

TE KANAVA

STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2021

**ATAFU TOKELAU COMMUNITY
GROUP INCORPORATED**



TE KANAVA TOKU HEI

**TE KANAVA, TE KANAVA TOKU FAU
TE PUAMELO, PUAMELO TOKU HEI
TE KANAVA KO KOE TE NAU O ATAFU
E HE TAUA, E HE UIA**

**I TE VAO PULA MANOGI O TOKU FENUA
E OLA FAKATAHI AI I TE VAO
O TOGALELEVA
E OLA TATUPU, E TU LAUFENUA
MAI TE AFATEA KI TE TAITEA KAE A,
TE TAIULI**

**THE KANAVA MY CROWN
THE PUAMELO MY FLOWER
THE KANAVA THE PRIDE OF ATAFU
I CANNOT BE PARTED WITH**

**IN THE SCENTED FOREST OF TOGALELEVA
IT PROSPERS UNRESTRAINED
FROM THE SEA TO THE LAND
ALAS, THIS MIGHTY KANAVA**



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It is our prayer that you will be proud of our Te Kanava Strategic Plan - this is our vision and hope for a prosperous Atafu today and for generations to come.

Fakafetai, fakafetai lahi lele.



FOREWORD



When our people of Tokelauan origin arrived to settle in New Zealand after a hurricane damaged the food production of our atoll community, we found that the physical, social and economic environments of the new home were strangely different from that of an atoll environment.

We soon learned that we had to adapt and transition quickly in order for our people's wellbeing to be sustained.

In the period of adaptation, through observing, learning and coaching, we realised that our spirit as people needed to be resilient and formidable. This strength and resilience is reflected in our vision through the analogy of the Kanava Tree.



We had to remain strong in the face of the new challenges and transition effectively into this new way of life, society and our new home in all aspects of good citizenship.

We believed in the values of our culture as instruments of guidance, as we lived and thrive in our new home land. We might say, with all humility, that the achievements of the Atafu Tokelau Community of Wellington have so far attained, are reflective of our belief in the values of our culture.

An elderly gentleman of the original people who settled in Wellington in the sixties, often said, "We only brought with us the values of our culture that were bestowed upon us by our Tupuna when we came over to our new home"

But in this modern society we now call home, the Atafu Tokelau Community is continuing to adapt to learn other values of this multi-cultural society, that it, in its own small ways, also contribute to the advancement of peace, harmony and prosperity of communities of New Zealand.

Our vision is that this organisation is driven by principles of good governance, values of democracy practiced in our new home.

At this point in time, our community has come a long way; we have established families, sent children to school and gained higher qualifications, others obtained forms of employment. And we still believe we are continuing to adapt to be healthy and be better citizens. Therefore we as people, detached from our island home, are willing to work collaboratively with national and local bodies to attain our vision of progressive citizens, of this multi-cultured and beautiful country of Aotearoa.

Ke i luga o te Fakalāpotopotoga a Atafu i Matauala nei, ma ona Takitaki, te Pelehitene ma te Komiti na fakamanuiga a to tatou Atua, ke lagolago ki te ola fiafia ma te ola malolo o ana fanau i Ueligitone nei. E venā foki na fakanauga alofa mo kilātou e lagolago mai ki taumafaiga a te Fakalapotopotoga tēnei, te Matāeke o Atiakega o Nuku ma Kaiga (Ministry of Social Development) venā ma na Uho Tokelau e fehoahoani ma lagolagogia ienei taumafaiga i lalo o te Peleni Takiala a te Fakalapotopotoga a Atafu i Ueligitone nei, mo te ola manuia o tagata uma.

May the good Lord of All, have his blessings on this organisation and its leadership, to the Government agencies and our Tokelau young people involved in the formation of this plan and its successful implementation to ensure a propagation of goodwill for all peoples.

Dr Iuta Tinielu
Mafutaga Toeaina i Matauala



INTRODUCTION

*Atafu toku nuku pele,
Kua fai koe ma oku mitamitaga,
Ko au e tau mo koe,
E he mamoe foki,
Taku tautua mo koe.*

*My dear Atafu
An Island I hold close to my heart
I stand by you and represent you
My support and love for you
Will not whither.*

The Atafu Tokelau Community has a proud history spanning 50 years in Aotearoa New Zealand. To mark 30 years since we formally opened our community facility Matauala in Porirua, this is the best opportunity to recast our vision by utilising our growing Tokelau families and young people who now make Aotearoa their home.

