



NSW COUNCIL FOR Pacific Communities



PRESENTERS

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Boa tarde
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Talofa Lava
Ni Sa Bula Vinaka
Mālō e Lelei
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Talofa koutou
Ua'Āfale
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What is the PALM Scheme

Allows Australian businesses to hire workers from 9 Pacific island countries and Timor-Leste when local workers aren't available.

Offers two types of workers:

- Short-term (up to 9 months)
- Long-term (1-4 years)

Eligibility:

Businesses in agriculture and some manufacturing sectors can apply

Location:

- Agriculture employers can be anywhere in Australia
- Other sectors must be based in regional or rural areas



Fiji



Kiribati



Nauru



Papua New
Guinea



Samoa



Solomon Islands



Timor-Leste



Tonga



Tuvalu



Vanuatu



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The NSW Council for Pacific Communities (NSWCPC) is a registered, not-for-profit organisation established in 2003 by the NSW Government. Formed as a peak body to build and cultivate collaboration between government and Pacific communities across New South Wales, our mission is to strengthen the core values of our communities.

The NSWCPC was created in response to the NSW Government's Pacific Youth Partnership, with guidance from Pacific community leaders and representatives. Since its inception, the council has continued to receive valuable advice and support from Multicultural NSW, ensuring our leadership is always informed and impactful.

We are committed to working together with our communities, creating pathways for growth, and advocating for a stronger, more inclusive future for all Pacific Islanders in NSW.



CULTURAL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

We are actively represented on various influential advisory boards, such as the Multicultural NSW Advisory Board, Police Multicultural Advisory Council, and NSW Office of Sports Multicultural Advisory Council, ensuring that the voice of the Pacific Islander community is heard in key decision-making processes. We are also a member of national and regional networks, like the National Pacific Islands Councils and the CORE Pacific Collective, advocating for policies and initiatives that support Pacific Islanders.



ADVOCACY

We support and celebrate Pacific Islander culture through active involvement in the Pacific Cultural Collection Advisory Panel at the Australian Museum and previous participation in the Women's Advisory Council with Blacktown Council. Our role in the Multicultural NSW Regional Community Network ensures we provide valuable cultural insight and strengthen community ties across New South Wales.



PARTNERSHIP

Through collaborations with key organizations and initiatives, such as the CORE Pacific Mental Health Group and the Powerhouse Parramatta Reference Group, we foster partnerships that improve mental health services, cultural awareness, and support for Pacific Islanders. We are also a key stakeholder in the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility (PALM) Program, working closely with stakeholders to ensure better support for Pacific workers in Australia.



SERVICES

We offer a range of services to support Pacific Islanders in New South Wales, including advocacy, cultural preservation, youth development, mental health support, and employment assistance through the PALM Program. We provide opportunity for our community and educational support, while also collaborating with external organisations and local councils with cultural events and to empower Pacific Islanders and ensure their voices are heard.









