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Further to the decision of 1 April 2026, please find enclosed relevant Post Activity reports and briefs for the following:

- *Operation Calypso 2025.*
- *The South West Pacific Heads of Maritime Forces Conference 2025*

As noted in that decision, no post activity reports or briefs were created for Operation Kurukuru 2025; and the Post Activity Report for the Oceania Directorates of Military Intelligence Meeting 2025 is withheld in full.

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Enclosures:

1. Op Calypso 01/25 Bluebottle Support
2. HMNZS Matataua Minute 182/2024, 27 June 2025
3. Op Calypso 01-25 26 Jul – 07 Sep 25
4. Post Activity Report – Maritime Familiarisation package 05-25 Jul 2025
5. HMNZS Canterbury Minute 162/25, 8 September 2025
6. Chief of Navy Briefing Document, 21-23 July 2025
7. Assistant Chief of Navy (Strategy & Engagement) Minute 14/2025, 4 August 2025



HMNZS MATATAUA SSR(H)

OP CALYPSO 01/25 Bluebottle Support

Fiji 12 – 23rd May 2025

BLUF: On 12th May 2025, HMNZS Matataua deployed five Survey Search and Recovery Hydrographic team members to Fiji in support of Operation Calypso 01/25 Bluebottle Operations. Using MAT Portable Multibeam and vessels of opportunity the team surveyed 7 boat ramps, s. 6(a). This activity directly contributed to NZDF Output 1.2.1 – Naval Patrol Operations and Output 4.2.4 - Maintain maritime deployments and ship visits to enhance NZ reputation, in the South West Pacific Region.

FIJI HYDROGRAPHIC SERVICE: Throughout the duration of the mission, MAT DET worked alongside two Fiji Navy Hydrographic Service personnel. This enabled both teams to share TTPs, whilst maintaining an operational focus on completing the task. Integration was seamless, showing professionalism and adaptability, building on the RNZN Hydrographic trade's relationship with partner nations in the Pacific.

SURVEYS: MAT DET, successfully identified and surveyed seven boat ramps that were potentially feasible for a Bluebottle Launch. Four ramps were surveyed in Suva and three in Nadi. Combining MATATAUA kit (Norbit Portable Multibeam Echo Sounder, RTK GNSS) and local infrastructure (from local tidal stations) full coverage bathymetry and delineation of ramp gradients and hinterland observations was obtained. Due to financial and time constraints, a vessel of opportunity was utilised effectively as the survey platform.

RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK IMPLEMENTATION: The first significant activity since a major operational pause on all hydrographic activities, the Bluebottle Support Survey was both a challenge to SSR as a team, and an opportunity to implement and consolidate a new Risk Management Framework. Full Mission Profile Briefings were conducted on a daily basis using a Mission Risk Register, Survey Operations Authorisation briefs, and Evolution Authorisation Risk Management.

Key effects:

- Integration of Fiji Navy Hydrographic Service into Bluebottle support ramp survey serials.
- RNZN Risk Management Framework implemented in a real world and deployed environment.
- MAT SSR TTPs for ramp survey methodology enhanced after Operational Pause.

Key Statistics:

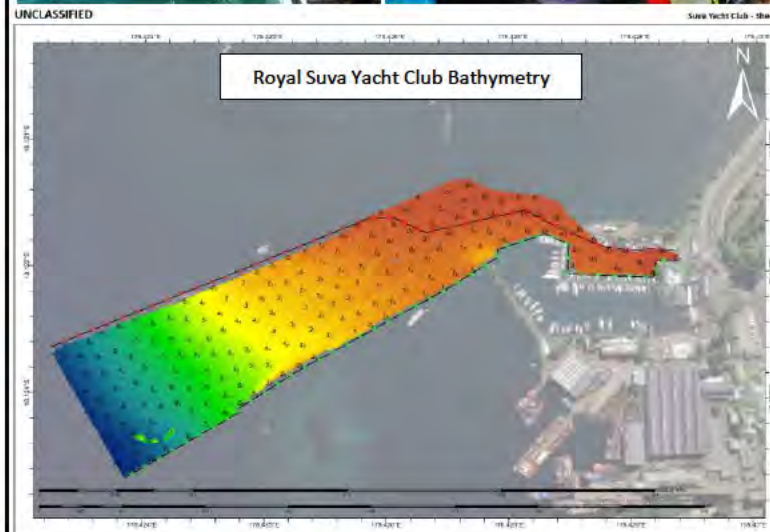
- 820,000m² Surveyed.
- 7 boat ramps surveyed. s. 6(a)
- 28+ hours on task conducting field work. 19+ hours off task conducting LENS products.
- 12 EARMs Submitted.
- 4 hours of dedicated MAT DET and FHS TTP sharing.