This 5 year strategic plan named Te Kanava, remembers fondly our foundational mothers and fathers who migrated to the shores of this great country and pioneered this legacy.

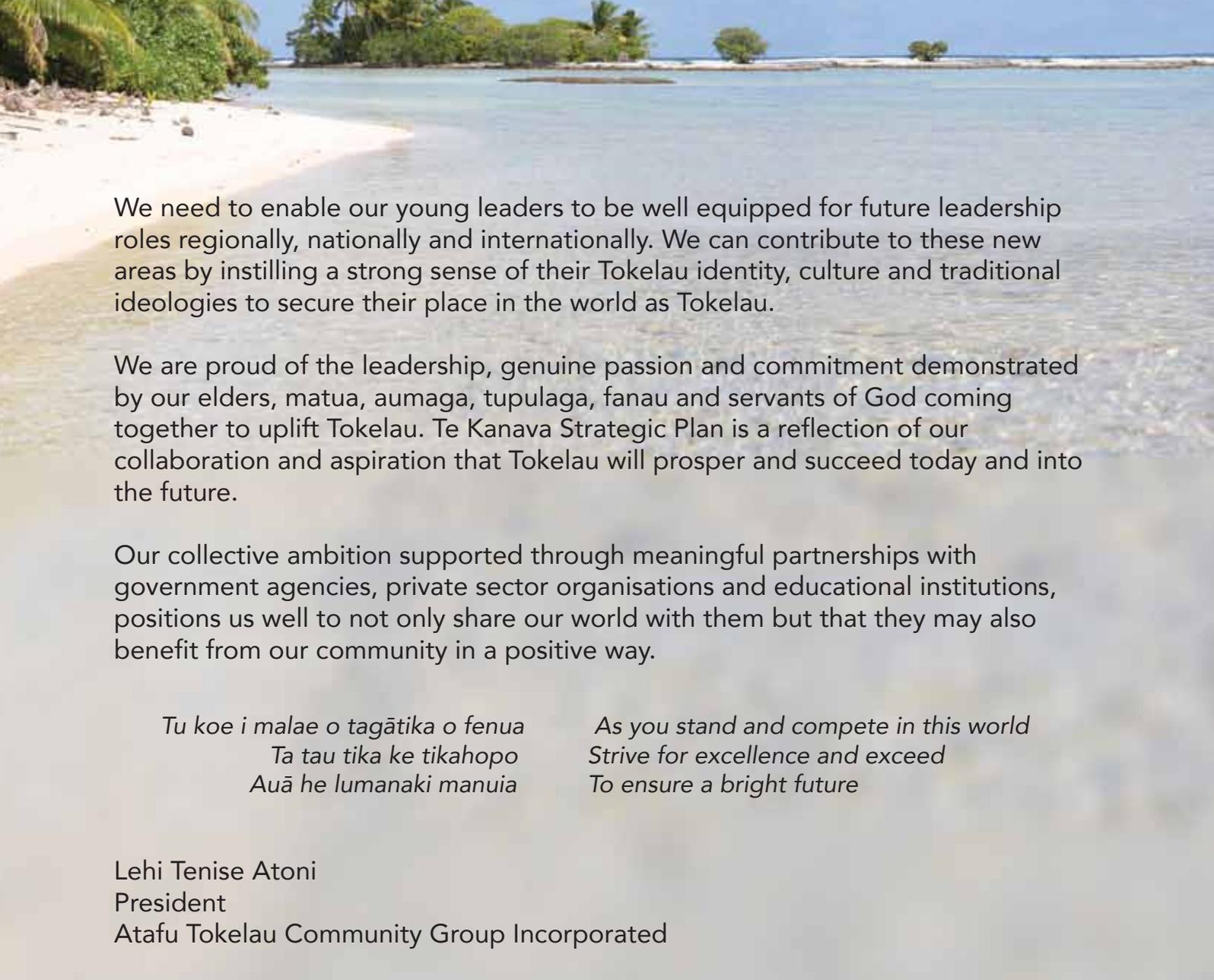
As an Atafu Tokelau community living in Aotearoa New Zealand, there is much for which we are truly grateful. But there are also many challenges that our community still faces, particularly here in Porirua.

