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BUILDING EMERGENCY RESPONSE SKILLS ACROSS NIUE

The Niue Chamber of Commerce was pleased to deliver two First Aid Training sessions this week, both of which were successfully completed. These sessions were initially offered to managers and staff from private businesses, before being extended to village representatives to encourage wider community participation.

Participants gained valuable, hands-on experience in providing basic life support, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED). The training also covered how to respond to a range of emergency situations, such as choking, severe bleeding, shock, head and spinal injuries, and medical conditions including stroke.

Feedback from attendees highlighted the importance of this type of training in strengthening the community's ability to respond confidently and effectively in emergency situations.

The Chamber extends its sincere thanks to the Australian High Commission for its funding support, which made these workshops possible. Congratulations to all participants who successfully completed the training. The Chamber looks forward to delivering more initiatives like this in the future to continue building confidence, preparedness, and emergency response capability across Niue.





FROM THE DESK OF THE NCOC CEO CATHERINE ETUATA PAPANI

A New Year of Opportunity – January & February 2026

The beginning of a new year is always a moment to pause, reflect, and look ahead with hope and purpose. As we welcomed 2026, I was reminded once again that the strength of Niue lies not in the size of our island, but in the strength of our people, our culture, and our willingness to support one another.

January began with a beautiful example of this spirit through the Niue Fale Kuki Airani Tour, where music and culture brought our community together in celebration and purpose. The live concerts featuring Kutia and Mann Short, together with Sisi Short and Avera Hunt, created evenings that were not only entertaining but deeply meaningful. Through these performances, the community was able to learn more about the vision behind the Niue Fale Kuki Airani project while also contributing to its future.

Moments like these remind us that culture is not separate from development – it is part of the foundation that strengthens our identity, our relationships, and our collective future.

As the year has begun to unfold, the Niue Chamber of Commerce continues its work with renewed energy and commitment. Our role is not simply to support businesses, but to help build an environment where ideas can grow, young people can see opportunity, and local enterprises can thrive.

The months ahead hold many opportunities for us to strengthen Niue's private sector, encourage innovation, and ensure that our community continues to play a central role in shaping the future of our island.

For the Chamber, 2026 is about building momentum. It is about strengthening partnerships, supporting entrepreneurs, and ensuring that the voices of our businesses and communities continue to be heard in national development conversations. It is also about supporting initiatives that connect economic growth with the values that define us as Niueans – respect for our environment, pride in our culture, and care for our people.

FROM DESK OF THE NCOC CEO CATHERINE ETUATA PAPANI

What gives me the greatest optimism for the year ahead is the growing sense that many hands are working together for the same purpose. When government, community organisations, businesses, and families work side by side, we create something far greater than what any one of us could achieve alone.

The Chamber remains committed to playing its part in this journey – supporting businesses, creating opportunities for youth, strengthening partnerships, and championing initiatives that help Niue grow while remaining true to who we are.

As we move forward through 2026, my hope is that we continue to build on the spirit we saw at the start of the year – a spirit of connection, generosity, creativity, and belief in our shared future.

Niue has always shown that even the smallest island can carry big dreams, strong values, and a powerful sense of community.

Fakaauē lahi to everyone who continues to support the work of the Niue Chamber of Commerce. Together, we look forward to a year of opportunity, partnership, and progress for Niue.



KEEN TO BE A MEMBER OF NCOC?

Joining the Niue Chamber of Commerce means being part of a growing network dedicated to strengthening Niue’s private sector.

As a member, you gain access to exclusive business support services, training opportunities, funding pathways, and promotional platforms – all designed to help your business thrive. Whether you’re just starting out or expanding, NCOC is here to champion your success.

Let’s build a stronger, more connected business community together.

To become a member you can sign up on our website or contact the team for form to join!



FALE NIUE KUKI AIRANI FUNDRAISING TOUR

NIUE JANUARY 2026

Niue Chamber of Commerce was pleased to support the Kuki Airani Music. Through continued coordination and a planning a dedicated Kuki Team Niue came together to ensure our Cook Islands guests were well hosted and the tour objectives achieved.

Heartfelt thanks to all organisations, businesses, volunteers and supporters—especially Niue Lawn Bowls for hosting the meet-and-greet event, and all those who contributed promotion, equipment, fundraising and behind-the-scenes support. A true team effort that made the tour a success.

Thank you to the Kuki Team Niue that worked hard behind the scenes:

- Niue-Fale Niue Kuki Airani Committee members: Anne Strickland, Andre Siohane
- Cook Island Community on Niue: Tifi Tomailuga
- Vaiolama Bar & Café: Pauline Rex
- Scenic Matavai Resort: James Shilton
- Broadcasting Corporation Niue: Daphne Faliu
- Rocksteady Enterprises: Glen Jackson
- Eco Niue : Fiafia Rex
- Innovate Niue: Heavenly Taufiafi
- NCOC: Catherine Etuata Papani

A passionate team. One purpose. A successful tour.

