



Blue Shield Australia Symposium

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Blue Shield Pasifika

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Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives, and Museums (PIALA)

What is Blue Shield Pasifika

- Blue Shield Pasifika is the Pacific Branch of Blue Shield, (interim committee) a coalition of international non-governmental organizations (NGO's) that engage in disaster risk reduction (DRR) activities to protect cultural heritage and institutions from risks associated with natural and human-induced disasters.

Inception Workshop

National Archives, Suva, Fiji - April, 2016



Core Agencies

- PIMA (Pacific Island Museums Association)
- PARBICA (Pacific Regional Branch of the International Council Archives)
- ICOMOS PASIFIKA (International Council of Monuments and Sites)
- PIALA (Pacific Island Association of Libraries, Archives and Museums)
- PAMBU (Pacific Archives and Manuscripts)
- Libraries/Museums/Archives/Heritage Sites Management

Regional Workshop with Pacific SIDs



DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (DRR)



After tropical cyclone Pam
in Vanuatu 2014.



Salvaging of water logged records in case
of a disaster, Archives staff receiving
training.



After tropical cyclone
Evan in Samoa.
Artist, Atelier



Cleaning up after cyclone Winston,
Fiji Museum Staff



Nakamal
Vanuatu



Fijian Bure

**“LIVE TO TELL”-
DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (DRR) EXHIBITION
7TH OCT – 11 NOV 2016
AT THE FIJI MUSEUM, SUVA.**



DIGITIZATION OF OBJECTS – VIRTUAL MUSEUM





55,916 Facebook likes
55,896 Following

Challenges

- Sustainable core funding for activities needed
- Awareness Raising, Recognition
- We are still in establishment mode
- We need to be registered as a charitable trust to formalize and for accountability
- Human resources are all voluntary
- Communications strategy
 - Website to be developed

Action Plan

Proposals to secure sustainable funding for secretariat

Blue Shield Pasifika participation at conferences and events regional and international

- 2018 Blue Shield Australia conference Australia

- . Participation in Annual DRRM Exhibition Pacific in October
- . Develop more interactive awareness raising tools on DRRM
- . Develop informative DVD's (translated in local languages) for schools and public institutions and

Strengthening partnership with the military and police forces on what is Blue Shield Pasifika is and this can be to be used a training tool

- . Training Workshops on the Convention with Military and Partners planned for 2018

Board meeting in 2018 when for official recognition.

Priority Areas

Awareness Raising

1. Proactive Protection and Risk Preparedness
2. Education, training and capacity building
3. Co-ordination and Formalization of Blue Shield Pasifika
4. Emergency Response
5. Post-Disaster recovery and long term support
6. Policy Development



iTOVO: Solesolevaki e na Yalovata
"CULTURE: CONSERVING IT TOGETHER"

An ICOMOS conference on heritage conservation across the Pacific

Suva, Fiji
October 2018



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