Our Tokelau language is severely endangered, as the largest Tokelauan population who now resides in Porirua, we need to take urgent steps to ensure its survival with the growing population here in New Zealand.

This is Atafu Tokelau's commitment to ensuring our traditional knowledge, values, and our legacy as Tokelau survives; and is transmitted to the current generation to future proof our way of life for the benefit of Tokelau in generations to come.

Our reality of living in Aotearoa New Zealand requires us to be open to the new skills, technology, knowledge, experiences and new ideas to ensure our survival and on-going contribution to our community in the 21st century.

We need to focus on our young people to assist us to navigate in areas we are not familiar with. Such as; the knowledge economy, technology, diverse areas in science, marine biology, business enterprise and the creative industries.



We need to enable our young leaders to be well equipped for future leadership roles regionally, nationally and internationally. We can contribute to these new areas by instilling a strong sense of their Tokelau identity, culture and traditional ideologies to secure their place in the world as Tokelau.

We are proud of the leadership, genuine passion and commitment demonstrated by our elders, matua, aumaga, tupulaga, fanau and servants of God coming together to uplift Tokelau. Te Kanava Strategic Plan is a reflection of our collaboration and aspiration that Tokelau will prosper and succeed today and into the future.

Our collective ambition supported through meaningful partnerships with government agencies, private sector organisations and educational institutions, positions us well to not only share our world with them but that they may also benefit from our community in a positive way.

*Tu koe i malae o tagātika o fenua
Ta tau tika ke tikahopo
Auā he lumanaki manuia*

*As you stand and compete in this world
Strive for excellence and exceed
To ensure a bright future*

Lehi Tenise Atoni
President
Atafu Tokelau Community Group Incorporated



OUR HISTORY

The Tokelau - New Zealand community has a long-standing history spanning over 50 years. This history began with the early migration of Tokelau people from the small atolls of Fakaofu, Nukunonu and Atafu in the 1950s.

The New Zealand government instituted the Tokelau Resettlement Scheme (1966-1976) which launched the journey of many young families and young people to New Zealand.

The Atafu Tokelau Community Group was founded by these first settlers who were in search of better opportunities in education and employment for their families in the home islands and in New Zealand.

In 1978, land was purchased and a purpose-built community hall named Matauala (another name for Atafu), which was officially opened in 1987.

The vision and inspiration of Matauala is a centre they can call their own. This became an investment for future generations to continue the Atafu ethos and culture as a model that ensures our family structures, values, culture and traditions are maintained.

This centre represents Atafu's home away from home.



The Atafu Tokelau Community Group was registered as an incorporated society in March 1981 and became a charitable trust in 2009. This year marks 35 years since we have become a registered legal entity in New Zealand and remains true to its humble beginnings and objectives:

- Providing an organisation where members combine and work together to promote the social, cultural, educational development, health and welfare of the people in the Tokelau community and other people interested in Tokelau activities; and
- To manage and effectively operate a community centre that serves the needs of its community.

The collective asset value for Atafu Tokelau Community Group is currently estimated at \$4.5 million. This consists of the Matauala community facility and landspace, and a residential property which is leased to tenants for a period of 3 years which assists them into home ownership or the rental market.

Matauala has and continues to be a focal point for the Tokelau community in Wellington but has also served the needs of the wider community such as; delegations from overseas, government agency engagements, launch events, family reunions and gatherings and has also hosted local school students, teachers and families.

Whilst our inception was birthed from humble beginnings we are proud of our many successes to date. We remain committed to recasting Atafu Tokelau's future direction as testament to this legacy and for future generations to come.





The **Late Mr Lua Lepaio** has been a respected leader in the Tokelauan community in Porirua for more than 50 years. He was a Porirua City Councillor and was a founding member of the Atafu Tokelau Community Group. In the 1970s he championed an initiative to promote Tokelau culture and language through the Tokelau Biennial Easter Tournament, and helped numerous Tokelauan immigrants to settle into Porirua. He was a leader in the construction of Matauala, was an elder of the Church of Christ the King in Cannons Creek and gave countless hours to his church community, Tokelau and the wider Porirua community. Mr Lepaio was a key contributor to the book on Tokelau traditional fishing 'Hikuleo:o te

Papa o Tautai' in 2008, was a member of Mafutaga o Toeaina o Atafu I Matauala, a Tokelau Leadership Group, and was a Justice of the Peace.



