



# COOK '23 | Pasifika Medical Association Conference

**TE 'ĀKIRĀTA 'OU - THE NEW DAWN**  
September 6th - 8th 2023 | Rarotonga



# OUR PURPOSE

“The Annual PMA Conference is the largest meeting of Pacific health workers and professionals in our region.”

The Pasifika Medical Association celebrates 27 years of successful navigation this year, and is proud to partner with Te Marae Ora Cook Islands Ministry of Health to host the 2023 PMA Conference in the Cook Islands.

This year's theme is “Te 'Ākirāta 'Ou - The New Dawn” and will be held on the 6th - 8th September 2023 at the Cook Islands National Auditorium in Rarotonga, and the 11th September 2023 in Aitutaki.

The Conference provides a space for professional growth, networking, sharing knowledge and innovation, and ongoing opportunities for collaboration.

The Conference also supports us to develop evidence-informed solutions to the challenges impacting the health and wellbeing of our families and communities. The Conference continues its tradition of presenting a culturally rich and nurturing environment for attendees to experience and grow.

**PMAC 2023:**  
“THE NEW DAWN”

**THE KEY THEMES:**

**BEING BRAVE:**  
Humanitarian assistance and responding to the climate crisis

**BEST PRACTICE:**  
Primary care and health system resilience

**BRILLIANT:** Our future workforce

**BOLD INNOVATION:**  
Mental health access and integration

Wednesday 6 September 2023

## Ru'itoru PMA Conference | Rā Ta'i

7:45 AM	REGISTRATION DESK OPEN
8:45 AM	TRADITIONAL WELCOME - TUROU
	FORMAL OPENING CEREMONY
9:00 AM	Pure Bishop Tutai Pere Cook Islands National Anthem, Imene Tuki
9:10 AM	<b>PMA Patron</b> Lord Tangi 'o Vaonukonuka FRACS   Patron, Pasifika Medical Association
9:25 am	<b>PMA President</b> Dr Kiki Maoate ONZM FRACS   Chair, Pasifika Medical Association Group
9:40 am	<b>PMA Chief Executive Officer</b> Mrs Debbie Sorensen DCOT CMimed NZRPN   CEO, Pasifika Medical Association Group
10:00 am	<b>Cook Islands Minister of Health</b> Hon Vainetutai Rose Toki Brown
10:20am	<b>Cook Islands Prime Minister</b> Hon Mark BROWN MBA
10:40am	CONFERENCE GROUP PHOTO
11:00am	MORNING TEA
11:30am	<b>Chair:</b> Sir Collin Tukutonga KNZM FNZCPHM   Board Director, Pasifika Medical Association Group <b>Pacific Ministers of Health Panel – Healthcare of the Future</b> Hon. Dr Saia Ma'u Piukala MBBS MMed Surgery   Minister of Health, Tonga Hon. Atonio Rabici Lalabalavu MBBS MMed IntMed   Minister of Health, Fiji
12:30pm	LUNCH
	<b>BEING BRAVE: Humanitarian Assistance and Responding to the Climate Crisis</b> <b>Chair:</b> Dr Kiki Maoate ONZM FRACS   Chair, Pasifika Medical Association Group
1:30pm	<b>Climate Change &amp; Indigenous-Led Conservation</b> Mr Jon Ross MBA   Director, Arctic Indigenous-Led Conservation
1:50pm	<b>PACMAT/Emergency Response</b> Mrs Debbie Sorensen DCOT CMimed NZRPN   CEO, Pasifika Medical Association Group


2:10pm	<b>Humanitarian Assistance Panel</b> Dr Kalo Lalahi FRANZCJG   Board Director, Etu Pasifika Canterbury Dr Maryann Heather FRANZCOP   Board Director, Pasifika Medical Association Membership Dr Basil Leodoro MBBS MMed Surgery   Co-Director, HELPR-1 Dr Dyxon Hansell MBBS MMed Surgery   WHO Technical Officer - Health Systems Strengthening
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3:00pm	<b>Concurrent Sessions</b>			<b>Concurrents</b>		
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4:15pm	<b>END OF DAY 1</b>	<b>END OF DAY 1</b>
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**YOU ARE INVITED:**  
Cocktail Event



Tamarind House 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
**PUE, TUPAPA, RAROTONGA, COOK ISLANDS**  
 Please RSVP at Front Desk or to: [rsvp@pmagroup.co.nz](mailto:rsvp@pmagroup.co.nz)

4:15pm	<b>Visit to Rarotonga Hospital</b> Dr Deacon Teapa MBBS MMed Surgery   Acting Director Hospital Services, Chief Surgeon
6:00pm to 8:00pm	<b>Cocktail Event</b> Tamarind House



