

5th Niue Arts and Cultural Festival 2017

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PROGRAMME

14 – 21 APRIL 2017

‘Ō Ki Mua mo e Vagahau Niue’  
‘Move Forward with Vagahau Niue’



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Committed to the preservation of our arts and culture through the promotion of Vagahau Niue, every second year the Niue Arts and Cultural Festival transforms Niue into a vibrant culture zone with one week of the finest music, theatre, dance, visual art and writers.

Tickets for various events can be purchased as described, with many events free and available for both locals and visitors to experience.

## PRE - FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES

### THURSDAY 6TH APRIL

#### NIUE HIGH SCHOOL'S CULTURAL NIUEAN PERFORMANCES

**9am - 12pm, Niue High School PRP Hall. Free entry and open to the public.**

This is performed by the four house teams of Niue High School. Held at the High School multi-purpose hall, this event is open to the public.

### FRIDAY 7TH APRIL

#### CHARLES JESSOP MEMORIAL SCULPTURE AWARD ENTRIES CLOSE

**4pm, Tahiono Art Gallery, Alofi. \$10 registration fee, open to all.**

Submissions of art piece displays for Sales Fale. Blank wooden planks are available from Tahiono Art Gallery in Alofi. \$10 registration fee payable at Tahiono Art Gallery. Winners announced on Saturday 15th April. Proudly brought to you by Tahiono Art and supported by Niue Tourism.

### WEDNESDAY 12TH - THURSDAY 13TH APRIL

#### VAGAHAU NIUE CONFERENCE

**9am - 4pm, Salim Hall, Mutalau. Registrations with UNESCO Natcom c/- Education Department and the Vagahau Niue Commission, open to the public.**

Sustaining Vagahau Niue is of the essence for everyone Niuean. We must continue to shine the light on our capacities as Niue peoples to use the Vagahau Niue as a vehicle towards a better life, for living together within as well as maintaining ties with our Niue nationals living abroad. There will be key speakers and conference will welcome participants from around Niue, New Zealand and Australia in the academic, corporate, government and NGO sectors.

### THURSDAY 13TH APRIL

#### 5KM WALK FOR LIFE

**5am, Niue Foou Hospital. Free entry and open to the public.**

Tāoga Niue and Niue Health Department continues with the promotion of a Decade of Healthy Living for all Niue Peoples, 2014 - 2024.

## NIUE ARTS AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL 'JOURNEY THROUGH TIME'

**6:30pm, Scenic Matavai Resort. Tickets \$60 per person on sale from Niue Tourism Office.**

An evening of sumptuous local cuisine selected with care, and a cultural journey expressed through dance showcasing the origins of our tagata Niue.

Tickets are on sale at the Niue Tourism Office. Spot prizes for the Best Dressed Couple, Decorative Headpiece and Island Attire.

## FRIDAY 14TH APRIL

### OPENING CEREMONY

**6pm, Main Festival Venue, Commercial Centre Green, Alofi. Free entry and open to the public.**

- **Welcoming** Takalo (Niue traditional war challenge) by Tukuola
- **Niue Primary School ukulele kids** perform the opening hymn / opening blessing from the President of Ekalesia Kerisiano Niue, Rev Vili Kamupala Viviani
- **Speeches** - Premier of Niue opening remarks for the festival and remarks from a Matua (Tigi Lau Ness)
- **Introduction of groups** that have arrived for the 5th Niue Arts and Culture Festival 2017
- **Performances by High School house teams** (whole school contemporary meke on the open road by the main festival venue, Commercial Centre Green, Alofi)
- **Welcoming concert**

### YAM BLESSING

**2pm, Various Villages. Free entry and open to the public.**

A traditional practise that is held in various villages in front of the Village pastors' house, when the first harvest of yam is blessed in order to grant a fruitful harvest year. Event times may vary between villages.

