



ANNUAL REPORT

NSW COUNCIL FOR PACIFIC COMMUNITIES

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Overview

Pacific Greetings

Established in 2003 the NSW Council for Pacific Communities Inc. is a peak body of community development organization for Pacific Communities in New South Wales.

When birthed, the intention of the NSW CPC was to cover 8 Regional Advisory Councils from Griffith and Riverina Region (Griffith RAC); Newcastle and Hunter Region (Newcastle RAC); Wollongong/Illawarra Region (Wollongong RAC); Mt Druitt, Blacktown, Parramatta and Penrith (Mt Druitt RAC); Campbelltown, Liverpool and Fairfield (Campbelltown RAC); St. George, Sutherland, Eastern Suburbs & Sydney (St George RAC); Canterbury, Bankstown, Auburn & Ashfield (Canterbury/Bankstown RAC) and Manly, & Dee Why (Northern Beaches RAC).

To date this framework has been challenging to sustain. The South West Sydney Regional Advisory Committee continues to grow into a movement of people that are instrumental in the development of Pacific people in the South West Sydney region.

The NSW CPC is the peak body for all Pacific communities in NSW. The NSW CPC was formed as a result of the NSW Government's Pacific Youth Partnership. This body was then established with the advice of Pacific community leaders and representatives by the Community Relations Commission that continue to provide valuable and sound advice to the members of this council throughout its leadership since inception.

Chairperson's Report

It is with great enthusiasm that I present to you the NSW Council for Pacific Communities (NSWCPC) AGM 2011/2012 Report.

Quite often we receive enquiries in relation to the role of the State Executive and what we do on a daily basis. The answer we often provide to them is that our role is to do the following:

1. Advocate on behalf of NSW Pacific Communities at State and Federal levels
2. Ensure that we are a resource to government and other agencies when engagement is needed with the wider Pacific community throughout the State
3. Source for all community contacts that are undertaking some powerful work in the development of our people throughout NSW and nationally and within the Pacific region.

In this report you will find Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Chairpersons reports as well as reports from the Secretary and Treasurer. The current executive committee has been operating since April 2010 continuing from the influential and strong leadership of Malaemie Fruean. Mal continues to be the RAC Chairperson for the South West Sydney Regional Advisory Council. At this point, I would like to acknowledge her leadership and continuing mentoring support over the last few months.

Engagement

DEPARTMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL & JUSTICE

As part of its ongoing engagement process, the Department of Attorney General & Justice received and accepted a framework developed for and by people of Pacific Communities in September 2011. The framework outlined key thematic areas of concerns recommended for the Department to consider.

Following an extensive consultative process, the Department assisted by the NSW Council for Pacific Communities established a Justice & Pacific Communities Steering Committee tasked with reviewing the framework in an attempt to engender changes in identified areas.

Throughout 2012, the Justice and Pacific Communities Steering Committee proactively reviewed programs listed in the framework as well as data provided by Juvenile Justice and Corrective Services. Meetings informed Committee members of the complexity of issues and practical measures that could be adopted in determining sustainable solutions.

What emerged from JPCSC deliberations is a need for a continued collaborative effort between the Department and the Pacific Communities to address the justice needs of people from their communities.

In a recently hosted caucus with leaders and elders of Pacific Communities, the Department presented an Action Plan put together by the JPCSC in a period of 12 months. Leaders and elders endorsed the submission of the Action Plan for the Department's consideration. In late December 2012, the Director General approved the Action Plan for implementation.

The Department of Attorney General & Justice will implement the Action Plan to November 2013.

The objectives of the Plan are:

1. Services and programs available to Pacific Communities are improved and responsive to communities needs;

2. Increased proportion of Pacific Adult Offenders accessing and completing diversion services;
3. Increased proportion of Pacific Youth Offenders accessing and completing diversion services;
4. (a) Increased proportion of Pacific Offenders accessing and completing offence specific programs offered by Corrective Services;
4. (b) Increased proportion of Pacific Youth offenders accessing and completing offence specific programs offered by Juvenile Justice; and
5. Improved Pacific Communities' NGOs effectiveness towards reduction of offending rates in NSW.

The Department will continue to inform leaders and elders of Pacific Communities through the NSW Council for Pacific Communities of the progress of work done on the Action Plan.

DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP

DIAC Seasonal Worker program June 2012

Regional pacific position

CHIFLEY PACIFIC ROUNDTABLE 29 MARCH 2012

Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs and Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

Ed Husic Federal MP for Chifley is keen to meet with key community leaders from the Pacific Island Community from various groups in the local area and you may have been contacted directly by our office this week.

Ed wanted to invite up to two persons from your group to represent your organisation, at a special community roundtable for the Pacific Islander Community in Chifley NEXT WEEK. Our special guest is the Hon Richard Marles MP Parliamentary Secretary for Pacific Island Affairs and Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

Monash University June 2012

QLD Pacific COmmunity Conference
International Women's Day

CRC Marketing Awards 2011

South West Sydney Regional Advisory Committee



Message from the Chairperson of SWSRAC

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND We acknowledge the traditional custodians past and present upon whose ancestral lands we are gathered today. We recognize and respect their culture heritage, beliefs and continuing relationship with the land.

It has certainly been an exciting year for SWSRAC with the development of new partnerships, exciting projects and in particular the retirement of 'Aunty Mollie' which was celebrated in such an honorable way at the 2012 Pacific

Achievement Awards Night with over 500 guests. We thank aunty Mollie for her passion, dedication and commitment to Social Justice she has been such inspiring example to us all. Her retirement and relocation interstate to be with her family is supported by us and many from the wider community. Although we will miss her presence here in NSW we know that she has left a legacy for us to continue. THANK YOU aunty Mollie for your wisdom and guidance and on a personal note your Mentorship.



As the chair of the NSW Council for Pacific Communities (SWSRAC) I would like to thank the executive members of the NSWCPA for their time sacrifice and commitment to the council on a state level we are truly grateful. We acknowledge also their families for their sacrifice and support. Collectively we all play a



pivotal role to ensure better outcomes for our Pacific communities.

I would like to sincerely thank the SWSRAC executive and members. We can be very proud of what collectively we have achieved. I thank you for the time, talents and passion that each of you share for the benefit of our Pacific communities here in NSW.

To our partnerships thank you for your great support of SWSRAC and your willingness to partner across boundaries to provide

better outcomes for our Pacific communities. We acknowledge the challenges moving forward but also recognize the opportunities we have to make a difference. As an organisation we recognise the importance of easier access to services for our people, and the efficiencies and benefits that can arise from better coordination, communication and the need for more integrated service provision projects. We look forward to expanding our partnerships in 2013. We would like to specially thank SWYPE (Mission Australia) team and South West Sydney Multicultural and Community Centre for their continuous support of the RAC and the opportunities that we have had to partnership on many projects throughout 2012.

I have the privilege to sit on the following committees and I acknowledge my fellow committee members for the knowledge and experience they bring to these committees;

- Macarthur Liverpool RAC under the Community Relations Commission
- Maori and Pacific Island Consultative Committee chaired by Mr Bryan Doyle MP

Although I have been appointed to assist on these committees to deal with particular issues addressed not only by us as members but from the wider community these experiences have provided me with skills and knowledge to also better serve my community.

YOUTH

It has been an exciting and productive year for the SWSRAC Youth projects. We have had the opportunity to partnership with organisations to collectively deliver a diverse selection of projects. We have SWSRAC youth who are members of the Urban Youth Council a partnership between us SWSRAC and South West Multicultural and Community Centre (SWMACC) the young people have had an outstanding year with many achievements.

- Twelve UYC participants completed the 6 week Toastmasters Youth Leadership Course run by Toastmasters International Campbelltown branch. This was a cofounded project between Campbelltown City Council, Working Together in Minto and SWSRAC. Young people had the opportunity to be tutored by Toastmasters. They gained confidence in public speaking and building their self-confidence. As part of their 6 week course they also attended as an excursion to the 'Campbelltown Rotary Youth Excellence Awards' held at Wests, to support their fellow Youth toastmasters who were nominees on the night. UYC also presented on behalf of SWSRAC small gifts to ALL Pacific nominees.

