



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

Patrons: Mrs Bonita Mabo and Most Rev Bishop Peter Ingham

# Kiribati Australia Tuvalu Exchange Program

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PCP's fourth annual KATEP, **Kiribati Australia Tuvalu Exchange Program**, has begun, a two-week educational and advocacy program where we provide young Pacific Islander participants with training in climate change advocacy and leadership.

The people of the low lying Pacific nations face unprecedented challenges driven by climate change induced inundation of their lands by rising sea levels and increased storm activity. The four young Pacific Islanders involved will take home increased knowledge of the science of climate change and become empowered climate change leaders.

The PCP thanks the Kiribati Climate Action Network (KiriCAN) and the Tuvalu Climate Action Network (TuCAN) for their support of KATEP. KATEP is fundamental to our purpose of listening to voices from the Pacific and communicating their climate change messages.

### Invitations:

- Sunday 7 May - *an invitation to Pacific Islanders in Sydney* to a Pacific Barbecue and Cultural celebration from 1.00pm - 4.00pm at the *Edmund Rice Centre*, 15 Henley Rd, Homebush West *Please bring a plate of Pacific food to share and a song or dance. RSVP ERC on 8762 4200*
- Thursday 11 May - Pacific Stories - *Courageously Encountering God in*

*Climate Change - an open invitation to all.* Young leaders from Kiribati and Tuvalu will share stories from the Pacific Islands; Fr Claude Mostowik and Rev Sef Carroll will speak on spirituality and climate change from 2.00pm - 4.00pm at Edmund Rice Centre *Please forward this invitation to others and RSVP to the ERC on 8762 4200*

## **Call for help**

### ***Do you have a spare or unused smart phone?***

We are delighted that Dr Usha Harris, a communications lecturer at Macquarie University, is running a media training session at KATEP. It would be a great help if each participant had a smart phone to use during her session.

We are asking for donations of mobile smart phones in good working order. They should have video/photo and social media features and connectivity to wifi. After the training the phones will be donated to the students to take back to Kiribati and Tuvalu.

Please ensure that you have cleared the phone of all your personal data and removed your Sim/SD cards. To clear your data go to Privacy & Security then Backup and Reset and do Factor Reset. Alternatively take it to your nearest mobile retail shop and ask for assistance.

If you can donate a phone, please email Jill Finnane at [jillf@erc.org.au](mailto:jillf@erc.org.au) or ring the ERC on 8762 4200.

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## **Pacific Climate Watch Photo Campaign**

PCP supports the Pacific Climate Watch campaign *Towards a congregational voice on climate change and the Pacific islands* and invites you to join in too. You can see some of the lovely people who have already put their face to the campaign below.

- To find out more about Pacific Climate Watch go to their website [pacificclimatewatch.com.au](http://pacificclimatewatch.com.au)
- Add your face and voice to the campaign: create a poster (hand written is best) with the words *Climate change isn't a joke. We need climate action now.*
- Take a photo of yourself or others holding the poster and send the photos to [info@pacificclimatewatch.com.au](mailto:info@pacificclimatewatch.com.au) and it will be posted to their Facebook page and website.

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## Community Climate Petition

**We need your help now!** We are still looking for people to support the **Community Climate Petition**, an initiative of Micah Australia, Caritas Australia, Uniting World, Franciscan Friars, CLRINSW, TEAR Fund, Common Grace, Catholic Earthcare, Australian Religious Response to Climate Change and the PCP.

Our aim is to generate a series of petitions across 150 electorates calling on the Australian Government to:

- take stronger action to reduce Australia's emissions,
- make a faster transition to zero-net emissions, and to
- make more substantial support to communities affected by climate change.

[We need to make our voices for climate justice heard](#)

[Community Climate Petition.](#)

**Be part of the  
campaign**

If you can collect signatures between 22 April and 30 June 2017 [you can let us know here.](#)

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*Save the Date*  
**ERC is turning 21**  
Join us on Friday 8 September for an evening of **celebration and inspiration** with guest speaker Senator Patrick Dodson

Patrick Dodson and Phil Glendenning in 1999

In 2017, the Edmund Rice Centre is turning 21. To mark this occasion, we are holding a **Gala Dinner on Friday 8 September 2017** with our friends and supporters.

We are delighted that the keynote address will be given by our friend over many years, **Senator Patrick Dodson**, former Royal Commissioner into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody, Father of Reconciliation and Yawuru leader.

[Save the date and register your interest here.](#)

### **Gala Dinner details**

Friday 8 September 2017, 6:30pm for 7pm  
Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL  
20-26 Canterbury Road, Hurlstone Park, Sydney

### **Sponsorship package**

We're organising a number of other events to thank our friends and supporters who have been a part of our story over the past 21 years. We have a range of sponsorship opportunities for organisations interested in becoming an anniversary partner.

[Find out more information about sponsorship here.](#)

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