Sound Velocity Profile Measurements



MAT and FHS Pers Operating Norbit PMBES



Royal New Zealand Navy

HMNZS MATATAUA MINUTE 182/2024

27 Jun 25

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OP CALYPSO 01/25 VANUATU HARBOUR SURVEY - POST ACTIVITY REPORT

Reference

A. CO MAT AI 29/2025: OP CALYPSO 01/25 VANUATU HARBOUR SURVEY

Introduction

1. Three people deployed over the period 1-18 Jun 25 as part of OP CALYPSO 01/25. This operation was a hydrographic survey of the Port Vila Harbour in order to check the navigational safety of the harbour in the aftermath of the major earthquake that hit the region on 17 Dec 24.
2. The survey was tasked to MAT following a request from the British High Commission Port Vila to the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office (UKHO) (the charting authority for Vanuatu). It was completed in conjunction with members of the Pacific Community (SPC, the International Development Organisation), the Fijian Hydrographic Service (FHS), Papua New Guinea Maritime Safety Services, and Royal Navy (through their hydrographic embed based in Fiji). There were nine personnel in total. The RNZN provided technical expertise, data processing experience and the processing suite. The sonar and equipment was provided by SPC.
3. The purpose of the deployment was to survey the Port Vila Harbour for navigational hazards, check that the existing chart is correctly depicting the actual depths, and survey existing wrecks to ensure they have not moved and do not pose a hazard to navigation. In addition, the data will add sounding density to existing poorly charted areas and will update the chart for new areas of development, including a new RORO ramp for inter-island landing craft and other repairs in the aftermath of the earthquake. We also checked that beacons, buoys, and marks were correctly depicted and operating correctly, and submitted Hydrographic Notes to the UKHO where appropriate.

Overview of Exercise

4. Scheme of Manoeuvre

- a. **Phase 1:** (28 May – 1 June 25) Mobilisation:
 - (1) Equipment preparation and pack up.
 - (2) Air move via civ air to Port Vila, Vanuatu.
- b. **Phase 2:** (2-3 Jun 25) Preparation
 - (1) Sonar and boat set-up.
 - (2) Force Integration Period with other survey pers.
 - (3) Equipment calibration and checks.

- c. **Phase 3:** (4-17 Jun 25) Execution
 - (1) Hydrographic Survey of Port Vila Harbour.
 - (2) Data processing.
 - d. **Phase 4:** (18-20 Jun 25) Reconstitution and RTNZ
 - (1) Equipment packed for RTNZ.
 - (2) RTNZ via civ air.
 - (3) All equipment reconstituted on arrival at DNB.
 - (4) All defects reported through the MAT Logistics Detachment.
 - e. **Phase 5:** (20-27 June 25) Rendering and Reports
 - (1) Data processing (DNB).
 - (2) Reports and returns completed.
5. **Teams involved**
- a. s.6(a)
6. **Key locations**
- a. Port Vila, Vanuatu.
7. **Main objectives achieved by MAT MCM**
- a. Diplomacy and engagement; building on key existing relationships with the RN and FHS, and establishing new relationships with SPC, PNG and members of the Vanuatu government, including the Prime Minister, high profile diplomats, and community.
 - b. RNZN Risk Management Framework implemented in a fast paced, time sensitive operational environment, and new RNZN230(H) Survey Authorisation process embedded in BAU, proving hydrographic activities are being conducted safely and effectively.
 - c. Consolidation of valuable survey skills after the operational hydrography pause. This is the second survey activity in quick succession s.6(a). Invaluable hydrographic experience has been gained through s.6(a) shifted datum with vertical shifts in the wake of the earthquake.
 - d. Proving that a small, mobile team at relatively low cost and a short timeframe s.6(a) can support safe navigation of the harbor, enabling vessel movements and tourism, commercial, and recreational maritime activities to continue.
8. **Logistics**
- a. Logistics recommendations and observations are located at annex A.
9. **Future Engagement**
- a. Future opportunities for surveying in Vanuatu were identified by local authorities in the outer islands as there is a need for hydrographic survey to enable larger vessels (cruise ships) to enter other ports. This has a direct benefit to the Government of Vanuatu in terms of tourism and the economy.