Thursday 7 September 2023

# Paraparau PMA Conference | Rā Rua

7:30AM	<b>Moana Women's Network Breakfast</b> NZ High Commission Residence, Rarotonga  <b>Pacific Men's Health Breakfast</b> Coastal Kitchen
9:00AM	<b>Pure</b> Bishop Tutai Pere
9:10AM	<b>Reflection of Previous Day</b> Dr Jitoko Cama FRACS   Chair, Pasifika Membership Association Membership
<b>BEST PRACTICE: Primary Care and Health System Resilience</b> Chair: Dr Api Taleamitoga ONZM FRNZCP   Board Director, Etu Pasifika Canterbury	
9:20 AM	<b>Transformative Power of Story</b> Leandra Chaak Tlaa Ross MPH   Senior Director Corporate & Intergovernmental Affairs, South Central Foundation
9:40 AM	<b>Etu Pasifika</b> Dr Aumea Herman PhD FAFPHM FNZCPHM FRNZCP   Chair, Etu Pasifika Auckland
09:55 AM	<b>The Bridgetown Declaration on NCDs in SIDS - Accelerating Action</b> Sir Collin Tukuitonga KNZM FNZCPHM   Board Director, Pasifika Medical Association Group
10:15 AM	<b>Health System Resilience Panel - Primary Care Development in the Region</b> Bob Williams   Secretary of Health, Te Marae Ora Cook Islands Benny Teuea   Secretary of Health, Kiribati Annette Garae   Senior Paediatrician, Vanuatu
11:15 AM	<b>MORNING TEA</b>
<b>BRILLIANT: Our Future Workforce</b> Chair: Dr Elizabeth Dunn FANZCA   Board Director, Pasifika Medical Association Membership	
11:30 AM	<b>The Future of Nursing</b> Elizabeth Iro MHSc (Nursing) MBA   Former Chief Nursing Officer, World Health Organization Papali'i Dr Debbie Ryan ONZM MBSChC   Principal, Pacific Perspectives Abel Smith   Director of Nursing Pacific & Interim Director Pacific Health, Te Toka Tumai, Auckland Hospital Falena Prouting BNurs   Nurse Director, Etu Pasifika Maryann Pakitoo Dip Nursing   Nurse Practitioner, Te Marae Ora Cook Islands
12:15 PM	<b>Growing the Allied Health Workforce</b> Charleen Silcock MPhys   Associate Dean Pacific, Physiotherapy School, University of Otago Jess Lagaluga Hutchings BPharm (Hons)   PhD Candidate, University of Auckland
01:00 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>

1:30pm

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2:45pm

15 MINUTE BREAK

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4:30pm

END OF DAY 2

**Conference Dinner & PMA Awards**

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Friday 8 September 2023

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## PMA Conference | Rā Toru

09:00AM	<b>PURE</b> Bishop Tutai Pere
09:05AM	<b>Reflection of Previous Day</b> Dr Tokilupe Taumoepeau FRACS   Board Director, Pasifika Medical Association Membership
09:10AM	<b>Debate: Its Better in the Cook Islands</b> <b>Moderator:</b> Dr Api Talemailtoga ONZM FRNZCP   Board Director, Etu Pasifika Canterbury Team Cook Islands Team New Zealand
<b>BOLD INNOVATION: Mental Health Access and Integration</b> <b>Chair:</b> Debbie Sorensen DCCT CMHstD NZRPN   CEO, Pasifika Medical Association Group	
09:20AM	<b>Mental Health Panel</b> Dr Evangeline Daniela-Wong PhD   Clinical Psychologist & Manager, Mental Health Services Te Marae Ora Tuifagatoa Dr George Leao-Tuitama MBBS MMed Psychiatry Dr Jimmy Obed MBBS MMed Psychiatry   Acting Head of Mental Health Services, Vanuatu Dr Staverton Kautoko MBChB   Mental Health Clinical Lead, Etu Pasifika Auckland
10:40AM	<b>MORNING TEA</b> <b>Chair:</b> Dr Minnie Strickland RNZCP   Clinical Director, Etu Pasifika
11:00AM	<b>Managing Long-Term Conditions Panel</b> Professor Asiata Dr Satupaitea Viali FRACP FCSANZ FESC FACC   Professor of Medicine, Dean, Samoa & American Samoa, Oceania University of Medicine Jean Mitaera   Chief Advisor Pacific Strategy, Weltec & Whitireia
11:30AM	<b>Our Children, Our Future - Growing Pacific Paediatric Services Panel</b> Dame Teuila Percival ONZM OSO FRACP   Paediatrician, Kidz First Children's Hospital Dr Joshua Agnew FRACP   Paediatrician, Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty
12:00PM	<b>Lets Get Moving Panel</b> Kevin Iro   Ambassador, Marae Moana Oka Sanerivi   PhD Candidate, Centre Health, Activity and Rehabilitation Research, University of Otago Leeson Ah Mau   Consultant, Ah Mau Sports and Wellbeing William Cann   Senior Health Coach, Etu Pasifika Auckland
12:40PM	<b>Launch of the Cook Islands Health Strategy</b> Hon Vainetuai Rose Toki Brown   Minister of Health, Cook Islands
12:50PM	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Dr Kiki Maoate ONZM FRACS   Chair, Pasifika Medical Association Group
01:00PM	<b>PURE</b>
<b>END OF DAY 3</b>	