- Regular supporters and participants in the Campbelltown Arts Centre and Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre workshops and events. These opportunities as participants have opened pathways to further education and facilitating opportunities for the young people.
- UYC hosted the International Women's Day and were guest speakers and performers sharing their talents with community members from many different backgrounds.
- They were successful in a funding grant to deliver the Minto Harmony Day. This was an outstanding success with over 200 people attending this outdoor event. UYC coordinated the planning and the meetings with other partnerships. They organised the entertainment, were the MC's for the day and facilitated Pacific craft workshops. It was such a great day with many of the new and emerging communities in the local area attending.
- Invited guests speakers, performers or participants at the Campbelltown City Council Youth Forums
- Regular attendees at Youth events hosted by Community Relations Commission. This year at the Student Leadership Day UYC co-facilitated a workshop with Mal Fruean. Six UYC/SWSRAC youth members creatively engaged young people in their workshops on 'Playing an important role in your Community...'
- Successful in funding grant from Working Together in Minto (WTIM) to deliver the Minto MESH of Arts projects. (1) Youth Leadership (2) Health Workshops (3) 3on3 Basket-Ball Competition (4) Visual/Performing Arts workshops (5) Cultural Awareness Day YOUTH Forum. The Minto MESH Project delivered fantastic outcomes with some of these projects continuing through our partnership with health.
- UYC was also instrumental in the planning and facilitating of the International Youth Day which they hosted at the Campbelltown PCYC late November 2011. The day was celebrated with over 60 students and community leaders. Participants had the opportunity to participate in workshops, speak with service providers and listen to inspirational speakers. Such was the success of this day UYC was funded to run the Cultural Awareness Day Youth Forum 2012. Funded by Working Together in Minto (WTIM) the Cultural Awareness Youth Day Forum is one of five Minto MESH Projects hosted by Urban Youth Council (SWSRAC - South West Multicultural and Community Centre) The Cultural Awareness Youth Day Forum brought a diverse group of young people together to celebrate cultural diversity by participating in interactive cultural awareness workshops. The event was held at Minto ONE Community Centre (Guernsey Ave) on Wednesday 21 Nov 2012. The workshop facilitators were;

Aboriginal: Charlie Mundine student school Liaison officer AFL and Veronica SRHS ALO

Pacific: Jae Tee community worker and Hip Hop Artist

Italian: Tony Pellegrino Youth Development Officer| Bridges for Youth Uniting Care Burnside

Arabic: Kamel Daboussi Manager Liverpool Migrant Resource Centre (LMRC) Suzie Macarthur

Arabic Australian Welfare Centre. Young people were inspired by the guest speakers Sesilia Terepo a Pacific Solicitor and Rahma Mohamed a student from Iqra Grammar College. The MC's for the day were Sade Fruean & Seti Visio both who are Sarah Redfern High School captains 2013 and they also completed the Toastmaster International Youth Course. A very special Thanks to SWYPE (Mission Australia) for their support and expertise in community development.

- UYC invited to attend the Minto Community Safety meetings with Police, service providers and community members. They also had the opportunity to present a skit on how to keep safe when out

in the community. They were actively engaged in the community consultations and co-facilitated some of the brainstorming session on the night.

- SWSRAC youth were invited guests to attend the Community Relations Commission Multicultural Youth Network Strategic Planning Day for 2011 -2013. UYC along with other young people from NSW and the CRC Youth Commissioners were part of the youth planning for the Community Relations Commission a great opportunity for UYC to exercise their leadership skills. SWSRAC youth members also accepted the invitation to attend the CRC Religion and Youth Forum hosted in Parramatta
- SWSRAC Youth members were successful in a Campbelltown City Council Youth Week Funding grants to delivery Hip Hop workshops at Minto mall and revamp 'Fashion and Design' workshops a partnership with Multicultural Health.
- SWSRAC youth from the Liverpool area made ANZAC wreaths at a workshop held at SWYPE (Mission Australia) the youth workers and SWSRAC executive presented the wreaths at various ANZAC day ceremonies within the Campbelltown, Liverpool and Fairfield areas.
- During Youth Week SWSRAC young people participated performed and were facilitators at various Youth Week Events in the RAC areas proudly representing SWSRAC.
- SWSRAC youth invited guest performers at Liverpool community events.

