



**WAIKATO**

**PACIFIC BUSINESS NETWORK**

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# **Celebrating Waikato Pacific Business Excellence**

*14 September 2023*

*K'aute Pasifika Village Fale*

## **Evening Programme**

Guest Arrival  
Music- Moala Malua

Mihi Whakatau – Kaumatua Atutahi & Rangiua Riki

Welcome by MC's- Riki Manarangi & Teuila Maggof

Opening Prayer- Rev Alisa Lasi

Entree  
Chairperson Address- Rachel Afeaki-Taumoepeau

Platinum Sponsor - Trust Waikato  
Trustee: Metua Tangaroa-Daniel-Malietoa

Keynote Speaker: Fiso John Fiso

Dinner  
Entertainment Moala Malua

### ***Waikato Pacific Business Excellence 2023- Part 1***

Entrepreneur | Social Enterprise  
Young Entrepreneur | Construction and Trade

Dessert | Entertainment

### ***Waikato Pacific Excellence 2023- Part 2***

Leadership in Marketplace | Women in Business  
International Business | Legacy Recognition

Closing Blessing Kaumatua Atutahi Riki, Rev. Alisa Lasi

## **Shared Menu**

### **Entree**

Sourdough with Avocado Oil  
Smoked Fish Pate with Pink Pickled Onions and Cucumber  
Mini Prawn Cocktail Pots

### **Main**

Huli Huli Chicken Thighs  
Teriyaki Beef Brisket with Arrow Root Crisps  
Roasted Kumara and Root Vegetables  
Green Bean Salad with Toasted Almonds and Feta

### **Shared Dessert**

Coconut Ice  
Tapioca Pudding

**MONTANA**  
—●— FOOD AND EVENTS —●—

## Welcome

*Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Kia orana, Ni sa bula vinaka, Faka'alofo lahi atu, Mauri Talofa ni, Fakatalofa atu, Gude, Aloha, la orana, Kia ora and warm Pacific greetings.*

We are very pleased to welcome you to the Inaugural 2023 Waikato Pacific Business Network 'Celebrating Business Excellence' Dinner. Tonight, we have the opportunity to recognise and celebrate our Waikato Pacific businesses and entrepreneurial leaders. We also have the opportunity to celebrate all things that are important to our Pacific communities – our values, our families, our Pacific Village - places of work and our wider networks.

The Waikato Pacific Business Network, have the absolute privilege of serving our members, stakeholders and our wider business communities- in Hamilton, South Waikato, and North Waikato.

We understand how valuable it is for business owners to have support, guidance, and strategic knowledge to succeed. Our 'WHY' is to connect, share and empower our members to persevere, succeed and contribute to our Waikato region starting with our own families and our communities.

Congratulations to all recipients recognised this evening. We celebrate you and we thank you for being a shining light. Thank you to each and everyone one of you present here this evening, for your support and prayers for the Network.

Let us, together celebrate our successes, celebrations that are worthy of recognition and inspiration especially for our younger generations. On behalf of the board and our staff who work tirelessly to deliver our services, *malo'aupto, fa'afetai lava, vinaka vaka levu, meitaki maata, thank you for your support.*

Tu'a 'Ofa lahi atu, Rachel Afeaki-Taumoepeau, Chairperson

## About the Waikato Pacific Business Network

The Waikato Pacific Business Network (WPBN) was formally relaunched May 2018 in Hamilton. WPBN has since been working with Pacific locally-owned businesses, regional and national stakeholders to collaborate and champion our Pacific marketplace for increased business and economic growth for Waikato Pacific.

This was timely, as In April 2022 WPBN became the Waikato Pacific Business Village lead following the Ministry for Pacific Peoples establishment of it's Pacific Business Village across New Zealand supporting sustained growth in the Pacific business sector in the regions.

The purpose of the WPBN is to increase the number of successful Pacific owned businesses, grow our Pacific business leaders and skilled workforce across the region by doing what we do well; connect, share and empower - all members of our Waikato Pacific Business Village towards economic wellbeing and prosperity.

Our network is governed by a voluntary-led board with two full-time employed staff. Our office is located within the Waikato Economic Development Hub at Perry House, Hamilton.



To find out more or become a member connect with us through the QR code or social media.

**Facebook:** WPBNI

**LinkedIn:** Waikato Pacific Business Network

## **2023 Executive Board**

### **Chairperson**

Rachel Afeaki-Taumoepeau

### **Secretary**

Lemaluotiafau Faiaoga

### **Treasurer**

Pele Tanuvasa

### **Executive Board Members**

Tonga Robertson

Doug Wilson

Bart Lee

Scott Ratuki

Raneel Chand

May Kamho

Rachel Afeaki-Taumoepeau

Lemaluotiafau Faiaoga

Pele Tanuvasa

### **Management**

### **Business Development / Executive Support**

Suria O'Brien

### **Business Navigator**

Teuila Maggof

## Key Note Speaker | Mr John Fiso



Fiso John Fiso has achieved significant milestones over the last 30 years in the business, education and sport sectors operating in regional, national and international arenas.