## 'ART TALKS' EXHIBITIONS (KO E TAU TUFUGA FAKATINO HA NE TUTALA MAI)

**14th – 21st April at various times and venues listed below. Free entry and open to the public.**

Niuean artists showcase their artistic flare in various shapes and forms. These exhibitions allow participants the chance to learn more about the artists and their work in their inspiration hubs. Follow the arts trail or take the art bus tour (bookings essential) to view art hubs from village to village and artist to artist during the festival week.

- **John Pule's Art Hub - Open Daily 9am - 4pm, Liku**  
Renowned Niuean artist John Pule is arguably one of the Pacific's most significant artists. He has been at the forefront of contemporary New Zealand art since 1990s. This son of Niue has since returned to his roots and continues to produce more amazing art work which he will allow visitors the chance to view, plus you'll have the opportunity to talk one-on-one with the man himself.
- **Art Work of Children from Niue High and Primary Schools - Open Daily 9am - 4pm, Aliutu Hall, Alofi**  
The Theme for this children's exhibition is "Where the Wild Things Are", taking inspiration from nature.
- **The Heart of Niue Art Exhibition - Open Daily 9am - 4pm, Niue Tourism Information Centre, Alofi**  
An exhibition displaying various grass roots Niuean artist's work that expresses who they are and their approach to art in Niue. Including new work and special pieces from various collections, all available for sale.
- **Al Posimani Painting and Sculpture Exhibition - Open Daily 9am - 6pm, Hio Café, Tuapa**  
Having recently returned home from NZ, Al Posimani is taking the opportunity to showcase some of his artistic interpretations in sculpture and painting of Niue's pristine coast line.
- **Ie Pili Exhibition - Open Saturday 11am-4pm, Thursday 11am - 6pm, Vaiolama Café, Alofi South**  
Ie pili simply translated means materials sewn together - Niue's traditional bedspread has transformed, evolved and made its mark as a 'focal point' in bedrooms, special occasions and now its very own exhibition, to celebrate its simplicity, authenticity, beauty and value as a hallmark of traditional to contemporary art form. This exhibition highlights what is possible with ie pilis today.
- **Olga Wilson – Hiapo Prints - Open Daily 9am-4pm, Kauhi Crafts, Avatele**  
Hiapo designs on linen and various art pieces.
- **Tagaloa Shells Centre (Tau Fua Fugafuga) - Ph 4573, Hikutavake**  
Display will include Niue posters, photos and archive resources.

Follow the arts trail on a self-guided tour or take the art bus tour to view art hubs during the festival week.

Bus schedule and registrations are available through the Niue Tourism Office.



**Hikutavake:** Tagaloa Shells Centre (Tau Fua Fugafuga), display including Niue posters, photos and archive resources.

**Tuapa Hio Cafe:** Al Posimani with seaside artwork display and some of his sculpture work.

**Alofi Aliutu Hall:** 'Where the Wild Things Are' visual art display of school students artworks with artistic inspirations taken from nature.

**Liku:** John Pule and Mark Cross at their work studios with some work for sale.

**Avatele:** Hiapo Niue designs on linen and various art pieces at Kauhi Crafts with Olga Wilson.

**NIUE**

The map shows the island of Niue with a yellow trail route connecting several art hubs. The hubs are marked with purple dots and labeled: Hikutavake, Mutulau, Namukulu, Toi, Tuapa, Makefu, Lakepa, Alofi Tokelau, Alofi Toga, Liku, Hikulagi Sculpture Park, Tamakautoga, Avatele, Vaiea, and Hakupu. A dashed line indicates a road on the western coast.

## SATURDAY 15TH APRIL

### EKALESIA KERISIANO NIUE SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY

**9am - 12pm, Millennium Hall, Alofi. Free entry and open to the public.**

Easter rally for Sunday school classes of Ekalesia, Niue. A day filled with songs of praises. Open to the public.

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE WINNER OF THE CHARLES JESSOP MEMORIAL SCULPTURE AWARD (SALE'S FALE)

**1pm, Hikulagi Sculpture Park, Liku. Free entry and open to the public.**

This prize giving event will showcase the work of all the submissions, created for the Charles Jessop Memorial Sculpture Competition on Sale's Fale. The prize giving will be held at the Hikulagi Sculpture Park and is hosted by Tahiono Arts Gallery and various sponsors.

