Get to know our CEO

Si ou alofa, lagi e mama. CPL is led by a fabulous team who are dedicated to supporting our communities on their language journey. Confident language speakers are able to engage in their cultural protocols and activities, strengthening their identity. This is what makes us passionate about this work!



Tuiloma Gayle Lafaiali'i hails from the villages of Sapunaoa and Lalomanu (Upolu, Samoa), and on her father's side from Glasgow and Ireland; Tuiloma was born in NZ and raised in Wellington. Tuiloma has a deep passion for seeing NZ-born Pacific people who haven't been raised in the language and who feel disconnected from their culture and therefore too scared to participate in traditional activities, begin their language learning journey with CPL.

[Meet The Team](#)

Professional training and development

Our bespoke Pacific culture workshops empower companies to work more effectively with people from different backgrounds and cultures. We help you develop strategies to improve company culture, operations, governance, community engagement, people management, and business outcomes. Like to know more? Get in touch today.

[Get In Touch](#)A red banner with a blue stylized leaf logo on the left. In the top right corner, it says '04 - 10 SEP SEP' in white and red, followed by 'Lea Faka-Tonga' in white and 'Tonga Language Week 2022' in red. In the center, it says 'Ke Tu'uloa 'a e lea faka-Tonga' 'i Aotearoa' in white, with 'SUSTAINING THE TONGAN LANGUAGE IN AOTEAROA' in blue below it. At the bottom left is the 'PACIFIC LANGUAGE WEEKS 2022' logo with a red 'X' and a white waveform. At the bottom right is the 'Ministry for Pacific Peoples' logo with a red '3' and the text 'Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri Māori'.

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What's coming up

Mālō e lelei! We're excited to announce Tonga Language Week begins on Sunday September 4. There are plenty of activities and events planned throughout New Zealand to celebrate the heritage, culture and language of the Kingdom of Tonga – don't miss out. Check out the Ministry for Pacific Peoples Tonga Language week website for more information.

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Short courses

Our short courses (20 hours with a tutor online in a group class, and 10 hours of your own study) are taught once a week in 2 hour tutor-facilitated online classes via Zoom. There are limited spaces per class (max 30 students per class) and they are super popular! Enrolments are usually full within 2 weeks of going live, so if you or someone you know is interested in signing up for our next intake (starting 19th September), you do need to get in quick so you don't miss out. Term 3 will be the last intake for 2022.

[Enrol Now](#)



We'll be in touch with more news, views and events in the months ahead. Until then, feel free to reach out if you have any questions about our services, or would like to get involved with the work we're doing in our Pacific communities.

Ia manuia, Faka'apa'ap atu, Kia manuia, Kia monuina, Fakefetai lahi lele, Vinaka Vakalevu, Faiakse'ea, Fakafetai lasi, Ko bati n rab'a, Ngā manaakitanga

Tuiloma Gayle Lafaiali'i
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