CULTURE & HERITAGE

SWSRAC accepted the invitation from Leo Tanoi Creative Producer Pacific Programs to participate in the Pacific Power Exhibition 2012. SWSRAC is very proud of our partnership with Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre and congratulate Leo and the staff on another successful year. Leo has been a pioneer in the field of Pacific Arts and Community Development and we certainly appreciate all that he does for not only for the Pacific community but the wider community. Our partnership and participation was in the following;

- SWSRAC provided volunteers and performers for the launch day.
- We supported SWYPE (Mission Australia) with the U Turn Waka workshops as part of the Pacific Power Empowerment Workshops to over 20 schools and community groups as part of the exhibition.
- SWSRAC families enjoyed Jay's Place a children's show with Jay Laga'aia
- Thanks to NSWCP we had SWSRAC young people attend the Masterclass with Jay Laga'aia
- SWSRAC co funded 70 tickets for the Tautai play for students from Casula and Ingelburn High School
- Organised Pacific Exhibition Excursion for the Ao Sinasina Samoa Senior Citizens Campbelltown group they had a fantastic day with Leo Tanoi as their tour guide

New Works 'Transcendent': Supported SWSRAC member and artist Sanjay Hona with his partnership with Australian Museum. Sanjay was commissioned to develop new work inspired by the Pacific Collection at the museum. He had the opportunity to show a small piece of his work at the 2012 Pacific Awards Night and then to do a preview of this work at the Australian Museum. We look forward to our continued partnership with the Museum and in particular support our Pacific artists. Consulted with Thelma Thomas for future pathways with the collection and community engagement.

Australia National University (ANU): We continue our partnership with ANU supporting their events such as the Pacifica Studies Weekend and the ANU Pacifica Day. Great to see the strength and growth of this project Pasifika has expanded with many community members now engaging in these opportunities for further study. We congratulate Dr Katerina Teaiwa Pacific Studies Convener, School of Cultural History and Language. College of Asia and the Pacific Australian National University and her team for their vision and passion to see more Pacific people taking on further studies.

STRONG FAMILIES

Ao Sinasina Samoa Senior Citizens Campbelltown: Invited guests for an open day in St Helens Park for the Ao Sinasina Samoa Senior Citizens Campbelltown. Bryan Doyle MP and Cr Rudi Kolkman were guest speakers I the chair of SWSRAC also had the opportunity to speak about opportunities for our seniors to participate in Campbelltown Council Senior events and partnerships with the Health services. We are happy to say that the Ao Sinasina Samoa Senior Citizens. Campbelltown group has now relocated to our center in Minto. They meet on the last Thursday of each month between 10am-2pm. We have been blessed to have the seniors group with us and will continue to support them.

Mums n Bubs Program: SWSRAC will partnership with South West Multicultural and Community Centre and other services to support a Mums n Bubs group in Minto. As part of the Minto MESH projects Urban Youth Council hosted a Happy Halloween Day were the mums and bubs came dressed in fancy dress, they enjoyed art and craft workshops, some food and consultations in starting a mums n bubs in 2013.

EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT

Training: As part of our partnership with SWYPE delivered by EduHub Mission Australia SWSRAC members participated and completed training courses to receive their certificates in RSA / RSG and First Aid.

Employment: We have been very proactive in supporting young people to find employment and in assisting them with their transition from school/TAFE into employment. In partnership with SWYPE EduHub who provides a Dress for Success Program we SWSRAC referred young people to this service prior to them attending job interviews.

University Visits: SWSRAC congratulates PATH for their great work we had had the a privilege of attending some of the PATH events and

Traineeships: Assisted and supported young people to complete traineeship applications with many of those young people now in traineeships or have secured a traineeship/apprenticeship for 2013. Providing workshops to do job, traineeships or scholarships are facilitated by volunteers and service provider partnerships who have the knowledge and skills to assist the community.

High School Partnerships: Thank you to the high schools in the Fairfield, Liverpool and Campbelltown areas who have invited us to attend their Pacific and educational events. It has been an inspirational journey to see the great work done within the schools both for the students and the community. We thank the many volunteers and mentors who give of their time to assist with the schools in providing better educational pathways for our young people.

HEALTH

PACE Yourself 2012 Health & Well Being Program: SWSRAC supports SWYPE (Mission Australia) PACE Health and Well Being program providing physical activities for students to reduce risk of obesity, provide awareness of healthy eating, identify mental health risks and behaviours such as anger management. The program was delivered in 10 high schools in the Liverpool and Campbelltown areas. It has been identified that there is a continued need to promote health and well-being programs within schools we SWSRAC will partner with agencies to provide better outcomes.