### NIUE CULTURAL DANCE PERFORMANCES

**6:30pm, Main Festival Venue, Commercial Centre Green, Alofi. Free entry and open to the public.**

**Participant registration required.**

Various groups will perform items out of the 4 categories of dance forms traditionally practised in Niue - Takalo, Tamē Vaha Tuai, Tamē vaha Fouu and Meke. Groups will perform for the chance to go to the Pacific Arts and Cultural Festival in Hawaii 2020. Recognition for outstanding performances, originality, choreographic composition and promotion of Vagahau Niue.

## SUNDAY 16TH APRIL

### TRADITIONAL NIUE HYMNS EVENING

**6.30pm, Mail Festival Venue. Free entry and open to the public.**

A special event to recognise our Christian values and celebrated through the singing of Niue Hymns in Vagahau Niue.

## MONDAY 17TH APRIL

### ART WORKSHOPS

**9am - 12pm, various locations. Free entry and open to the public.**

Workshops where participants can take part in and learn more about various Niuean art forms.

- **Women's Weaving - Makini Hall.**
- **Carving - Makini Hall.**  
Carving demonstrations by master carvers
- **Vagahau Niue Workshop - Main Festival Venue, Commercial Centre Green, Alofi.**  
Day one of a two day conference focusing on use of spoken form of Niuean, rules of vagahau Niue and everyday Niuean language
- **Art Talks - 10am - 12pm, Makete, Alofi.**  
A look into Niue Hiapo designs - stencil cuts and print work, tie dyeing, airbrush, sketch and paint work

## VAGAHAU NIUE SONG QUEST

**6:30pm, Main Festival Venue, Commercial Centre Green, Alofi. Participant registration required by 12th April.**

An exciting and new song competition showcasing young singers and groups talented in composing original Niuean songs around the preservation of the Niue language.

- Registration entry requirements available from the Niue Tourism Office, registration closes 7th of April
- Categories - two main sections of traditional Niuean Chant or Song and Contemporary
- Individual submissions, small group less than 6, or large group of 10 or more.

## TUESDAY 18TH APRIL

### ART WORKSHOPS

**9am - 12pm, various locations. Free entry and open to the public.**

Workshops where participants can take part in and learn more about various Niuean art forms.

- **Women's Weaving - Makini Hall.**
- **Carving - Makini Hall.**  
Carving demonstrations by master carvers
- **Vagahau Niue Workshop - Main Festival Venue, Commercial Centre Green, Alofi.**  
The second and final day of this conference, focusing on use of oral Vagahau Niue and its conventions
- **Art Talks - 10am - 12pm, Makete, Alofi.**  
A look into Niue Hiapo designs - stencil cuts and print work, tie dyeing, airbrush, sketch and paint work
- **Traditional Healing - 9am - 12noon, Main Festival Venue, Commercial Centre Green, Alofi.**

### POETRY AND SHORT STORIES RECITAL

**6pm, Main Festival Venue, Commercial Centre Green, Alofi. Free entry and open to the public.**

Readings from various writers, encouraging a range of stories and poems to be read. Also open to various categories and highlighting young writers work. Special guests Andrew Kuki, and Zora Feilo who will be reading a piece from her newly released book.

### KIFAGA NIUE

**8pm, Main Festival Venue, Commercial Centre Green, Alofi. Free entry and open to the public.**

Join us to view a selection of films by our very own film makers.

## WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL

### ART WORKSHOPS

**9am - 12pm, various locations. Free entry and open to the public.**

Workshops where participants can take part in and learn more about various Niuean art forms.