Special Acknowledgement to Niue Lawn Bowls meet and greet lead promotion event to:

- President: Des Hipa
- Patron: Prime Minister Niue – Dalton Tagelagi
- Executive Committee
- Members
- Family and friends
- Raffle Coordinator: Alicia Hipa
- Farmers Fresh Cucumber Sales: Bill Vakaafi

Musical Equipment Support: Tifaga Tupuiliu

Team Niue was humbled and proud to have been able to support our Cook Islands family bringing their beautiful music and sharing their love to the work they do to raise funds for the build of the Fale Niue Kuki Airani Project.

Our Cook Island family that came to Niue: *Kutia Tuteru, Mann Short, Sisi Short and Avera Hunter.*

Beyond entertainment, the tour carried a deeper purpose. The concerts served as a community platform to share the vision and progress of the Niue Fale Kuki Airani project, an initiative that seeks to strengthen ties between Niue and the wider Pacific community while creating opportunities for cultural exchange, collaboration, and future development.

Through these live performances, the tour successfully raised awareness and support for the project, while also creating opportunities for the local community to contribute to the journey of building a cultural home that reflects shared Pacific values.

The Niue Chamber of Commerce was pleased to assist in facilitating and supporting the tour as part of its broader commitment to strengthening community initiatives, supporting cultural entrepreneurship, and fostering partnerships that benefit Niue's people and future generations.



FALE NIUE KUKI AIRANI FUNDRAISING TOUR – JAN 2026

We sincerely thank all sponsors and supporters whose generosity and partnership made the Kuki Airani Music Tour on Niue possible. Your contributions—whether financial, in-kind, logistical or promotional—played a vital role in supporting the success of the tour and advancing the fundraising efforts for the Fale Niue Kuki Airani Project. We are deeply grateful.

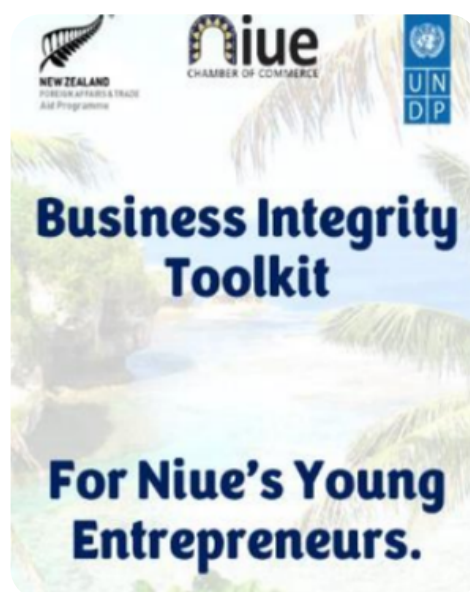
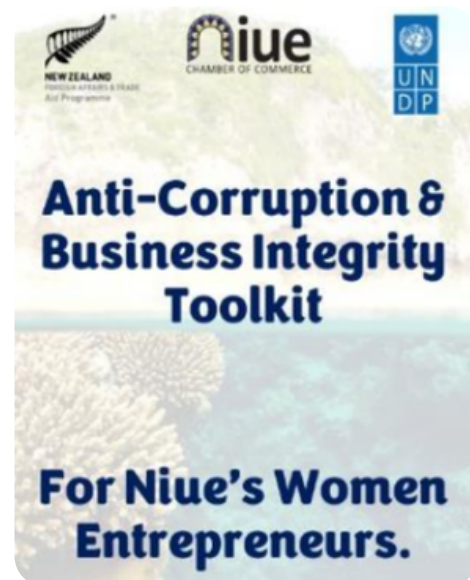
- Explore Niue
- Niue Rentals
- Niue Chamber of Commerce
- Niue Tourism
- Scenic Matavai Resort
- RockSteady
- Vaiolama Café

Together, through partnership and community spirit, we continue to build initiatives that celebrate who we are and strengthen the future of our people.



RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO NCOC MEMBERS...

Contact the team for a copy



UNESCO INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION DAY 2026

NIUE EDUCATION OPEN DAY

On Tuesday, 20 January 2026, the Matavai Resort Conference Room was filled with teachers and education administration staff, all ready to embrace another year of learning, collaboration, and growth.

The day opened with spiritual reflections and prayer led by Reverend Holo Tafea, setting a meaningful and reflective tone for the gathering.

