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## *Premier of Niue Meets With The New South Wales Niuean Community*

**Alofi, Niue – 21 September 2022** – Premier of Niue, Hon. Dalton Tagelagi, on 17 September, took time out of his heavy schedule to meet with the Niuean Community of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia.

Hon. Tagelagi was welcomed to the Carlton Ramsgate Uniting Church, a spiritual home for the Niuean diaspora in NSW, with a traditional takalo and flag-raising ceremony followed by a service.

Hon. Dalton Tagelagi has expressed his appreciation to the NSW community for their warmth and hospitality in the welcome afforded to himself and his delegation consisting of the Member of the Niue Legislative, Mr Talaititama Talaiti, and Senior Official, Ms Elizabeth Bestgen.

Hon. Tagelagi further says, “It was an honour to meet with the Niuean diaspora in New South Wales over the weekend to reaffirm our shared vision to continue to strengthen our relations between Niue and our Niueans living abroad.”

“We were overwhelmed by the NSW community turnout and are very grateful for their love and support of our delegation, although saddened by the sudden passing of a staunch member of the NSW Niuean community and good friend Kipi Tanaki. I wish to extend my deepest condolences to his family during this tough time,” said Premier Tagelagi.

“It is important that we continue to build bridges with our Niuean diaspora to cultivate this social network as a source of economic progress as we continue to recover and rebuild from the effects of the global pandemic”.

Hon. Tagelagi also took the opportunity during the service to present the [Distinguished Cross Award to Hon. Pokotoa Sipeli](#) and acknowledged his many years of service to the people of Niue.

Premier Tagelagi is currently transiting to Australia after attending the late Queen Elizabeth II’s funeral in London to attend the 55<sup>th</sup> Asian Development Bank Annual Meeting in Metro Manila, Philippines, on the 26 – 30 September.

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