

PACIFIC WOMEN'S PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS NETWORK INC.

Pacific Greetings

First, I acknowledge the traditional custodians of the beautiful land we today call our home and pay my deepest respect to the great leaders of the past, the present and today. I also acknowledge and thank our Aboriginal sisters we continue to do authenticity with, today for a better tomorrow.

Humbled to share the Pacific Women's Professional Business Network Inc travels since inception March 25th, 2017.

"When you've worked hard, and done well, and walked through that doorway of opportunity, you do not slam it shut behind you. You reach back, and you give other folks the same chances that helped you succeed." (Michelle Obama To the [2013-2014 White House Fellows](#), 2013)

PWPBN was born of the authentic hearts to bring hope through a helping hand to Pacific women in Australia and around the Pacific region to succeed.

In 2017 PWPBN held the inaugural Celebrate Brilliance IWD breakfast and paid tribute to two Pacific Giants of Academia; the late Professor Epeli Hau'ofa and Dr Teresia Teaiwa who probed into the pathways by the ancestral peoples of Oceania and the trajectories of their travel as well as reflections on a larger Oceania to bring forth UNITY.

Launched on 19th August 2017, daring driven women unveiled the vision.

MISSION

Empower Pacific girls and women for personal, career, and economic success through educational and leadership capacity building.

VISION

A safe and inclusive space for today's and the next generation of Pacific women to connect, unite and be empowered through respecting oneself and of others.

PROMISE

We promise to.....
listen without judgement.
provide a safe and nurturing space.
provide the tools and support to empower you to succeed.

Success is lighting hope for another. *"If tiny droplets of water create an ocean, tiny contributions from us, together will bring an ocean of possibilities"* DVaa

I wish to thank the daring, passionate Board of Executives past and present and future.

On behalf of PWPBN, I would also like to thank all who support generously from the heart.

TIMELINE

2017

- 1st IWD Celebrate Pacific Women's Award
- Honor Her- Mother & Daughter Dinner
- Sponsorship to Inspire Change Conference
- I am beautiful- Who am I? Identity Crisis Panel
- ICARE Careers and Real Experts Evening
- Inspired Oceania Woman

2018

- 2nd IWD Celebrate Leave No Pacific Women Behind
- Mothers Day High Tea
- Governance Workshop Giovanna Lever
- Young Women's Reference Group

2019

- 3rd IWD Celebrate Pacific Women Awards Dinner
- 2 students attends UN Breakfast
- V-Expo- Virtual Expo features cottage businesses on social media, to promote, grow and connect
- Lei Shaker- Purposeful Connection- Leading Empowering & Inclusiveness: a networking initiative
- Young Women's Reference Group Beach Connection
- Pacific Student Leadership Dialogue with DET

Empowered Women

Our Why?

1. Population: though known as 'statistically invisible' in Australia almost half a million today are of Pacific ethnicity.
2. Location-NSW- Western Sydney and South-Western Sydney
3. Grim statistics
 - ❖ Education- 72.7% of the Pacific population is not studying. Close to three times of the general Australian population have a bachelor's degree or above, vs Pacific population undertaking certificate level education
 - ❖ Employment- Low income, high unemployment rate, longer work hours
 - ❖ Crime- Most of the research has been on the over representation of Pacific people in anti-social behaviour and crime, involvement in seasonal working scheme (Maclellan & Mares)
4. Limited research on Pacific communities within an Australia context

OUR HOW

- ❖ Established YWRG- Listen without judgement to our young women
- ❖ Enable a Virtual & Physical Meeting places- Provide a safe nurturing & grow space (Myra story)
- ❖ Partnerships Developing- Provide the tools and support to empower you
 - E.g TEI Strategy Dialogue with DET- improve chances for higher education should begin with giving attention to our preschool, primary, high school. These areas are the building blocks of society's educational foundation, as not everyone needs a university education
 - Careers mentoring & Emerging business support
 - Leadership & capacity building Master classes {scholarships support}

Due to COVID-19, PWPBN business was placed on hold for 5 months.

OUR WHAT

Critical

- ❖ Authenticity - Clear Purpose- Advocacy with a purpose - Immigration policy, vulnerable family support, easy access to careers support and training opportunities
- ❖ Authenticity- Understand the why and who we are here- identify the right partnerships

What we hope for is a Better, Fairer future

We hope to see more Pacific women leaders, thriving sincerely, sharing their expertise and living meaningful lives.

Blessings, thanking you for your presence.

Love and light!



Founder/ Lead Executive

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2020 REPORT