



**NEW ZEALAND
INSTITUTE FOR
PACIFIC RESEARCH**

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Introducing
the Institute





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- Launched in March 2016.
- Key funders: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade & the Pacific Cooperation Foundation
- A consortium of University of Auckland, Otago University and the Auckland University of Technology.
- Housed in the Fale Pasifika Complex at Auckland.
- With relationships with the Secretariat for the Pacific Community, NZIER, KVA Consult, USP, ANU, Univ. of Hawaii, USP and Peking University.



Institute Leadership

- Director: Damon Salesa
- Research Manager: Dr. Gerard Cotterell
- Board:
 - David Nicholson MFAT
 - DVC Jenny Dixon UoA
 - PVC Tony Ballantyne UoO
 - DPD Walter Fraser AUT
 - PCF in attendance
- Research Advisory Group
- Project Leaders

NZIPR Strategic Vision

To position the NZIPR as global thought leaders in Pacific research.



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Strategic Development

- Strengthening collaborative ties within the consortium and national and international partners.
- Helping develop world class Pacific researchers, especially where there are identified scarcities.
- Pursuing sustainable funding streams for the Institute.

enabled by

- Making important, distinctive, excellent, impactful research interventions in the Pacific.
- Researching in Pacific-centered, ethical, sustainable and collaborative ways.



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Research Engagement



- Engaging and collaborating with policy makers, leaders and other difference makers
- Comms strategy (with universities and PCF)
 - nzipr.ac.nz
 - @nzipr
- Supporting initiatives like ‘Pasifika Futures’
- Pursuing public engagement via media
- ‘Research Fellows’ and ‘Lali’ (Research commentaries)

2016 Research Projects

- 1. Mapping donor contributions in the Pacific**
(Dr. Teuila Percival/AP Damon Salesa)
- 2. Labour markets for sustainable economic development in the Pacific**
(AP Yvonne Underhill-Sem)
- 3. Commercial potential of land in the Pacific**
(AP Jenny Bryant-Tokalau/Dr. Iati Iati)
- 4. Private-sector investment in the Pacific**
(Prof. Simon Milne)
- 5. The role of sovereign trust funds**
(Aaron Drew)

Labour Markets for Sustainable Economic Development in the Pacific

- Project lead – AP Yvonne Underhill-Sem
 - Identify and consolidate the research findings on labour markets, labour mobility and sustainable livelihoods
 - Provide Pacific and NZ policy-makers the opportunity to examine these research findings
 - Provide a report which summarises research learnings and provides recommendations for policies that will support labour markets for sustainable economic development
- Major report to be published in February 2017

Commercial Potential for Land in the Pacific

- Project lead – AP Jenny Bryant-Tokelau/Dr. Iati Iati
- Research objectives
 - Explore issues & potential options for sustainable economic development of customary land in the Pacific.
 - Demonstrate through case studies/examples what enables commercialization to take place.
 - Examine perspectives from a range of sectors, on whether customary land tenure can be secured to support financing development and how this might be carried out.

Private-Sector Investment in the Pacific

- Project lead – Prof. Simon Milne
- Research objectives
 - Understand the role and importance of private investment in developing island economies.
 - Provide estimates of the potential economic and social benefits from higher levels of private investment.
 - Identify barriers to private investment in the Pacific region.
 - Identify investment sources.
 - Identify practical Pacific Island-appropriate policy reforms and investment attraction strategies.

The Role of Sovereign Wealth Funds

- Project lead – Aaron Drew, NZIER
- Research objectives
 - Understand the purpose of Sovereign Funds and the roles they can play in sustainable economic development initiatives in Pacific Island economies
 - Provide insight into practical elements and considerations, and outline critical success factors.
 - Provide recommendations for best practice

Mapping Data in the Pacific

- Project leads – Damon Salesa and Teuila Percival
- Research objectives
 - Develop a taxonomy, database and visualisation tool for aid donor contributions
 - Explore opportunities to integrate and visualize data sources
- Stage 1 complete August 2016
- Stage 2 scheduled for end March 2017

Other Activities

Supporting and developing research activities including:

- Speakers and seminars
 - Prof. Jim Skea (IPCC)
 - Pres. Robert Anacleus Underwood
- Events and Conferences:
 - ‘Pacific Wave’
 - Pacific panel, World Journalism Conference
- Contributing to institutional and national research capacity



Other Institute Projects

- 1. Multi-Year Workplan**
(Finalized February 2017)
- 2. Research Portal and Repository**
Draft launched by March 2017
- 3. Lali**
Ongoing Research op-eds and news
- 4. NZIPR Research Fellows**
Developing a constituency to whom we look for expertise and support.
- 5. Post-Grad Research Institute**
(July, roughly)



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