



Kia Orana, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Malo e lelei, Bula Vinaka, Talofa lava

## WARM PACIFIC GREETINGS

### **Calling on Pacific peoples with disabilities, family members and caregivers**

Request for Expressions of Interest from  
Pacific peoples with disabilities for the Lu'i Ola Project

Lu'i Ola is an interagency Auckland Pacific Regional Project which aims to better serve the needs of Pacific peoples with disabilities, their families or *aiga* and their caregivers. Led by government organisations, the project is co-sponsored by the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs and has the support of eleven local and regional government agencies.

The Lu'i Ola Project is seeking expressions of interest from Pacific peoples with disabilities, their family members and carers to be active members of the Lu'i Ola Steering Group and the Lu'i Ola Operational Work Stream Groups from October 2009 to August 2010.

Two individuals are required for the Lu'i Ola Steering Group and an additional four individuals required for the four Lu'i Ola Operational Work Stream Groups.

Appointed individuals will be expected to contribute to group discussions from a Pacific disability person opint of view and actively inform, support, advise and guide all group activities as part of the new Lu'i Ola Strategic Framework for Action 2009 / 2013

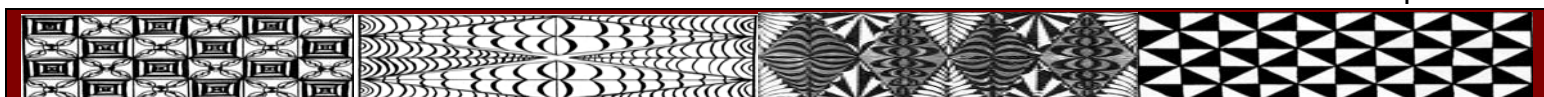
#### **Background**

Formally launched in April 2007, Lu'i Ola has since established four work stream groups, which cover the key focus areas of the project. These operational groups work on specific projects that meet the overarching objectives of Lu'i Ola. The work stream projects will continue until July 2010.

#### **Who we would like to be on the Lu'i Ola groups**

We would like to have Pacific peoples living with a disability<sup>1</sup>, their family members and their carers. We would like Pacific peoples from different Pacific backgrounds and with varying disability impairments that are currently living in the Auckland region. Persons have to be show that they can contribute to meetings.

<sup>1</sup> Disability definition ' A person with a disability is a person who has been identified as having a physical, psychiatric, intellectual, sensory or age – related disability ( or a combination of these) which is likely to continue for a minimum of six months and result in a reduction of independent functioning to the extent that ongoing support is required.



The groups are the Steering Group, Workforce Group, Community Engagement Group, Provider Development Group, Access Group.

### **What to do if you are interested?**

If you are interested in becoming a member of one of the Lu'i Ola project groups, please fill out the attached form and send it back to the following address by 13<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

Susan Fernandes  
Lu'i Ola Project Coordinator  
Unisys House Level 3  
650 Great South Road  
Penrose

### **What will happen after that?**

A specific Lu'i Ola select committee will meet shortly after that date to consider the expressions of interest and select the members.

We will notify you of the result by 30 November 2009 at the latest. If you are not invited onto the group, I will talk to you about ways you may be able to contribute to Lu'i Ola.

### **What will be expected of you if you are part of the group?**

The Lu'i Ola Steering Group meet every two months and the Lu'i Ola Operational Work Stream Groups meet every month unless advised. Each meeting lasts for a maximum of two hours. You will be expected to participate from December 2009 – July 2010. Papers will be sent to you one week before the meeting.

### **Payment**

Group members who are not employed by a public sector agency or a Crown Entity, or by a non-government organisation with a contractual obligation to any of the agencies involved in Lu'i Ola, will be reimbursed at a daily rate of \$200.00.

Please note that the reimbursement policy only applies to the face-to-face meetings in Auckland.

### **Date of the first meeting**

We are planning for the first meeting for you to attend in December 2009.

### **Learning more about Lu'i Ola**

If you would like to be kept informed about Lu'i Ola but unable to be part of the Lu'i Ola project groups, could you please email me with your contact details so that we can ensure that you get future information. My email is feala\_afoa@moh.govt.nz.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I do hope that you are interested in being part of this exciting and challenging opportunity. I look forward to you completing the form and returning it. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours Sincerely,

Feala Afoa  
Manager, Pacific Development  
Lu'i Ola Project  
Ministry of Health

