



Centre for Pacific Languages

Warm Pacific Greetings

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



This year's theme for Vaiaso o te Gana Tuvalu – Tuvalu Language Week is Fakatumaui kae fakaakoi tau 'gana ke mautu a iloga o 'ta tuā

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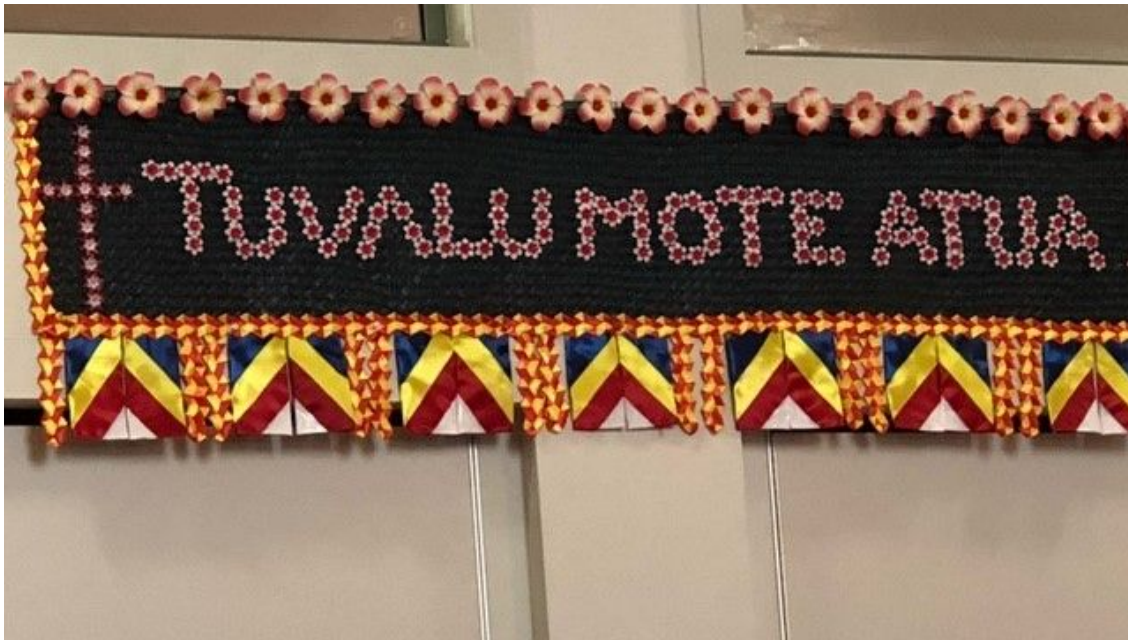
The 2023 theme connected to the overall Pacific Language Weeks theme of 'sustainability' and the launch of the UNESCO Decade of Indigenous languages. The theme reflected the importance of nurturing the Tuvaluan language in a sustainable manner.

The annual commemorations of Vaiaso o te Gana Tuvalu provide a reminder to all who identify as Tuvaluan to 'preserve', 'embrace' and 'safeguard' their language.

'Preserving' the Tuvalu language is a call to action to maintain the vibrant language. To 'embrace' Tuvalu language is to cherish its value. To 'safeguard' the language means that it is protected to ensure it can be used for generations. The Tuvalu 'heritage identities' are about the important ancestral heirlooms, and culture, which can be passed on through the language.

Stay connected online by visiting the official [NZ Tuvalu Language Week](#) Facebook page.

For more information on the events happening - check out the Ministry of Pacific Peoples [website](#)



This year's opening of the Vaiaso o te Gana Tuvalu - Tuvalu Language Week 2023 was held at the EFK Tuvalu Christian Church.

The Fetu Ao Pula was the grand venue for the opening of the Tuvalu Language week in association with the Tuvalu Auckland Community Trust. The occasion also marked the 45th Anniversary of the Tuvalu Independency day celebrations.

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The special message shared from the pulpit, from the book of Samuel 1, Chapter 8, reflected on the call from the people of Israel for a King to be appointed. The uplifting theme focused on the need to use what God has given wisely. Although it is a cautionary message, in some ways it also speaks to the call to action to maintain the vibrant Gana Tuvalu - a language that God has given to the people of Tuvalu.

For more on this story - check out the [Centre for Pacific Languages Website](#).



**Holding onto Pacific history and identity, Season 2 of Still Here premieres.
By Atutahi Potaka-Dewes for Pacific Media Network.**

After a successful first run, this season dives into the hearts of four Pacific collectives still holding it down in central 09.

Holding onto identity amidst a changing landscape.

An award-winning docu-series reigniting the history of remaining Pacific communities living in the inner city of Tāmaki Makaurau is back for its second run.

Season two of *STILL HERE* focuses on intergenerational voices of four communities speaking to the significance of past, present, and future Pacific presence in Central Auckland.

Production manager Gabrielle Solomona says this second series is particularly important as it solidifies and immortalises stories that have been forgotten.

“I learnt so much about the inner city during the filming of this. Places that I walk past most times such as the Samoa House on Karangahape Road. Not knowing historically it was a space dominated and occupied by Pasifika people.

“It’s now sadly turned into pretty much a lifeless building that we have to go through *palagi* to access.”

The first season of the docu-series centred predominantly on family homes and won Best Video Documentary at the 2023 Voyager Media Awards.

This time each episode depicts the range of lived experiences for four different communities, some of which were established over 60 years ago.

The Niuean Hakupu Village community group on Ariki Street who are fighting to keep their language alive.

A legacy of sports with the Richmond Rovers Rugby League Club and their deep connection to Grey Lynn park.

Le Fale Maota Samoa, the first Maota building to be erected outside of the nation that now sits behind a construction zone on Karangahape Road.

And, an iconic Kava Kalapu (club) that began on Dryden Street over 45 years ago.

Solomona says it’s an insight into individuals, families and community groups sharing their "why".

“For them it’s more than just holding onto location but also holding onto their ancestors’ stories and their identities as Pasifika.

“It’s sort of a statement from us saying, ‘excuse me ma’am! We’ve been here and we’re still here’.”

STILL HERE is available to watch on [TVNZ+](#)

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Vacancy:

The Centre for Pacific Languages is on the search for a new leader with the application process now open. If you are someone that is passionate about language learning and is looking for an opportunity to lead a team of dedicated Pacific language knowledge holders, this maybe the opening for you.

- For a copy of the information pack please email Melissa Keane at info@amytea.co.nz
- To apply please email your cover letter and CV to apply@amytea.co.nz
- Closing date: Wednesday 4th October

Refer to the advert for more information.



Centre for Pacific Languages

Chief Executive

- Revitalising Pacific languages
- Advocacy, language teaching, translation and cultural competency
- Auckland based, national scale



The Centre for Pacific Languages has a well established track record, championing the revitalisation of Pacific Languages. We work closely with the Ministry for Pacific Peoples and with Pacific community leaders and cultural experts across New Zealand. We offer language teaching programmes, translation services and cultural competency programmes.

The Chief Executive Officer is the ultimate steward of the organisation, providing the overall leadership, direction and management. You will be tasked with delivering and continuing to grow our national service offerings. You will drive our growth strategy, increasing long-term funding and diversification of our revenue streams. You will work closely with all our communities including those in our regions and will be a powerful advocate and champion of Pacific Language Revitalisation.

To succeed in this role you will be a proven senior leader with broad general management skills. You will be strongly connected to the Pasifika community and bring a deep understanding of appreciation of Pacific culture and community practices. Experience in adult education or professional development programmes would be an advantage. Most importantly, you will be a values based leader, innovative, collaborative, and able to deliver at pace and at scale.

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