Boot Camp Pilot Program: SWSRAC in partnership with SWYPE, Macquarie Fields Police, Sarah Redfern High School and Working Together in Minto (WTIM) commenced a 'Boot Camp Program' for students and community members. It was a great success as the Macquarie Fields police officers also joined in, engaging with the local young people sessions were run at the local park and or at Sarah Redfern High School. Boot Camp was a pilot program in the beginning of the year with the school. This initiative has continued with increasing interest from the new and emerging communities in the area.

Partnerships: SWSRAC assisted in the funding application for a small grant to assist a local Pacific Zumba instructor in pursuing her career path in Health and Fitness and providing Zumba classes for the community.

Fundraiser Events: In March we were able to support a family with their Shave for a Cure event in support of their son who was diagnosed with Leukemia. We provided the venue the Minto Community Centre for them to host their event it was a great success and we SWSRAC were happy to assist this family in some small way.

Our SWSRAC executive member Moana Strickland organized a team for the 'Relay for Life' fundraiser in Liverpool it was great to come out as an organization to support this very worthy cause and we thank Moana for not only organizing a SWSRAC team but for her passion to support community events. We thank the Multicultural Health Services for the partnership projects and consultations. We look forward to providing more health projects for our community in 2013.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

As an organisation we encourage our members to volunteer and support community events/projects and have welcomed the invitations we have received to attend such events.

- Invited to attend be seated on the Mayors table for the Campbelltown Council Mayors Ball (March)
- Pacific meetings with the Attorney General & Justice invitation from the NSWCP
- SWSRAC table at the Maori Debutant Ball a Te Kete Kahurangi event
- Community Relations Commission Harmony Day Ball with Bryan Doyle MP
- SWSRAC table at the Samoan Gala Ball
- Community Safety Meetings at Miller PCYC and Macquarie Fields Police

- VIP guests at Fiji Day
- VIP guests at Pacific Power Exhibition Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre
- Hosted the interactive kids workshops at Pacific Unity Festival
- Featured in all 2012 Minto Messenger newsletters that are delivered to over 3000 residents
- Executive members attended the Samoan Victims of Support Group (SVSG) Launch in Miller
- Campbelltown and Liverpool Council Events
- Community Relations Commission Multicultural National Awards Night
- SWSRAC Nominee in the Community Relations Commission Multicultural National Awards
- VIP guests at school events
- Mayor of Campbelltown hosted a civic reception for the 50th Celebration for Samoan Independence
- Invited to meet with the newly elected Mayor of Liverpool City Council Cr Ned Mannoun
- SWSRAC volunteers help support the Christmas Lunch hosted at the Comfort Inn Hunts Liverpool
- Supporters of the 'Post Release Program' in Campbelltown
- Supporters and organisers of Pink Ribbon, White Ribbon, Biggest Morning Tea Days and others

SUSTAINABLE ENTREPRENEURSHIP

It has been an exciting journey for SWSRAC as we continue to promote and support Pacific businesses in NSW. We thank those business owners and artists who are an impressive and highly motivated group who have given of their time to come out and speak with our young people and community to encourage progressive and vibrant sustainability pathways in Entrepreneurship.

Mal Fruean
SWSRAC Chair

NSWCPC Executive Financial Report

Our Partners

Community Relations Commission

Department of Attorney General and Justice

Department of Families and Community Services

NSW Police Force

Department Of Immigration and Citizenship

Department of Corrective Services

Department of Juvenile Justice

Australian Museum

Lidcombe TAFE

Auburn Diversity Services Inc.

Fiji Youth Initiatives Inc

Auburn City Council

PIMDAN- Pacific Island Mt Druitt Action network

Campbeltown City Council

Campbelltown Arts Centre

Campbelltown Casula Powerhouse

PCYC-Minto- Police and community Youth Clubs

Mission Australia SWYPE- South West Youth Peer Education

YAPA- Youth Action Policy Association NSW

University of Western Sydney (Campbelltown campus)

Macquarie Fields TAFE

REACH the Musical

Pacific Unity

Photos