- b. s.6(a) [REDACTED]
- c. The UKHO and RN CDR based in FHS have expressed that they are very open to future collaborative activities, which could include combined training in the region, and combined activities s.6(a) [REDACTED] in the region. These opportunities will be discussed with the appropriate parties as they arise (ie appropriate DA's through JFNZ).

Recommendations

10. Observations and recommendations are located at annex A.

Summary

11. This was a highly successful deployment in the aftermath of the pause on hydrographic activities, proving SSR-H's ability to effectively conduct hydrographic survey with a small team in the South West Pacific region.
12. This deployment provided an opportunity to work alongside and mentor the FHS and PNG personnel, as well as RN and SPC personnel. It provided RNZN pers with valuable experience using a different sonar and vessel set-up whilst maintaining operational output.
13. Several engagement opportunities were undertaken which included attendance at a reception at the British High Commission, where the team had a private audience with the Prime Minister of Vanuatu, and engaged with the British and New Zealand High Commission. Additional engagement included visits from the Vanuatu Maritime Safety Authority, and a demonstration to other members of the SPC based in Vanuatu and the Director of the Vanuatu Meteorological and Geological Hazards department.
14. Overall, the operation was successful in achieving its objectives.

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Annex


- A. Observations and recommendations

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 OP CALYPSO 01/25 Fiji
 26 Jul - 07 Sep 25



What: HMNZS MATATAUA (MAT) Maritime Uncrewed Systems (MUS), Uncrewed Surface Vessel (USV) Detachment, deployed USV's TAHI and RUAS. 6(a) [redacted] Fiji for OP CALYPSO 01/25. Both USV conducted Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) patrol across 6 patrol areas in support of Fiji. S. 6(a)

Key Achievements:

- First RNZN USV Deployment to the Pacific Region achieving 82 Sea Days.
- Proof of utility of uncrewed systems for Maritime Domain Awareness within the pacific region.
- Personnel requirements for prolonged operations between two control locations refined.
- Successful support to Key Leadership Engagements.
- Proof of ability to deploy, operate and maintain USV in another country.
- Co-operation between RNZN, MESC and RFMF.
- NZDF reputation as a key partner enhanced within the Pacific region.



STARLIGHT II s. 6(a)



Unknown PDV Approaches USV for a closer look



Unknown Sailing vessel s. 6(a)



