

Tofilau Bernadette Pereira MNZM

National President 2017-2021

Tofilau is a well-respected community leader with a lifelong passion of supporting Pasifika women/communities in achieving their dreams and aspirations and advocating strongly for Pasifika women/families/communities wherever they may be. Tofilau started her career in women's development and Youth and Gender development at the South Pacific Community (SPC) which included leading women's delegations to the United Nations and other forums in the pursuit of gender equality and overall progress and development of women. In New Zealand, Tofilau has championed community led initiatives, held governance roles on the Advisory Council for Women's Employment, Deputy Chair South Seas Healthcare Trust, Health Quality & Safety Commission, Te Kaunihera Manapou Paramedic Council, CMDHB Consumer Council, and Metro Auckland Clinical Governance Forum

Tofilau was also a founding member and the inaugural President of the PACIFICA Manukau Branch set up in 2013. She comes from a long maternal line of strong Samoan women from Lufilufi, Malie, Iva and Fagamalo. Her vision for PACIFICA aligns with the samoan proverb, 'So'oso'o tau'au mo le lumana'i' or that we work collectively as one, 'shoulder to shoulder' for the future of PACIFICA women and in turn families and communities will prosper as well.

National Executive members under Tofilau's leadership:

Name	Position	Period
Tofilau Bernadette Pereira	National President	Feb 2017-Apr 2021
Elizabeth McEwan	Vice President Northern Region	2018- Apr 2021
Dr Aliitasi Su'a-Tavila	Vice President Central Region	Feb 2017-Feb 2019, Sept 2019- Apr 2021
Natalia Fareti		Feb 2019-Sept 2019
Alexandria Tino	Vice President Southern Region	Feb 2017- Apr 2021
Rosi Fitzpatrick	National Treasurer	Feb 2019-Apr 2021
Debra Kesha-Lloyd		2018 – 2019
Anahila Kanongataa Suisuiki		Feb 2017-2018
Marie Schmidt	Assistant National Treasurer	Sept 2020-Apr 2021
Ashalyna Noa		Feb 2017-Dec 2018
Malia Tua'i Manuleleua	National Communications Officer	Mar 2018- Apr 2021
Marie Schmidt		Feb 2017-Feb 2018
Marie Laufiso	National Secretary	Mar 2017-Apr 2021
Mauga Feagaiga	National Youth Rep	Feb 2017- 2018
Natalie Stolz		Feb 2019- April 2021