Matafele Pereira was born in Atafu Tokelau in 1939. In 1951 Matafele entered the aoga tulagalua in Atafu Tokelau and in 1953 she gained a scholarship to study at Papauta College in Samoa. In 1956 Matafele entered Samoa's Teachers Training College and was graduated three years later. Matafele taught in schools in Samoa for four years. Matafele married the late Etuale Pereira and they raised four children. Matafele and her family moved to New Zealand in 1964. During Matafele's early years in New Zealand she worked tirelessly in helping and supporting Pacifica families

particularly Tokelauan to settled into their new homes and way of life. Matafele held several roles within the Atafu Tokelau Community Group, she served as a committee member, treasurer and also as Vice – President for the organisation. Matafele played a pivotal role as a committee member during the construction of the Matauala hall. Matafele continues to have an impact on the organisation giving sound advice and encouragement to the executive committee. Matafele now serves as the President o te Mafutaga a Matua at Matauala.



A STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT

**OF TOKELAU PEOPLE IN
NEW ZEALAND**

This statistical profile for Tokelau people living in New Zealand provides a context and overview based on New Zealand Census 2013.

Porirua is home to the largest Tokelau population in the world and New Zealand with over 2,000 Tokelauans living in this region. Wellington is home the largest Tokelau population with almost 50% (3,525) of the overall population in New Zealand making this city their home. Only 1,400 Tokelauans live in the home islands.

The Tokelauan population comprised of 7,176 people. Almost 74% of the population were born in New Zealand this comprises of 5,199 people; we are also a youthful population with a median age of 19.2 years.

Other key highlights:

- Wellington region (49.1 percent or 3,525 people), followed by the Auckland region (27.3 percent or 1,959 people), and the Bay of Plenty region (6.4 percent or 456 people).
- Of those living in the Wellington region, the majority usually lived in the Porirua City (56.9 percent), Lower Hutt City (27.5 percent), and Wellington City (8.3 percent).
- 68.6 percent (2,613 people) aged 15 years and over had a formal qualification.
- \$18,000 was the median income for those aged 15 years and over.

- 47.6 percent were male (3,417 people) and 52.4 percent were female (3,756 people).
- 38.2 percent (2,739 people) said they belonged to two ethnic groups and 24.3 percent (1,743 people) said they belonged to three or more ethnic groups.
- Of the 7,176 Tokelau people in New Zealand only 31.9 percent or 2,229 people are able to speak their Gagana Tokelau language. This means that 4,947 Tokelau people are not able to speak their heritage language



TE KANAVA STRATEGIC OVERVIEW



The strategic plan has been gifted the name of *Te Kanava* which is a native tree (*Cordia Subcordata*) that flourishes in the forest of Tagaleleva, Atafu.

The roots are well grounded anchoring this tree as a solid foundation. The durability of the timber can withstand elements and therefore the most preferred wood for making traditional canoes and other crafts. The branches of the kanava tree are a safe haven for birds to nest, during stormy weather and a resting place during the migration season.

This symbolises the importance of our community to be a shelter of compassion and care for our people, especially those most vulnerable in our community.

Te Kanava is known to grow in challenging environmental conditions and therefore becomes an inspiration to our organisation to be resilient, to be adaptive in our pursuit for opportunities that advance our community in a rapidly changing society and world.

Toku kāiga, he kānava, he fau e hē uia.

My community, my heritage, a gift that is forever treasured.

Vision:

“Our Atafu-Tokelau community aims to be an anchor for our families to be strong, resilient, well-connected and thriving”

Mission Statement

The Atafu Tokelau Community Group provides educational programmes, social support services and a community facility that promotes the social, economic and cultural wellbeing of Tokelau people and their families.

Values and Principles

Core Values

- **Fakaaloalo** – respect, dignity
- **Alofa** – love and compassion
- **Ola faka-te-agaga** – spiritual beliefs
- **Tautua** – service and support to others

Guiding principles

- **Alofa ki te tama manu** – compassion towards the most vulnerable in the community
- **Taofi ke mau ki na kupu a na tupuna** – holdfast to the words of elders
- **Fai nuku** – active patriotism
- **Loto mau** – steadfast and perseverance
- **Loto nuku** – patriotism to your village/nation
- **Loto tahi** – of one heart and in unity
- **Loto fealofani** – a harmonious and peaceful heart
- **Inati** – principle of collective responsibility and sharing

Strategic Goals

DEVELOP AND MANAGEMENT OF A MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY FACILITY–

To deliver on the facility transformation project which meets the current and e-future needs of the community that is multi-purpose, digital and a cultural centre of learning.