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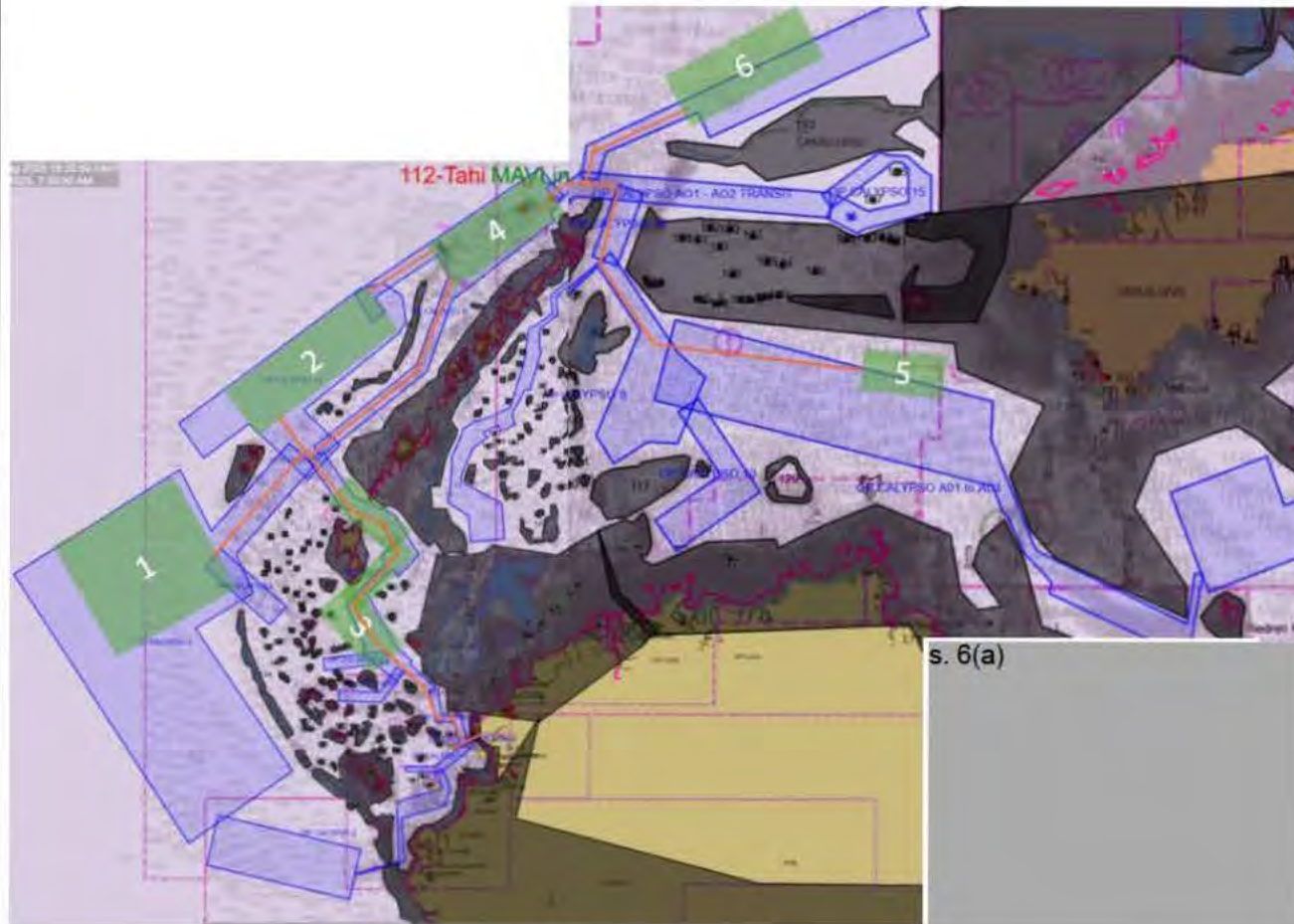


Strategic Significance:

- Partner Capability increased through utilisation of uncrewed system;
- Deeper understanding of USV capability by Pacific Partners;
- Information exchange between RNZN, Fiji and NZ OGA further developed;
- Increased Maritime Security through layered surveillance, over a prolonged period, enabling enhanced MDA;
- Confirmation of low running costs of Bluebottle USV, further influencing future USV procurement;
- Training and operations procedures tested; and
- s. 6(a)

Patrol Summary

- 82 Days at Sea
 - TAHI – 41 days.
 - RUA – 41 days.
- s. 6(a)
- 242 vessels observed - 100 of these without AIS
 - 20 sailing vessels of various sizes.
 - 5 fishing vessels of various sizes.
 - 34 power driven vessels.
 - 41 unknown vessel types.



USV Patrol Summary

Royal New Zealand Navy

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29 July 2025

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POST ACTIVITY REPORT – MARITIME FAMILIARISATION PACKAGE 05–25 JUL 2025

Purpose

1. The purpose of this post activity report is to provide an overview of the training and activities conducted by the participants of the Maritime Familiarisation Package (MFP).

Background

1. The Maritime Familiarisation Package (MFP) was conducted OTP 5 Jul – 25 Jul 2025 on HMNZS CANTERBURY during OP CALYPSO.
2. The MFP provided the opportunity for NZDF personnel to experience life on ship and for RNZN sailors to progress their task books.

Participants

3. There were 43 participants total with personnel from all three services.
4. 26 personnel had never been to sea prior to this MFP.
5. Air Force participants included:
 - a. two Psychologists,
 - b. two Military Police (MP),
 - c. one Pilot; and
 - d. one Intelligence Analyst.
6. Army provided one PTI.
7. All personnel adhered to ships leave requirements with nil issues.
8. There was no disciplinary action resulting from the MFP and comments from HMNZS CANTERBURY command highlighted that MFP participants 'leaned in' to life on ship and embraced the opportunities presented to them.

