

TE HIKU PASIFIKA TRUST

The Trust was established to promote, facilitate and advance the collective values and aspirations of Pasifika peoples residing within the Te Hiku region. This includes strengthening the Pacific community's awareness about their own cultures, advocating for Pacific people's needs as well as promoting good education, health and wellbeing.

Our reach with our Pacific communities is from the Te Hiku iwi boundaries extending from Cape Reinga to the Hokianga.

Along with the social services provider, Fale Pasifika Te Tai Tokerau in Whangarei, we are the only other Pacific organisation for Pasifika peoples located in the Far North District.

As a newly formed Trust, and all the challenges that come with that as well as dealing with COVID related impacts, we remain focused on meeting the needs and struggles of our Pasifika families.

Despite limited resources, we are proud to have achieved some key events.

- November 2020 - First ever Te Hiku Pasifika Celebratin gathering - Held in Te Ahu up to 350 people in attendance.
- January 2021 - Formation, nomination and registration of Te Hiku Pasifika Trust Board with Charities Commission Board. Charities number CC58623; NZBN#9429049046274
- March, June, October 2021 - Pasifika Vax Events in Kaitaia with Te Hiku Hauora Vax team.
- Monthly island group gatherings:- Fiji, Samoan and Cook Islands groups, for cultural practices and sharing of knowledge around creative arts and food making.
- Island Group Community Gardens in the communities - Niuean Garden group in Whatuwhiwhi; Tongans in Kaitaia.
- June 2022 - Tenured a space for Te Hiku Pasifika families to come together and share each other's cultures with wider community - 86 Commerce Street, Kaitaia.

The Te Hiku Pasifika Trust Board is indeed a great platform from which we serve our Pasifika Communities as well as accessing necessary financial support to ensure that the goals and aspirations of our Pasifika families can be forged to a brighter future for all.

With the Bank Street Property Land and building, we plan to extend the aspirations of our business minded families who have indicated a desire and have plans to provide good quality Pacific Island cuisine, delicacies as well as some Pasifika style fashion wear and Contemporary Pasifika Art pieces for the wider community at an affordable price - A Pasifika Cafe Hub.

We envisage that this property will make a positive contribution towards our Trust Board Vision - Thriving Pasifika Community.

Thank you for the opportunity of furthering the goals, hopes and aspirations of our Pasifika Community living here in Te Hiku o Te Ika.

Our Board members are: Pops Arona - Chair, Vaniva Lewis - Vice Chair, Bobbie Ngauma - Secretary, Mereia Ratulevu - Treasurer, Opeloge Ah Sam - Trustee as well as 2 representatives from our newly formed Te Hiku Youth Council - Sky Ropati and Tim Pio.

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