



Due to a setback in planning, our 2023 programme of speaker events has got off to a late start. Therefore, notice to this meeting is short. It is in two days, on Thursday, 16 March at an earlier time of 7.00 pm.

We had a speaker on Pacific matters lined up in Dr Anna Powles, who, unfortunately, at a very late stage, reneged on her commitment due to a family emergency.

With great appreciation to local Luther Toloa, we can continue our Pacific theme meeting this Thursday. Thank you very much, Luther, for stepping up.

Luther was born in Tokelau and as a 12-year-old. He is well known in the community. His many the Wairarapa Pasifika acknowledged last year (2022) with the Queen's Service Medal the Pacific Community.



arrived in New Zealand for his voluntary work decades of work with community were, when he was honoured (QSM), for services to

Motivated by how his people were Covid-19, including visa and RSE the need to establish a dedicated There came about the Pasifika o ongoing support to those marginalised Wairarapa Trust. It provides strengthens the bonds between the settled Pasifika families and their new, immigrating and temporary workers.

left behind during workers, he identified Pasifika support network.

Luther realised his boyhood dream and joined the police. He established himself as a great leader and will be remembered for his time leading the CIB in Masterton. He left a long legacy of service to police and justice, ending this chapter of his life as an investigator at the Independent Police Conduct Authority (IPCA).

Between 2007 and 2013, Toloa led the Joyita Project to commemorate the disappearance of the MV Joyita in 1955, when the vessel went missing on a voyage between Samoa and Tokelau. It had 25 people from Tokelau, New Zealand, Samoa, the UK and the US, whose bodies never were found.

Locally, Toloa is well known for instigating the fine Masterton netball facilities, which opened in 2019.

All are welcome to attend - Thursday, 16 March 2023
Venue: Rosewood, 417 Queen Street, Masterton at 7.00 pm
Due to the earlier start - tea and coffee will not be served.
Non-members: \$5.00 door charge

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