Training Value

9. s. 6(a) was run by a POWT on the MFP. The successful completion of this course resulted in three newly qualified s. 6(a) system maintainers, including one from ships company.
10. During the MFP the following task book training was achieved:
 - a. the OWTR completed their task book,

- b. the OCH completed several tasks and stayed onboard at the request of HMNZS CANTERBURY to fill a position that became vacant due to injury,
- c. all OHSOs completed their required bridge time and have stayed onboard until HMNZS CANTERBURY RTNZ in Aug to complete their task books,
- d. all AMEDs completed 8-9 tasks; and
- e. all OLSSs completed 14 tasks each and have a plan with the CPOLSS on how to complete their final ten tasks. The four LSS were accompanied by a LLSS who was able to create training opportunities and sign off task books. This is considered to be the ideal model by HMNZS CANTERBURY and MFP command teams.

Departmental Activities

- 11. Two Air Force Psychologists ran three workshops while on the MFP:
 - a. goal setting with the MFP participants,
 - b. culture workshop with SCS trade; and
 - c. culture workshop with MT trade.
- 12. The two PTIs helped with ships PT and with a ship wide CrossFit competition.
- 13. The MLOs worked and helped plan the two cocktail parties hosted by HMNZS CANTERBURY. They also had a daily schedule created by the AMLO to experience all aspects of ship life as an MLO.
- 14. The Air Force MPs were embedded into the Whole Ships Management Office, and one helped the LNP with NP related taskings.
- 15. The EWS, CTs and the Intelligence Officer worked alongside the newly appointed N2.
- 16. Other participants were embedded into their respective units and helped as required.

Maritime Familiarisation and Whole Ship Activities

- 17. Due to the MFP, there have been several inquiries from Air Force personnel about service changing to Navy, including one Military Police CPL. This is being followed up by NRCTM.
- 18. There were a range of whole ship activities as part of OP CALYPSO that MFP participants were involved in including:
 - a. The Multi-Cultural Group which performed at cocktail parties in Noumea and Suva,
 - b. Leander Trophy rugby competition,
 - c. Fijian Fleet 50th Anniversary parade,
 - d. Mosquito Island beach clean-up; and
 - e. The Women in the Navy luncheon.
- 19. HMNZS CANTERBURY provided circuit training for the FPTO and RAN detachments onboard in the following areas:
 - a. damage control,

- b. seamanship; and
- c. medical.

20. All FPTO members were able to spend time in the RHIBs which provided the ship with the opportunity to practice RHIB launch and recovery.

21. FPTO personnel were encouraged to attend serials on Daily Orders that interested them even if they were outside of their trade. This was supported by ships company and allowed a more rounded exposure to life on ship.

22. This experience allowed Air Force and Army personnel, especially those in the Tri Service space a more comprehensive understanding of the maritime environment. This was particularly valuable to the psychologists onboard as it provided context for conducting Navy debriefs.

Transport and Logistics:

23. The MFP detachment travelled on a Movement Order on the following legs:

- a. Whenuapai – Noumea – Cairns.
- b. Suva – Whenuapai.

24. While a Movement Order allowed travel to be booked and planned without visas the logistics of a continuously changing nominal roll created a large admin burden on NRCTM.

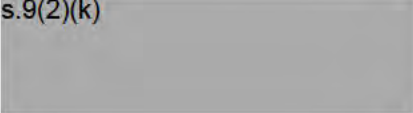
25. Due to flight timings and ship meal timings the detachment missed their first meal in Cairns and had to pay out of pocket. This was then recovered as a meal allowance through a bulk MD990.

