



# Pacific Tertiary Education Forum



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## DAY 1

8.15am	<b>Registration Tea &amp; coffee</b>	Foyer, Alan MacDiarmid Building, VUW
9.00am	<b>WELCOME</b> Blessing by <b>Rev. Tavita Filemoni</b> Welcome and introduction by conference MC – <b>Mele Wendt</b> and <b>Pale Sauni</b> Performance by <b>Te Namu the Victoria University Tokelauan Students' Association</b> Welcome from the host organisations – <b>Tui Taulapapa</b> , Co-Chair, Association of Pasifika Staff in Tertiary Education (APSTE) and <b>Helen Lomax</b> , Director, Ako Aotearoa	Seminar Room 102/104
9.30am	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> <b>Hon Jenny Salesa</b> , Associate Minister of Education	Seminar Room 102/104
10.00am	<b>BCITO Morning Tea for delegates (Gold Sponsor)</b>	Foyer, Alan MacDiarmid Building, VUW
10.30am	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> <b>Malaga – The journey of raising Pasifika student and staff achievement at Victoria University of Wellington</b> <b>Associate Professor, Hon. Luamanuvao Dame Winnie Laban</b> , Assistant Vice-Chancellor (Pasifika), Victoria University of Wellington	Seminar Room 102/104
11.15am	<b>CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY PANEL PRESENTATION</b> <b>What can Government Agencies do for people of the Pacific?</b> By 2026 it has been projected that Pacific peoples of all ages will comprise 10% of New Zealand's population, with those aged 0-14 comprising 18%. Therefore making positive and enduring impacts now will enhance the productivity and wellbeing of the entire nation. Representatives from five Government agencies have agreed to be part of this live panel to share some facts, offer opinions and respond to audience questions either through questions curated by the moderators or taken from the audience directly. This will be an informative and lively discussion about what more and what can Government agencies do better for people of the Pacific in the context of education and the way to better lives? <b>Tim Fowler</b> , Chief Executive, Tertiary Education Commission <b>Andy Jackson</b> , Group Manager Tertiary Education, Ministry of Education <b>Lili Tuioti</b> , Chief Advisor Pasifika, New Zealand Qualifications Authority <b>Matalena Leaupepe</b> , Policy Manager Pasifika, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment <b>Tessa Te Mata</b> , Unit Manager for Trade and Values, Pacific Regional Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade division, MFAT	Seminar Room 102/104
12.45pm	<b>Ministry of Education Lunch for delegates (Silver Sponsor)</b>	Foyer, Alan MacDiarmid Building, VUW

### Conference Emcees



Mele Wendt



Pale Sauni

**POSTER PRESENTATION:** available to view for the duration of the forum, located in the foyer immediately outside the main seminar room.

**Making a significant difference in retention, completion and outcomes for Pasifika Learners**

*Conference theme: Learner Support & Collaboration*

*Presenter: Dr Nick Towner, Auckland Institute of Studies.*

*Co-author: Dr Semisi Taumoepeau, Auckland Institute of Studies*

**The Bachelor of Nursing Pacific (BNP) Student and the Pacific pedagogy: Our reflections on traversing the tertiary, nursing and Pacific worlds**

*Presenter: Loma-Linda Tasi, Whitireia New Zealand*

*Co-Authors: Gabrielle Leota, Sakaria Alofa, Judy Iva, Nancy Kasonde, Siaoauli Maea, Louisa One Lino, Hnin Phyiint, Kitana Pio, Tiffany Roebeck, Imeleda Savelio, Alpha Timu, Folau Ve'a and Wendy Scott; Whitireia New Zealand.*

