



PACIFICA *Ink*

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NEWS FLASH!

After a flurry of last minute lobbying; PACIFICA was represented at the PM's Job Summit on Friday 27th, by Caren Rangī and Mele Wendt. We'll report more soon.

Message from Your National President

Malo 'etau lava! It was wonderful to meet with so many of you at our recent National Conference. What a huge success filled with laughter, dancing, high seas fashion, business, good food and spectacular speeches! Having already served on the National Executive for 6 years, it is wonderful to be back and to get straight into business with our new team. And what a vibrant mix we have! With a focus on the Branches and improving our communication, we look forward to keeping you all informed of our activities. I encourage you to keep in touch with your Vice Presidents so they can let us know about things we can support or promote.

Ofa lahi atu. **Sally**

Introducing Your New National Executive

Sally Dalhousie, National President (sally@dalhousie.co.nz; 027 449 7043)

Born and raised in Invercargill, I am the second daughter of Peter and Sesilia Dalhousie. I have an older sister, Diana and two younger brothers Richard and Gary. My son Levi is 21 years and happily studying computing at Auckland Uni. I have been a member of the Dunedin Central, Invercargill and Christchurch Branches since 1996, after growing up with PACIFICA as my mother was a foundational member. I was awarded the PACIFICA service medal in 2007 after serving as Secretary, Treasurer and President at the branch level and as National Assistant Treasurer. I look forward to seeing what we can achieve for and with PACIFICA.

Josephine Bartley, Northern Vice President (josephine.bartley@mca.govt.nz; 021 120 5812)

My background is in law and I am an advisor for Consumer Affairs. Like many of our Pacific women I wear a number of hats more recently I was a candidate for Tamaki in the 2008 elections. I am motivated by wanting to make a positive difference for our communities. I have been with PACIFICA for ten years; first in Auckland Central, then Porirua, helping to establish Wellington Central and now setting up Tamaki branch. I am passionate about community development and support our goal of empowering women and I look forward to serving the branches and National executive as best I can.

Tagaloatele Peggy Fairbairn-Dunlop, Central Vice President

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Peggy was a founding member of Newtown Branch in the 70s and stayed connected during the years she and her family were in Samoa (1981-2005). With Carla Hebenstreit, she was one of the first advisors for PACIFICA education awards and remembers the wonderful energy of the first national conferences and mentors like Tapaeru, Elaine and Eti, to name a few. Peggy's parents migrated to NZ in the mid 40s and Peggy (the youngest) was born in Wellington. Peggy and three of her five daughters are proud to be members of PACIFICA and, she is humbled to be elected to the National Executive. "I will serve PACIFICA to the best of my ability."

Welcome to the 'new-look' **PACIFICA INK**. The new National Executive wanted to send this out as soon as we could after our fabulous AGM in Auckland; to introduce ourselves. We aim to produce **PACIFICA INK** bi-monthly. Feedback/ideas to Ta'i.

Your New National Executive - *continued*



Debra Kesha-Lloyd, Southern Vice President (debkesha_lloyd@hotmail.com; 027 450 9244)

Born in Auckland of Indian and Samoan descent, I was raised in Invercargill from age three, the eldest of six. I've kept the books for 20 years in our haulage business which moved us to Dunedin then Christchurch. I also work as an insurance advisor alongside my brother. I joined P.A.C.I.F.I.C.A in 1993, and loved working with motivated and inspirational women. This new role excites me! My commitment to supporting regional development relies on faith in God (Isaiah 41:10) to: harness the wisdom of our mamas, and creative energy of our youth, with strengthened leadership in our branches. Let's work together!



Ta'i George, National Secretary (taigeorge@ymail.com; 027 495 0296)

The time has arrived for me to put my money where my mouth is and bring to bear what I've learned from 20 plus years in the public service; working in communications, policy, evaluation and research – in service for Pacific women and our families. My beautiful mother was from Pukapuka and my hard-case Dad is from Atiu. I was born and raised in Otago and have lived in Wellington for 22 years. I'm currently a Communications Advisor/Speech writer for Te Puni Kokiri (Ministry of Maori Development). I've proudly been a member of the Vahine Orama Newtown Branch for several years.



Metua Faasisila, National Treasurer (m.faasisila@alac.org.nz; 021 270 2407)

Born Amuri, Aitutaki Cook Islands, migrated to and raised in NZ from 4 years of age. Member of PACIFICA since 1991, currently with Auckland Central branch. Registered Nurse with MBA (Otago). Held positions as Treasurer for Pacific Health & Welfare and Cook Islands Health Network Association (NZ) Inc – CIHNA for a number of years. Founding member of Cook Islands Nurses Assn (NZ) and CIHNA. Currently employed with ALAC – Alcohol Advisory Council of NZ since October 2004 as National Pacific Programmes Manager. Originally based in Wellington, last 2 years based in Auckland.



Maryanne Marsters, Assistant National Secretary (mmarsters@eit.ac.nz; 021 181 8887)

Island born, I am from the Cook Islands, Kiribati, Tahiti and Great Britain. My family came to New Zealand on the "Moana Roa" in the 1960's and we settled in the Hawke's Bay. I was a member of Hastings Tangiianui branch until May 2008 when I became the President of the new Napier PACIFICA branch, Tiare Ahuriri. I am employed at the Eastern Institute of Technology and hold a Diploma in Performing Arts, a Bachelor in Business Computing, and a Masters in Library and Information Studies. I work in the areas of information, Pasifika mentoring, and research.



Nga Gifford-Kara, Assistant National Treasurer (nana.g.kara@xtra.co.nz; 027 352 22663)

I am the third generation of my family in PACIFICA. Nurtured and mentored by the PACIFICA women of Aotearoa has been pivotal to my professional and community development. I am part of the Cook Islands National Netball Coaching Team, and with my husband actively support our two children in their cultural, sporting and academic endeavours. I'm honoured to be the National Assistant Treasurer of PACIFICA and intend to build on the work established by those who have served before me to ensure that PACIFICA continues to be relevant, accountable and caring of its members and the communities we live within.



IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT AGM 2010. Ladies, we need a host for our next AGM. Please let Sally or anyone else in the National Executive know if you are interested.