Recommendations


26. For future MFP it is recommended that:

- a. Personnel with task books are sent to ship in small numbers as to not overwhelm departments. If groups larger than two must be sent, a Leading Hand or other suitably qualified person should accompany them to reduce the load on ships company; and
- b. Navy Junior Officers on the MFP that have not completed their Officer of the Day task books utilise the time alongside to shadow ships company on duty to gain experience.

s.9(2)(k)



s.9(2)(g)(i)



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References:

- A. MCC Directive 371/25: CAN FGEN DIRECTIVE FOR 2025
- B. COMJFNZ OPORD 087/25: OP CAL 01/25: TG 648.11 DEPLOYMENT TO AUS AND SWP

Purpose

1. This Post Activity Report (PAR) details HMNZS CANTERBURY's (CAN) support to Exercise Talisman Sabre 25 (TS25) and execution of OP CALYPSO 01/25 (OP CAL 25). It contains the executive summary and observations with recommendations ISO of the N8 Lessons Learned (LL) functions, for the purpose of continuous improvement for future TS and OP CALs or similar requirements.

Background

2. CAN started a busy 2025 calendar year representing the RNZN's support to Treaty of Waitangi followed by OP ENDURANCE 01/25 into CANI225 Maintenance Package. This was underpinned by Ref A to conduct Force Generation (FGEN) that had overlap into support to TS25. ^{s. 6(a)}

3. CAN deployed from Devonport Naval Base (DNB) on 02 Jun 25 to the Southwest Pacific via Wellington for support to TS25 and then OP CAL 25 in between:

- a. **CAN's support to TS25** was to provide sea-lift to wider RNZN, NZ Army and Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) personnel, equipment and vehicles to Queensland, Australia ISO the Australian Defence Force's (ADF) Exercises; Diamond Strike 25 (DS25) and TS25. This was overlaid with Maritime Training Group on board for WUP during 'Tap 1'.
- b. **OP CAL 25 Deliverables** were IAW the Mission Statement and amplified at Ref B. This primarily consisted of:
 - (1) Diplomatic Visits and Defence Engagement (DE) with Partner Nations in the SWP ISO trust, access and cooperation,

¹ CFOR Minute 55/25: FGEN Readiness and Assurance Report: CAN

² s. 6(a)

- (2) supporting our RNZN and Ally's embarked Training Detachments (DET) for information sharing and cooperation, and
- (3) delivery of Uncrewed Surface Vessels (USV) to the AO and building the Recognised Maritime Picture (RMP) ISO information sharing and to enhance all-domain awareness in the SWP.

4. For brevity, 'Support to TS25' and 'OP CAL 25' are used interchangeably with OP CAL 25 being the all-inclusive term to describe CAN's Deployment from DNB 02 Jun – 29 Aug 25.

OP CAL 25 Mission

5. TG 648.11 will enhance cooperation, access, and information sharing with our ally and partners to improve trust OTP 30 Jun-30 Sep 25 (Deployed dates; 02 Jun – 29 Aug 25) in Australia and the SWP Inner Arc, IOT enhance all-domain awareness and situational awareness in the SWP.

OP CAL 25 Participants

6. A breakdown of participants of CAN's OP CAL 025 is at Annex A.

Executive Summary

7. A visualisation of CAN's destinations and dates is at Annex B. OP CAL 25 can be divided into five significant phases:

a. Phase Zero Preliminary Support to TS25, 02 – 04 Jun 25:

- (1) Post SARC and deployment preparations, CAN departed DNB on 02 Jun 25 en route to Wellington with MTG embarked beginning the WUP. Also opportunely embarked for this passage, was Basic Common Training (BCT) intake 25/1, with CAN providing wider RNZN systems contributions extracurricular to the scope of the mission.

b. Phase One, Support to TS25 – Delivery, 04 – 30 Jun 25:

- (1) This saw the uplift and sealift of Queen Alexandra's Mounted Rifles (QAMR) then later 3 SQN to Queensland, Australia. s.6(a)

- (2) Tap 1 and its return trip saw WUP continue which, on top of standard CMS deliverables, enabled a specific consideration for CAN's WUP to deal with incidents at sea while being near capacity with Embarked Forces (EMF). Upon completion of CMS WUP, CAN continued to capitalise on recent LL with frequent internal training as part of its Routine Battle Rhythm (RBR).