## Parallel Presentations – 1.45pm-3.45pm

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- ROOM AM101**  
1.45pm-3.45pm
- **A Sea of Struggles: Digital talanoa / decolonising Oceania**  
*Presenter: Dr Stanley Frielick, AUT; Co-authors: Dr Tony Fala, Marcel Allen. (25 mins)*
  - **Se'i lua'i lou le 'ulu taumamao – Do the most difficult work first: Using enrolment and achievement data to identify those shifts that (really) matter for Pasifika**  
*Presenter: Brenden Mischewski, Mischewski Consulting (25 mins)*
  - ▲ **Nesian Sparkies: Supporting Pasifika Electrical apprentices**  
*Presenters: Issac Liava'a and Tony Laulu, The Skills Organisation (25 mins)*
- ROOM AM102**  
1.45pm-3.45pm
- **Bringing your whole self to work - Tupu Tai experience in the public sector**  
*Presenter: Matalena Leaupepe, Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (25 mins)*
  - ◆ **Who are the Pacific leaders and who is the Pacific Community?**  
*Presenter: Tofilau Nina Kirifi-Alai, University of Otago (25 mins)*
  - **Using micro-credentials to improve Pasifika participation in engineering education**  
*Presenter: Lisale Falema'a, Tertiary Education Commission (55 mins - workshop)*
- ROOM AM103**  
1.45pm-3.45pm
- ◆ **Pacific Cultural Centeredness Pathway: An online learning tool, supporting tertiary educators working with Pasifika Learners**  
*Presenter: Pale Sauni, Ako Aotearoa. Co-author: Misa Kolose Lagavale, Ako Aotearoa (55 mins)*
  - ◆ **Ako: Māori & Pacific Teaching and Learning Strategies in a Palagi Institution**  
*Presenters: Dr Hirini Kaa and Marina Alofagia McCartney, University of Auckland (55 mins - workshop)*
- ROOM AMLT105**  
1.45pm-3.45pm
- ▲ **Working cross-culturally – supporting diverse learners within their diverse landscape**  
*Presenter: Anna Seiuli, Otago Polytechnic (40 mins)*
  - ▲ **Enhancing resilience in practice?**  
*Presenters: Barbara Fogarty-Perry and Anna Seiuli, Otago Polytechnic (25 mins)*
- ROOM AM106**  
1.45pm-3.45pm
- **APSTE – As we were, What we are now, Where to next**  
*Presenters: Mele Wendt, Pale Sauni and Anna Seiuli (40 mins – talanoa)*
  - **Reshaping Pasifika**  
*Presenter: Samson Samasoni, Wellington City Council Pacific Advisory Group (25 mins)*
  - ◆ **Pacific Parent Participation**  
*Presenter: Aaron Nonoa, Victoria University of Wellington (40 mins – talanoa)*
  - ◆ **KO E FANĀ FOTŪ – Transforming Education: Valuing identity, language and culture. Pasifika Learners at the centre of pedagogy and epistemology**  
*Presenter: Lesieli Pelesikoti Tongati'o, Tātai Angitu, Institute of Education, Massey University (40 mins - workshop and discussion)*

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3.45-4.00pm **Tertiary Education Commission Afternoon Tea for delegates**  
(Bronze Sponsor) Foyer, Alan MacDiarmid Building, VUW

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4.00pm **STUDENT PANEL PRESENTATION** Seminar Room 102/104  
**Kele'a – The Conch**  
Hear the voices of our Pacific tertiary student leaders from across Aotearoa New Zealand in what they believe is needed to create strong, vibrant and successful Pacific individuals, families and communities.  
**Andre Westerlund**, President of the Victoria University of Wellington Pasifika Students' Council (Honours Year in Computer Science at VUW, Samoan)  
**Mary Jane Kivalu**, President of the New Zealand Tongan Tertiary Students' Association (NZTTSA), (Doctor of Business Administration at University of Otago, Tongan)  
**Matalena O'Mara**, Student President, Unitec Student Council (USC) (Graduate – Bachelor of Social Practice, Community Development major, Tokelauan)  
**Hayley Veatupu**, Vice-President of Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology Students' Association, SANITI (Tongan)

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5.00-5.15pm **WRAP UP OF DAY 1** Seminar Room 102/104  
**Analiese Robertson**, Ako Aotearoa Pacific Peoples Caucus

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5.30-8.00pm **Victoria University of Wellington Networking Evening for the Pacific Tertiary Education Forum Performances by the Victoria University Tongan Students' Association and the Victoria University Ukele Group**  
Walk and fork refreshments with bar service (cash bar also available)  
The Hub, Victoria University of Wellington

