



**Responding to climate change in partnership with
our Pacific Island neighbours**

*PCP patrons, His eminence Cardinal John Ribat (MSC),
Dr Richard A O'Brien and Hon Dr Meredith Burgmann*

PCP Newsletter - December 2020

Dear PCP Supporters

This year has been like no other. Covid-19 has affected each person's life in untold ways and if that wasn't enough, the Pacific now faces powerful Category 5 Cyclone Yasa. Our thoughts are with all those in its path, particularly in Fiji where up to 95% of the population could be affected.

As we approach Christmas, we hold all those facing adversity in our thoughts and prayers. At the same time, we also remember this very special part of the year:

"Christmas is the tenderness of the past, courage for the present and hope for the future." (Agnes M. Pahro)

2020 has been a very challenging year for all of us. May this holiday season bring you love, peace and joy.

Best wishes

Corinne Fagueret, Coordinator Pacific Calling Partnership (PCP) and all on the PCP team

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RECENT PCP NEWS

Open Letter to Australian PM Scott Morrison

On Tuesday 1 December 2020, a number of high-profile Pacific leaders sent an open letter to Australian PM Scott Morrison, urging him to ensure that Australia meets its international climate commitments. This letter was facilitated by the PCP and published in the Sydney Morning Herald. You can read it [here](#).

The letter generated numerous media articles (see [here](#) and [here](#) for example). We urge you to support the call of leaders across the Pacific by [using our template email to reach out to Scott Morrison](#).

Thank you for your support.

Sad News

The PCP would like to share with all who follow us the death of Toani Benson who passed away on Thursday 15 October 2020. Toani was well known to us and many others in the climate movement around the world because of his outspoken views on climate change. In 2010 Mr Toani attended COP16 in Cancun, Mexico, as part of the PCP team. For many years, Toani also helped us to organise workshops on climate advocacy and leadership in Kiribati with young people and communities. He was a highly respected leader among young people and diverse groups in Kiribati.

On behalf of the PCP and the Edmund Rice Centre we would like to extend our profound sympathy to Toani's wife and children, families and friends. We will keep Toani's family close to our hearts. May they find comfort in the special memories we have of Toani.

Welcome to Mr Richard Gorkrun

Congratulations to Mr. Richard Gorkrun who has been newly appointed as Executive Director of the Tuvalu Climate Action Network (TuCAN).

Mr Gorkrun has had a long and interesting career in the field of meteorology for the past 19 years. He resigned as a Data and Communication Officer at the Tuvalu Meteorological Service to take up his new post. We look forward to working closely with Richard in 2021.

Mr Richard Gorkrun, recent appointed Executive Director of the Tuvalu Climate Action network (TuCAN)



Thank you for your support in 2020 and best wishes to you and your loved ones.

Until 2021,

Corinne and all on the PCP team



We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples of Australia as the traditional owners and custodians of the land. We commit ourselves to actively work alongside them for reconciliation and justice. We pay our respects to our Elders; past, present and future. As we take our next step we remember the first footsteps taken on this sacred land.

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