



GOVERNMENT OF NIUE

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INFORMATION RELEASE

NIUE NATIONAL AWARDS

The Government of Niue is pleased to release the Honours List on the occasion of the 52nd year of Niue's self-government. The National Awards recognize individuals whose outstanding service, leadership, volunteerism, and commitment to the wellbeing of the people of Niue have made a lasting contribution to the nation.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

1. Hon. Dr. Halene Kupa Magatogia

Hon. Dr. Halene Kupa Magatogia has served Niue for over 50 years across education, government, faith, and community development. He was the first Niuean Principal of Monu Side School, later Director of Education, and led the amalgamation of village schools into a national system. He served five consecutive terms in the Niue Legislative Assembly (2005–2020), including as Cabinet Minister and Minister Assisting. His voluntary contributions include restoring Lialagi School, founding Taoke Prints and Taoke Fales, and supporting early childhood education. He is a long-serving Deacon and Lay Preacher. In 2023, he was awarded a Doctor of Humanities (Honoris Causa) by St Clements University. His nomination is supported by leaders across government, education, and church sectors.

PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

1. Dr. Asu Pulu

Dr. Pulu served the Niue Public Service for 42 years, from 1968 to 2010. Beginning his career in the Department of Agriculture, he went on to study at the Fiji School of Medicine, graduating with distinction in Dental Surgery in 1976 and receiving two gold medals for academic excellence. In 1984, he earned a Diploma in Dental Public Health from the University of Sydney. Throughout his distinguished career, he held key positions within the Department of Health, including Principal Dental Officer and Acting Director of Health, and represented Niue at international health forums. His dedication to advancing oral health services has benefited generations of Niuean's.

2. Reverend Mokafoaki Jessop Togakilo

Rev. Mokafoaki Jessop Togakilo has dedicated more than 60 years of service to Niue through education, church leadership, community development, and cultural preservation. As a teacher and Head of Department at Niue High School, she helped shape and inspire generations of young Niueans before serving for 15 years as an Ulumotua and resident pastor, providing spiritual guidance and support to her community. She has also been a committed volunteer, mentor, and advocate for the wellbeing of elders, youth, and women. Her contributions to agriculture, local enterprise, and the preservation of Niuean traditions have strengthened her community and left a lasting legacy. Respected for her

humility, resilience, and dedication, Rev. Moka continues to make a valuable contribution to the social, cultural, and spiritual life of Niue.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

1. Mrs Nogimoka Sionepata Poumale

Mrs. Nogimoka Poumale has dedicated her life to serving the people of Niue through leadership, cultural preservation, church ministry, and public service. As President of the Niue Council of Women, she has promoted traditional crafts, cultural exchange, and the empowerment of Niuean women. Through her work as a seamstress, church leader, and advocate for Niuean customs, she has made a significant contribution to preserving the country's cultural heritage. Her commitment to faith and music has supported the Liku Ekalesia Church through teaching, composing, and preserving hymns and cultural songs for future generations. She has also served with distinction as a Land Commissioner and BCN Board Director, demonstrating strong leadership and integrity. Mrs. Poumale continues to serve her community with humility, resilience, and a steadfast commitment to Niue's culture and people.

2. Mr Umualefolau Pehalo Tamate

Mr. Umualefolau Tamate dedicated over 40 years to the Niue Public Service, beginning in 1977 as a Honey Factory Assistant and later serving in forestry and agriculture roles. He was promoted to Senior Field Officer in 1997 and transitioned to the Department of Health in 2004 as an Ambulance Driver, where he became known for his reliability and compassion. He went beyond his duties by assisting aged care, cleaning, and supporting outreach programs. After retiring in 2017, he returned part-time in 2018 and continued serving his village of Tuapa through volunteer work, including donating crops to the Aged Care Unit. His lifelong dedication and generosity have left a lasting impact on patients, colleagues, and the wider community.

Today, we honour those recognised in this year's National Awards for their dedicated service to the people of Niue.

Note: This is the seventh year for Niue's Honors List, giving recognition to those of our people who have given exemplary service for their island. Before submitting for an award, nominators must contact the Prime Ministers Department first.

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