## DAY 2

8.15am	Registration Tea & coffee	Foyer, Alan MacDiarmid Building, VUW
8.45am	<b>WELCOME TO DAY 2</b> Conference Emcees – <b>Mele Wendt</b> and <b>Pale Sauni</b> Performance by the <b>Victoria University Cook Island Students' Association (VUWCIA)</b>	Seminar Room 102/104
9.00am	<b>Gold Sponsor BCITO presents 'THE FUTURE OF WORK AND LEARNING'</b> <b>The future of work: Skills for the 21st century</b> <b>Dr Jo Cribb</b> , Author of <i>Don't Worry About the Robots: How to survive and thrive in the new world of work</i> <b>Success and Transitions in Pasifika Education</b> <b>Dr Martyn Reynolds</b> , Sessional Assistant, VUW/English Teacher, Specialist Classroom Teacher, Wellington College <b>Tagata Pasifika: how does building diversity equate to diversity in building</b> <b>Greg Durkin</b> , GM Stakeholder Engagement, BCITO	Seminar Room 102/104
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<b>ROOM AM101</b> 11.00am-1.00pm	<b>◆ PASIFIKA RESOURCE KIT – Implementation and evaluation phase update</b> <i>Presenters: Pauline Luafutu-Simpson, University of Canterbury, Ashalya Noa, University of Canterbury, and Sam Uta'i, ARA Institute (25 mins)</i> <b>◆ Pacific Student Voices – experiences of tertiary education in Aotearoa</b> <b>Fale Niu: our journey in starting a Pasifika Student Association</b> <i>Presenter: Sulu-Danielle Joshua, Auckland University of Technology</i> <b>◆ Pasifika Scarfies</b> <i>Presenters: Tausala Fruean and Nera Tautau, University of Otago (25 mins, joint session)</i> <b>▲ A Time With Alofa</b> <i>Presenter: Reverend Alofa Lale, Mission Coordinator, Mercy Hospital (55 mins - workshop)</i>
<b>ROOM AM102</b> 11.00am-1.00pm	<b>▲ Reading and writing skills in English for Academic purposes: How to support Pasifika students at tertiary levels</b> <i>Presenter: Dr Amir Sadeghi, Azad University of Damavand and University of Canterbury (25 mins)</i> <b>▲ A Navigators Path: A Teaching, Learning and Practice Framework developed through Manako (mind), Ngaakau (heart), Koopuu (belly) and Vaerua (spirit)</b> <i>Presenter: Rose Marsters (Te Maru o Toi), Wintec (40 mins)</i> <b>▲ Level Up for Pasifika Student Success</b> <i>Utufaasisili Rosemary Mose, Manukau Institute of Technology (25 mins)</i>
<b>ROOM AM103</b> 11.00am-1.00pm	<b>● Ako Aotearoa supported Pacific research</b> <b>● From Good to Great: The 10 Habits of Phenomenal Educators for Pasifika Learners.</b> <i>Presenters: Dr Cherie Chu, VUW and Janice Ikiua-Pas, Weltec/Whitireia (15 mins)</i> <b>● Hīnātoe: Upskilling Māori and Pasifika Workplace Learners.</b> <i>Presenters: Laloifi Ripley, Careerforce, and Anne Alkema, Skills Highway (15 mins)</i> <b>● Launch of the Pacific Professional Development Scholarship Fund – 2018 round</b> <i>Presenters: Mino Cleverley, Sam Uta'i and Esmay Eteuati, Ako Aotearoa Pacific Peoples Caucus (25 mins)</i> <b>■ How to improve student educational outcomes: some new insights from data analytics</b> <i>Presenter: Mino Cleverley (40 mins)</i>



ROOM AMLT105 11.00am-1.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>What role do tertiary education institutions play in facilitating contact and friendship formation between international students from the Pacific Islands and New Zealand students?</b> <i>Presenter: Dr Franco Vaccarino, Massey University (25 mins)</i></li> <li>■ <b>A University-wide Pacific-related Curricular Stocktake at the University of Otago</b> <i>Presenters: Ana Hoseit, University of Otago; Co-author Dr Tasileta Teevale, University of Otago (25 mins)</i></li> <li>▲ <b>What's love got to do it with it?</b> <i>Presenter: Tapu Vea, Victoria University of Wellington (40 mins)</i></li> </ul>
ROOM AM106 11.00am-1.00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Pacific Island Visibility in the Classroom</b> <i>Presenter: Meri Karina Nathan, Te Wānanga o Raukawa (25 mins)</i></li> <li>◆ <b>Rearticulating a relevant message for Pacific churches in a global world</b> <i>Presenter: Terry Pouono, Laidlaw College (40 minutes, talanoa)</i></li> <li>◆ <b>Overcoming the tyranny of distance: bringing Open Distance Flexible Learning (ODFL) to life for Pasifika learners?</b> <i>Presenter: Alan Cadwallader, Open Polytechnic New Zealand (25 mins)</i></li> </ul>
1.00pm	<b>Ministry of Foreign Affairs &amp; Trade Lunch for delegates</b> Foyer, Alan MacDiarmid Building, VUW (Silver Sponsor)
1.45pm	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> Seminar Room 102/104 "Pussy cat, pussy cat where have you been? I've been to London to visit the Queen. Pussy cat, pussy cat what did you there? I frightened the Western world with my big hair". Selina Tusitala Marsh. (2017). <i>Tightrope</i> . Dr Margaret Southwick, Emeritus Dean, Whitireia Community Polytechnic
2.30pm	<b>INSIGHTS AND CLOSING REMARKS FOR PTEF 2018</b> Seminar Room 102/104 Associate Professor Kabini Sanga, Victoria University of Wellington
3.00pm	<b>CLOSING CEREMONY</b> Seminar Room 102/104 Led by Conference Emcees - Mele Wendt and Pale Sauni Rev. Tavita Filemoni - <i>Blessing</i>
3.15-3.30pm	<b>Farewell Afternoon Tea</b> Foyer, Alan MacDiarmid Building, VUW

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