DELIVERY OF EFFECTIVE SERVICES AND PROGRAMMES –

To provide educational programmes and support services that lift academic achievement, gainful career pathways, employment, health, business enterprise, cultural and social wellbeing of Tokelau people and their families with a particular focus on those in most need.

REVITALISATION AND PRESERVATION OF TOKELAU CULTURE AND LANGAUGE -

To promote, contribute and provide intergenerational educational programmes that preserve, maintain and revitalises Tokelau heritage language, culture and identity.

BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT, SUSTAINABLE AND FINANCIALLY VIABLE –

Commit to an effective and efficient organisation that enables financial and asset sustainability and stewardship.

GOOD GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP -

To promote and provide skills training and opportunities that enable a well-governed organisation with policies, procedures and practises in place for the Executive to carry out their responsibilities.

ADVOCACY FOR TOKELAU REPRESENTATION –

Being proactive to promote and advance representation of Tokelau issues, circumstances and viewpoints in various decision-making areas.



Dr Mary Toloa was raised in Atafu Tokelau in early childhood years. She attended Matauala School Atafu and later attended the National Tokelau 5th at Matiti School in Nukunonu. Mary also studied at Tonga High School in Nukualofa Tonga. In 1994 Mary continued her secondary school years at Wairarapa College Masterton New Zealand. In 1996 Mary entered Auckland University to pursue tertiary studies for a Bachelor of Science followed by a Bachelor of Medicine and a Bachelor of Surgery. Mary completed her studies and graduated in 2005. Dr Mary

went on to work at Waikato Hospital, Hutt Hospital, Christchurch Hospital and Wellington Hospital. Dr Mary Toloa is currently working as a General Practitioner at Ora Toa Medical Centre in Porirua.



Mr Lehi Tenise Atoni is a proud husband, father and grandfather. He has spent much of his career working for health service providers that assists people and their families to thrive he is currently with Vaka Tautua, and formally worked as a service coordinator for Community Connections Supported Living Trust. Prior to this he served with the Royal New Zealand Navy.

Tenise is passionate about his community and actively works to support Pacific community groups and initiatives in the Wellington region. He is a respected and proactive member of the Atafu Tokelau Community Inc, through his role as President, and former secretary of the organisation. He is also a founding member of the Tokelau Wellington Leadership Group and a former member of the Minister for Pacific Island Affairs Advisory Council.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



SUBJECT	OUTCOME	STRATEGIC FOCUS
Governance and Management	By December 2019 we will have upskilled members of the community to be effective in governance and operational management and contribute their skills to the wider community.	<p>By December 2016 we will have completed a capability self-assessment and have a capability-building plan related to effective Governance and operational management;</p> <p>By December 2017 we will have trained and educated members of Executive Committee and other targeted community members in effective Governance and operational management;</p> <p>By December 2018 the Trust will comply with best practice approaches in Governance and operational management; and</p> <p>By December 2019 members of the committee will play an active role in other community, regional and national organisations in Governance or management roles. This will include the representation of Tokelau viewpoints and perspectives in local community organisations, as well as local bodies and government agencies.</p>
Health	By December 2021 we will have improved the overall health of the target Atafu Tokelau community in Porirua.	<p>By December 2017 we will have established a programme focused on regular exercise and healthy eating;</p> <p>By December 2018 we will have established a programme focussed on family wellness, including stress management and mental wellness; and</p> <p>By December 2019 we will have established an Elderly Daycare programme.</p>
Education	By December 2019 we will have established education programmes that will improve the educational attainment rates of young people in the Atafu Porirua community.	<p>By December 2018 we will have established School Holiday Programmes; and</p> <p>By December 2019 we will have improved National Standards and National Certificate of Educational Achievement rates of young people within the Atafu Porirua community by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing a programme focussed on intermediate-age children • Implementing a programme targetting parents to enable them to provide better support for their school-age children • Implementing a leadership talent programme that enhances the potential of our young people.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