This year's theme, The Power of Youth in Co-Creating Education, highlights the important role young people play as active partners in shaping education systems. It calls for meaningful youth involvement in designing curricula, shaping learning environments and policies, sharing ideas based on lived experiences, and helping to make education more relevant, engaging, and future-focused.

Education systems are strongest when young people are empowered to co-create them, bringing their voices and perspectives into decision-making processes. In Niue, youth engagement is further strengthened through workforce preparation and entrepreneurial development initiatives such as the Youth Employment Scheme (YES) and other programmes that build practical skills and clear career pathways.

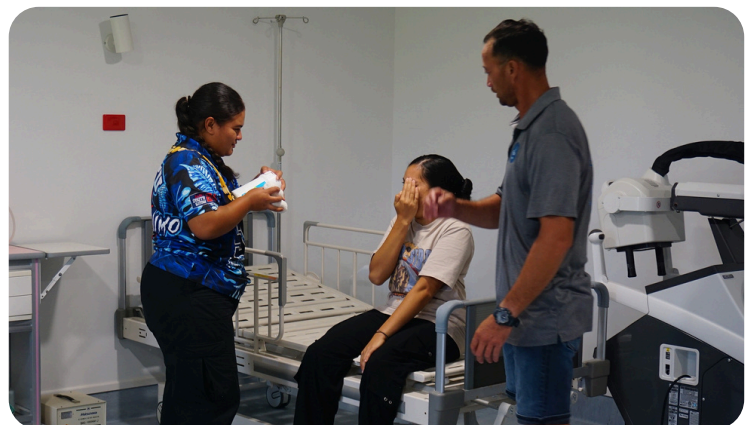
Niue continues to face cultural challenges, particularly in revitalising and strengthening the Niuean language, Vagahau Niue. Young people play a central role in this journey. School-based workshops and youth-led language programmes demonstrate how students can help co-create culturally meaningful learning experiences that support language revitalisation.

A special highlight of the day was the presence of the team from Va'atele Education Consulting. Dr Rae Si'ilata, alongside team members Martha, Avikaila, and Meg, delivered a professional development workshop titled Bilingual Education Pathway and Structured Literacy: Understanding and Promoting the Revitalisation of Vagahau Niue. The session was attended by teachers and others who play a key role in education across Niue.

This professional learning opportunity strengthened understanding of current education policies and explored how these can be effectively applied within the Niue context. The focus remained on preserving cultural identity and language while promoting education practices that are inclusive, culturally responsive, and forward-thinking.



BUILDING EMERGENCY RESPONSE SKILLS ACROSS NIUE



ALL RELATIVF FOOD TRAILER NOW OPEN IN ALOFI

A fresh new addition to Niue’s local food scene has arrived, with the All Relativf food trailer now up and running in Alofi. Operating alongside their well-known bar, the trailer offers a convenient and relaxed way for locals and visitors to enjoy great food and drinks in a casual outdoor setting.

The food trailer trades on select days, bringing a mix of tasty meals and refreshing beverages to the community. Located in Fonuakula, it adds to the growing range of quick, quality dining options available on the island.

With its laid-back atmosphere and evolving menu, All Relativf continues to create a vibrant social spot—perfect for catching up with friends, grabbing a bite, or enjoying a drink after a long day.

Be sure to follow their page for the latest updates, locations, and menu highlights as they continue to expand their offerings.





International Women's Day Over the years with NCOC...



2025 - Accelerate Action



2024 - Inspire Inclusion



2023 - Embrace Equity



2022 - Break the Bias



2021 - Choose to Challenge



2020 - Each for Equal



2019 - Balance for Better

A vibrant, stylized illustration of four women's profiles in profile, facing right. The profiles are rendered in various colors: blue, orange, pink, and dark blue. They are surrounded by several colorful flowers in shades of pink, yellow, and blue. A white dove with grey wings is flying in the upper right quadrant. The background is a mix of light pink and white.

International Women's Day

8 March 2026 - The Niue Chamber of Commerce proudly celebrates the strength, leadership, and contribution of women across our community and the wider world.

We acknowledge the many women who drive our businesses, support our families, and strengthen our communities through their resilience, creativity, and determination. Your impact is felt not only in the workplace but in every space where progress and opportunity are created.

We extend our warmest wishes to all those participating in the International Women's Day commemorations across Niue this week.

The Niue Chamber of Commerce looks forward to continuing this celebration at our Annual International Women's Day Business Networking Event in May, where we will reflect on this year's theme "**Give to Gain**" – highlighting the power of collaboration, mentorship, and shared success among women in business.

Stay tuned for more details.

STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR BUSINESS SUCCESS

The Niue Chamber of Commerce remains committed to fostering a sustainable and resilient business environment that supports the long-term wellbeing of Niue and its people. Sustainability sits at the heart of the Chamber's purpose, with a strong focus on supporting businesses to achieve balanced outcomes across economic, environmental, social, and cultural areas.

Recently, the Board of the Niue Chamber of Commerce took part in a dedicated strategic planning workshop to help guide the organisation's future direction. Strategic planning provides an important opportunity to reflect, discuss priorities, and ensure the Chamber continues to respond effectively to the needs of Niue's business community.

Chamber staff also participated in a separate workshop session, helping to strengthen a shared understanding of the organisation's goals and the role each team member plays in achieving them. By bringing together the perspectives of both Board members—who represent private sector enterprises—and the Chamber team, the sessions allowed for valuable discussion, collaboration, and the sharing of experience and knowledge.

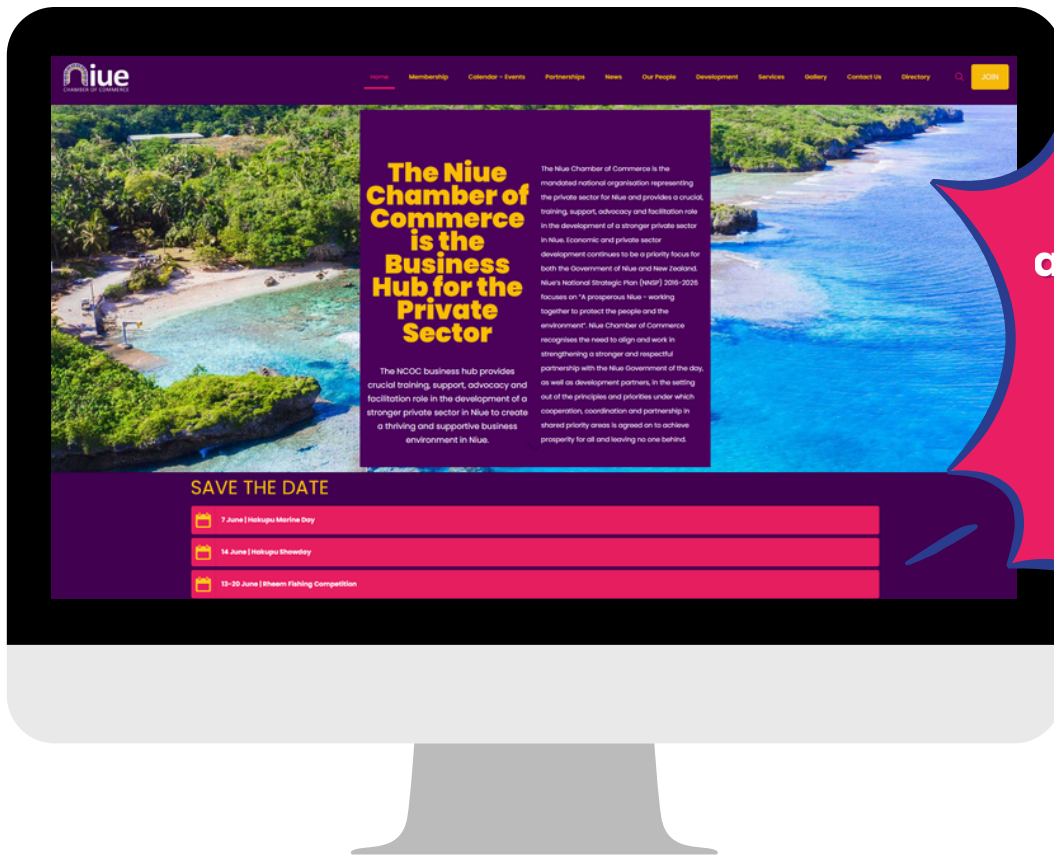
One of the key outcomes of the workshop was reviewing the Chamber's vision while also developing a clear mission statement and identifying a meaningful set of core values. These values represent the fundamental principles that guide the Niue Chamber of Commerce and help shape a workplace that is motivating, purposeful, and focused on long-term success.

The Board also reviewed potential organisational risks and discussed strategies to address and manage them. Through ongoing monitoring by the Board and CEO, the Chamber will be better positioned to respond to challenges and continue operating sustainably into the future.

Through this important work, the Niue Chamber of Commerce has reaffirmed its commitment to accountable and forward-looking leadership grounded in Pacific values. The Chamber continues to support business growth in ways that strengthen the economy while also protecting the environment, supporting social wellbeing, and preserving Niue's unique cultural heritage.

The Niue Chamber of Commerce is also available to support businesses with strategic and business planning, the development of organisational risk management plans, and business continuity planning to help ensure businesses remain sustainable and resilient.

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