- **Women's Weaving - Makini Hall.**
- **Carving - Makini Hall.**  
Carving demonstrations by master carvers
- **Singer/Song Writer Workshop - Main Festival Venue, Commercial Centre Green, Alofi.**  
A fun workshop where participants will work together to come up with a rap song for the festival
- **Video Workshop - Venue TBC.**  
A focused workshop where participants will work together to produce a short round up video that reflects the learnings acquired during the Vagahau Niue workshops throughout the week

## FASHION AND WEARABLE ARTS SHOW

**7pm, Main Festival Venue, Commercial Centre Green, Alofi. Free entry to show, \$20 entry fee per category, payable to Tāoga Niue.**

Showcasing the fashion, flare and creativity, entries must use every day materials. Five categories include: Island Print Evening Wear, Cultural Bridal Wear, Wearable Art (Contemporary), Fresh Leaves and Sunday Bests. Designers from NZ, Australia and Niue are welcome to submit their wares highlighting the categories.

- \$20 entry fee per participant per category
- Recognition for creativity and outstanding presentation in various categories (male and female)
- Performances and entertainment on the evening
- Presentation of Recognition awards

## THURSDAY 20TH APRIL

### FAREWELL LUNCH

**1pm, Main Festival Venue, Commercial Centre Green, Alofi. Free entry and open to the public.**  
Shared lunch and close meeting at the main festival venue.

### FESTIVAL FINALE SHOWCASE

**6:30pm, Main Festival Venue, Commercial Centre Green, Alofi. Free entry and open to the public.**

A show featuring our very own Tony T and other international guests.

## FRIDAY 21ST APRIL

### DEPARTURE OF FESTIVAL PARTICIPANTS

Feedback of the Festival will be sought through an email survey or airport exit survey.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION	OTHER INFO
6 April	9am-12pm	NHS House Cultural Niuean Performances	NHS School Hall	
7 April	4pm	Sale's Fale Memorial Sculpture Submissions Close	Tahiono Art Gallery, Alofi	\$10 registration fee payable at Tahiono Art Gallery
12-13 April	9am-4pm	VN Conference	NHS School Hall	Registrations required with Tāoga Niue
13 April	5am	5km Walk for Life	Niue Fooo Hospital	
	6:30pm	NACF 'Journey Through Time'	Scenic Matavai Resort	Tickets \$60pp available from Niue Tourism Office
14 April	10am	Opening of 'Art Talks' Exhibitions	Various locations - Aliutu, Liku and Hio	
	12-4pm	Yam Blessing	Various villages	
	6pm	Festival Welcoming & Opening	Main Festival Venue	
15 April	9am-12pm	EKN Sunday School Rally	Millenium Hall	
	1pm	Sale's Fale Sculpture Winner Announced	Hikulagi Sculpture Park	
	6:30pm	Niue Cultural Performances	Main Festival Venue	Registration for participants
16 April	6:30pm	Traditional Niue Hymns Festival	Main Festival Venue	
17 April	9am-12pm	Women's Weaving & Men's Carving Workshops	Makini Hall	
	10am-12pm	'Art Talks' Workshops	Makete, Alofi	
	9am-12pm	Niue Language Workshop Day 1	Main Festival Venue	
	6:30pm	Vagahau Niue Song Quest	Main Festival Venue	Registration entry requirements available from the Niue Tourism Office, registration closes 12th of April
18 April	9am-12pm	Women's Weaving & Men's Carving Workshops	Makini Hall	
	10am-12pm	'Art Talks' Workshops	Old Niue Primary School	
	9am-12pm	Niue Language Workshop Day 2	Main Festival Venue	
	6pm	Poetry & Short Story Recital	Main Festival Venue	
	8pm	Kifaga Niue	Main Festival Venue	
19 April	9am-12pm	Women's Weaving & Men's Carving Workshops	Makini Hall	
	9am-12pm	Film Making Workshop	Makete, Alofi	
	9am-12pm	Singer/Song Writer/Film Workshop	Main Festival Venue	
	6:30pm	Fashion & Wearable Art Show	Main Festival Venue	Participant entry fees or \$20 per category apply. Register with Tāoga Niue
20 April	9am-12pm	Niue Film Workshop	Makete, Alofi	
	11am-6pm	Ie Pili Exhibition	Vaiolama Café	
	6:30pm	Festival Finale Showcase	Main Festival Venue	Village and group entries
21 April	1pm	Departure of Participants	Hanan International Airport	

Please note: event location and timings are subject to change.