Subject	Outcomes	Strategic Focus
Culture and Identity	By December 2019 we will have improved knowledge and understanding of target communities about Tokelau culture, identity and language.	<p>By December 2017 we will have established an Adult Tokelau Language Learning programme;</p> <p>By December 2018 we will have developed a Tokelau language app to support the improvement of spoken Tokelauan amongst the Atafu Porirua community, both parents and youth; and</p> <p>By December 2018 we will have established a Tokelau arts and craft programme.</p>
Housing	By December 2019 we will have improved the home ownership rates of the Atafu Porirua community and improved the standard of housing and accommodation.	<p>By December 2019 we will have implemented programmes focussed on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attaining home ownership by introducing a financial planning and management programme, ensuring all participants are aware of the services and schemes available to support their ambition; and • Providing skills to the community related to home maintenance, repairs and upgrades.
Entrepreneurship	By December 2021 we will have established commercial activities that will contribute to the economic viability of the Trust and create employment opportunities for target communities.	<p>During 2017 we will explore the feasibility of three business enterprises run by the Trust:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tourism Project – using the Matauala centre as a potential base for hosting tourists for cultural activities and marketing Tokelau arts & craft; • Catering – potential for establishing a catering business for in-house and external catering opportunities; and • Events and Cultural Centre – establishing the Matauala centre as a multi-purpose events centres for functions, conferences and other community activities. <p>During 2018 prioritise and project plan the most viable business activities as those most likely to generate employment and positive commercial outcomes; and</p> <p>Between 2019-2021, implement the agreed business activities so they are fully-functioning by December 2021.</p>



Mr Teaku Petaia is a founding member of the Atafu Tokelau Community Group, he has held Presidency roles and continue to be an active member of the Tokelau Elders Group. He was a founding leader of the Tokelau Wellington Leadership Group, which was established through the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs in 2009. He has been a committee member of the Society for the Translation of the Tokelau Bible for five years, contributing to the complete translation of the New Testament in collaboration with the New Zealand Bible Society in 2009. Mr Petaia has been involved with the Pacific Islands Presbyterian Church in Porirua for

more than 40 years in various roles including Chairman of the Choir since 2011 and President of the Tokelau Youth Group. Teaku is also currently the organisation's Vice-President.



ORGANISATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS



As an organisation that has been well established for many decades we highlight key achievements that reflects our various successes in the areas of culture, language, education resources and publications, contributions to national events and community services to Tokelau-New Zealand.

Key highlights are noted below:

- Purchase of land and Matauala facility 1978 and community facility opening in 1987;
- Constitution and registration as an Incorporated Trust 1981;
- Convened traditional carving and weaving programmes by elders;
- Our venue has been used to host visiting school for trips, church groups, overseas delegations and numerous government agency-community meetings;
- Deployed various educational homework classes, holiday programmes, children's celebrations, social event, aerobics classes and quiz family events over the years;

Mind Your Language Project (2006-2009)

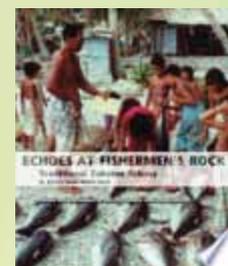
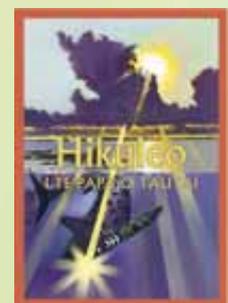
In partnership with the Ministry of Pacific Islands Affairs the Tokelau community deployed a Tokelau pilot language project developing language learning resources. A website, a calendar and language learning booklet was produced and launched in 2009.

- Registration as a Charities Trust (2009)

Tokelau Publications (2008-2012)

We have also undertaken publications in the Tokelau language in 2008 the '**Hikuleo i te Papa o Tautai**' which was supported by Creative New Zealand and the New Zealand Lotteries Grants Board. This was launched and was funded by New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO to translate into the English language and publish the '**Echoes at Fishermans Rock: Traditional Tokelau Fishing**' in 2012.

The Atafu elders wrote these for the benefit of their children and grandchildren and driven by their own initiative without payment. This is a community of fishermen who are one of the first to record their traditional knowledge and made it publicly available.



This community were also contributors to the first publication of a Tokelau proverbs booklet by the Tokelau Wellington Leadership Group in 2011 this records over 200 Tokelau proverbs in the Tokelau language collated by various elders across the Wellington Region. This book was called ***Alagākupu Tokelau*** and funded by the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs.

