



SERVICE IN ADVERSITY ADVOCACY ARTS AND ACTIVISM FONOTI PATI UMAGA



THE "WALKING DAYS"



ACC TV COMMERCIAL

FATEFUL DAY - 26th MAY 2005



BEGINNING OF A NEW JOURNEY



DISABILITY IS MORE THAN HOW YOU PERCEIVE DISABLED PEOPLE TO BE



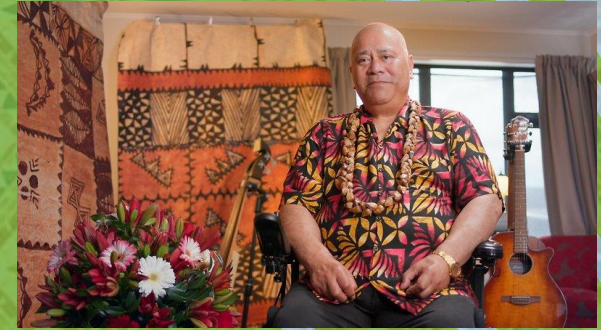
AWARDS AND THE ARTS JOURNEY



**2012 QSM FOR SERVICES
FOR PACIFIC
COMMUNITY**



**2019 INAUGURAL PACIFIC TOA AWARD
CREATIVE NEW ZEALAND'S ARTS
PASIFIKA AWARDS**



**MY HUMBLE FRIEND FONOTI PATI UMAGA
NZ INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL 2026**



2016 MUSIC VIDEO SIVA



**2019 ATTITUDE TV AWARDS
HALL OF FAME**



**2026 MUSIC PORTRAIT OF A
HUMBLE DISABLED
SAMOAN
AUCKLAND ARTS FESTIVAL
AOTEAROA INTERNATIONAL
ARTS FESTIVAL**

INTERGENERATIONAL TRAUMA AND THE IMPACTS ON PASIFIKA PEOPLE

The Abuse in Care Royal Commission showed that many Pasifika survivors carry intergenerational trauma:

- **Passed down since the 1950s, its impacts are felt across families and communities today**
- **Hidden shame, silence, and mistrust of systems can be misunderstood as individual problems rather than recognised as trauma responses**
- **The effects ripple across generations, yet often remain unseen, unacknowledged, and unsupported.**



<https://www.redress.govt.nz>
<https://survivorexperiences.govt.nz/>

THE ABUSE IN CARE INQUIRY PASIFIKA EXPERIENCES IN AOTEAROA

The Inquiry estimated that up to 200,000 people were abused or neglected in care between 1950 and 1999.

Pasifika peoples were disproportionately represented in care, experiencing racism, cultural neglect, and disconnection from aiga, language and identity.

Despite 3,000 survivors sharing their accounts with the Royal Commission, Pasifika survivors represented just 5%.

Key message from Pasifika survivors: listen, believe, protect the vā, and support healing in ways that honour aiga, culture, language, identity and faith.

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THE LEADERS WE BECOME ARE SHAPED BY THE MESSAGES WE RECEIVE ABOUT WHERE WE BELONG

“If I met myself in Kimberley (institution), I believe that little Lusi would be happy seeing someone like her wanting to play alongside her.”

“That little Lusi at Kimberley wanted to know she was important, loved and deserved affection. That she was from a rich and vibrant Sāmoan heritage and that she had so many strengths.”

LUSI FAIVA



WHEELCHAIR WARRIOR SISTERS

DEVELOPING LEGACY FOR OUR YOUNG LEADERS



LEGACY LEADERSHIP:

Create the pathways for our young Pasifika disabled leaders.

Leadership development must be intentional, accessible, and grounded in community.

The challenge is not whether young leaders exist, it is whether we create the opportunities for them to thrive.

Don't let the wisdom leave the room.

Embrace Pasifika values, reciprocity, being of service and ensuring these are the basis for engaging with our young and emerging leaders.

FA'AFETAI LAVA