As the first Samoan Otago University Physical Education graduate, he started his career as a teacher of Physical Education, Economics and Health, introducing innovative programmes in a range of schools. John is the founder and was CEO of the NZ Institute of Sport (NZIS) 1996-2016 acquiring the New Zealand College of Massage (NZCM) in 2011 and with sites in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch, becoming one of the largest NZQA Category 1 private tertiary providers in NZ servicing over 15,000 students.

John has developed the largest Pacific investment fund supporting business initiatives in the hospitality, wellness, education, property and health sectors.

He is currently the Chairman of the Whitby Collegiate Proprietors Board, Pacific Health Plus and the Fiso Investment Group having held past board positions at Pacific Cooperation Trust (MFAT), The Pacific Business Trust and is Patron of the Rongotai College Old Boys Association.

John is a visionary and is one of Aotearoa's most influential Pacific entrepreneurs. He is also the Pacific Business Trust 2022 Pacific Legacy Award Recipient.

## **Waikato Pacific Business Excellence 2023**

### **Entrepreneur**

***Sponsored by Tompkins Wake***

Josh Stowers  
Robbie & Jacina Stapleton

Mixmaster  
Your Local House Wash &  
Pest Control Hamilton

Recognises and celebrates the spirit and contribution of entrepreneurs who see things beyond the horizon, challenges methods and creates new markets for goods and services, having motivation, passion, vision, confidence and sound decision making.

### **Social Enterprise**

***Sponsored by Trust Waikato***

Pivot Bail Accommodation Ltd  
Talents Of The Pacific Academy  
Deep Dive Division

Demonstrates a clear public and community purpose and mission (social, environmental, cultural and economic) with innovative solutions. The Business operates with good conscience bringing positive outcomes for the environment and the economy. Social good is integrated throughout their business. They strive to create positive social impact through business operations.



**Young Entrepreneur**    *Sponsored by PCM Consulting*

Grace Ratima

ACIE Designs

Recognising and celebrating the innovation and enterprising spirit of this young entrepreneur below 30 years of age. This recognition showcases their achievements and how they inspire others, fostering connections with their community and young people. Our young entrepreneur has demonstrated tenacity, resilience, confidence and self esteem with a desire to keep learning.

**Construction and Trade**

*Sponsored by Safe 365*

JP Landscaping Ltd

TJ Brothers Construction Ltd

Waikato Shutters & Blinds Ltd

Demonstrating a sustainable business in the construction and trade sector working with local suppliers, providing employment opportunities, and maintaining quality workplace health and safety compliance and capability. These businesses design and develop real solutions to housing and construction projects whether bespoke or for a unique purpose.

**Leadership in the Marketplace** *Sponsored by Pacific Business Trust*

Felila Asiata-Feausi  
Ray Allen

Oyonxx Ltd

Marketplace leaders who have established collaborative initiatives and stakeholder relationships to advance Pacific prosperity and economic growth across the region and New Zealand. These leaders serve whilst reflecting their own Pacific culture across the spheres of influence they move in inspiring and motivating others, pushing boundaries and striving for excellence.

**Women in Business**

*Sponsored by Deloitte*

Meleane Burgess  
Taimaiono Grace Stowers  
Nanise Ginnen

Dynamic Advisory Ltd  
Hartson Stowers Law  
Impact Hub Waikato

These inspiring Pacific women have made a significant contribution to their respective industry, demonstrating exceptional entrepreneurial innovation and promoting diversity, creating impact across the mainstream and Pacific they are inspiring the next generation of women and our very own Pacific businesses to reach their goals, overcome challenges and pursue their dreams.

**International Business *Sponsored by LM4 Group***

LT8 Design & Fabrication Ltd  
Surgeons on Clarence

A business who has demonstrated regional and international impact working with and serving our Pacific communities for the purposes of economic prosperity and wellbeing by delivering ingenious resourceful solutions. They are building our reputation as the Waikato Region of Innovators and Entrepreneurs, enriching our Pacific communities and inspiring the next generation of Waikato Pacific Businesses to embark on their own international journey.

**Legacy Award *Sponsored by Waikato Pacific Business Network***

Recipient            To be announced

Celebrates excellence and recognition for outstanding achievement of a Pacific trailblazer. A visionary held in high esteem amongst our Pacific peoples. Achieving their goals, consistently being successful in business while creating a lasting impact for the region and Aotearoa New Zealand.

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