A case study was undertaken on the Matauala Hall and project , written by Tioni Vulu and Paula Faiva as part of ***A Qualitative study into Pacific Perspectives on Cultural Obligations and Volunteering*** by the Family Centre Social Policy Research Unit in March 2010.

Establishment of Tokelau Language Week in New Zealand (2012)

We were one of the founding organisations through the Tokelau Wellington Leadership Group to establish the Tokelau Language Week event in New Zealand since 2012. This is a national event celebrated by all Tokelau-New Zealanders every October. Atafu also participated in the first Tokelau Po Fatele of all three villages in 2015.

- Tokelau Traditional Vaka Project from 2011 - 2012

Pacific Heritage Award Recipients – Creative New Zealand (2013)

We were successful in being granted Creative New Zealand funding for the building of a Tokelau vaka (canoe) project in 2011 totalled \$20,000. This was an intergenerational project of traditional canoe builders passing on traditional knowledge and skills to the younger generation. We completed the project and was recognised for a Pacific Heritage Award in 2013.





Recipients New Zealand Royal Honours List

Our founding members of this organisation have been recognised for New Zealand Royal Honours over the last decade for their services to the Tokelau community through this organisation for over 30 years. We proudly acknowledge our members the late Mr Elia Tinielu, late Mr Amusia Patea, late Mr Lua Lepaio, Mr Niu Sila Taupe and Mr Teaku Petaia.

Mr Niu Sila Mataio Taupe is a prominent and respected leader and elder as one of the founding fathers of Atafu Tokelau Community Group. He held a number of executive roles over the last 50 years is an active member of his local church, has also served as a translator and interpreter.



He was also a Board of Trustees member at Porirua College, passionate about lifting academic achievement and ensuring you nurture our young people the future generation of Tokelau. He is a very proud husband, father and grandfather. In 2011 he was awarded a New Zealand Royal New Year's Honours (Queens Service Medal) for his services to the Tokelau community.



ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE AND NEXT STEPS

To support this vision we have been reflecting on our organisational structure, identifying priorities, our talent leadership, support roles and responsibilities required to ensure our strategic framework and outcome areas are operationalised.

Our organisation continues to deliver on existing activities and programmes with a spirit of reflection to ensure we invest our efforts in areas that will make the greatest impact for our families and wider community.

Our key actions over the next year:

- Official launch of our Te Kanava Strategic Plan during our international Atafu gathering in January 2017;
- Development of a business action plan leveraging on potential new and existing partnerships with key stakeholders within the community, local and central government agencies and private support organisations who are able to assist;
- Development of a Te Kanava communications plan that will encompass our marketing brand, social media platforms to inform consistent key messaging across our community and partner support agencies;
- Exploring opportunities towards our funding strategy that supports our action plan taking on key learnings from successful private and public grants we have secured and maximising on new opportunities;
- Alignment and regular review of the capability assessment report recommendations in parallel with our voluntary realities and resources in mind as part of our business action plan deliverables; and
- We will also consider evaluation and research opportunities to ensure our activities and programmes contribute to the overall outcomes of this strategic plan on an annual basis.





Kelihiano Pou Amusia is 15-year-old, born in New Zealand and raised in Cannons Creek. He is the son of Ualesi and Ioana and proud of his Tokelau and Samoan heritage. He is currently attending Rongotai College in Wellington. Being a part of our Atafu Tokelau organisation has been an instrumental part of his life; his parents have been influential in encouraging him to actively participate and as a result of this he believes that Matauala has helped him to instil a strong sense and understanding of his Tokelau culture, identity and language. He envisions a lot of positive changes that can be made

to the community facility including a space that is appealing for young people with a basketball and sporting area for games and activities.



Mrs Tufaina Faraimo is of Atafu Tokelau descent and was born and raised in Wellington. Her parents have been with the Atafu Tokelau Community Group from its inception in the 1960s. Married to Seanoa Faraimo, they have raised their 3 children in Cannons Creek, Porirua. Tufaina is Assistant Principal at Glenview School. She has been a proactive member of this organisation as the current secretary, committee member supporting the delivery of various initiatives and programmes.

"I believe Atafu needs to build strong leadership among our youth for the 21st Century, by nurturing young people who have a strong sense of who they are, an unshakeable faith in God together with the creative, collaborative and critical thinking skills required to adapt in a 21st Century world."









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