- (3)

c. **Phase Two, OP CAL 25, 03 Jul – 01 Aug 25:**

- (1) Once the delivery of NZDF assets for TS25 was achieved, the focus shifted to OP CAL 25 IAW the Mission Statement and Ref B with CAN now designated as TG 648.11.1. This began with embarking an N2 and NZDF Debriefers, as well as RNZN and Royal Australian Navy (RAN) Training DETs in Cairns, Australia.
- (2) CAN then passaged to Noumea, New Caledonia and upon arrival, enabled Defence Engagement (DE), which included supporting Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) by hosting a Matariki themed official reception on board, Key Leadership Engagement (KLE) and crew respite.
- (3) Throughout this entire period at sea, CAN also facilitated the training and exposure aims of the embarked RNZN and RAN training DETs while utilizing the embarked N2 to contribute building the RMP for reporting purposes and enhancement to CAN's organic AIO.
- (4) CAN arrived in Suva, Fiji a day earlier than planned due to a priority defect³, which was quickly rectified alongside. Here, OTP 17 – 25 June 25, CAN executed 'big ticket items' including:
 - i. delivery of two of HMNZS MATATAUA's (MAT) Uncrewed Surface Vessels (USV),
 - ii. attendance at the Republic of Fiji Navy's (RFN) 50th Anniversary, Celebrations in Suva Fiji including accommodating the RNZN Band,
 - iii. embarking RFN Chefs for work experience and task book training,
 - iv. support to South West Pacific Heads of Maritime Forces (SWPHMF) by hosting an official reception,
 - v. conducting outreach activities ISO reputation enhancement,
 - vi. enabling NZDF Debriefers to complete their outputs, and
 - vii. enabling NZDF Chaplaincy to effect RKLE which enhanced trust and understanding with partners.
- (5) CAN departed Suva bound for Gladstone, Australia having disembarked the RNZN training DET⁴ and the RNZN Band. At sea, RMP outputs continued as well as support towards the remaining RAN DET.

d. **Phase Three, Support to TS25 - Return, 02– 26 Aug 25:**

- (1) Upon arriving in Gladstone, the RAN DET disembarked and the focus pivoted back to support to TS25, with the uplift of previously delivered

³ 90% of the Ship's heads were out of action that could only be rectified alongside.

⁴ FPTO PAR: Maritime Familiarisation Package 05 -25 Jul 2025

NZDF assets seeing the bulk majority of both QAMR and 3SQN on board for return Tap 1.

- (2) During this return passage over a rough Tasman Sea to Wellington, CAN rendezvoused (RV) with the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF) s.6(a). This saw In Company Time (ICT) at sea followed by a high profile formation entry into Wellington.
 - (3) Alongside Wellington, after disembarking TS25 assets, CAN conducted host ship responsibilities for the JMSDF including; a CAN tour, social activities ashore and attendance at the JMSDF official reception. CAN also embarked a DET consisting of RNZN trainees similar to the earlier rendition and wider NZDF personnel as part of a Maritime Familiarisation Package (MFP). Leaving Wellington for the final uplift saw further ICT with the JMSDF achieved.
 - (4) CAN embarked the remaining TS25 NZDF assets in Townsville on 17 Aug 25 and began the final Tasman crossing towards Wellington while also supporting exposure and training aims of the embarked MFP personnel.
- e. **Final Phase: Epilogue – RTDNB, 27 – 29 Aug 25:**
- (1) Disembarking the remaining TS25 assets in Wellington concluded all mission requirements of Ref B. Half of the MFP personnel disembarked in Wellington with the remainder continuing on the final leg to DNB. Babcock personnel were also embarked for this low tempo passage. CAN berthed on 29 Aug 25 to wrap up a successful three month deployment.

End State

8. CAN has **ACHIEVED** all TS25 required deliverables. By the numbers, CAN achieved Sealift for the following assets, and personnel:

- a. s.6(a) Light Armoured Vehicles,
- b. s.6(a) Bushmaster Vehicles,
- c. s.6(a) HX60 Medium Operation Vehicles
- d. s.6(a) Heavy Operation Vehicles,
- e. s.6(a) Unimog Truck,
- f. s. 6(a) NH90 Helicopters,
- g. s. 6(a) MAT Bluebottle USVs,
- h. 3SQN Stores, and
- i. s.6(a) total EMF accommodated & transported over TS25 delivery and return taps or embarked for OP CAL 25.

9. QAMR and 3 SQN were delivered to their respective destinations on time, enabling them to partake in the ADF's exercises DS25 and TS25, advancing their interoperability with our Ally and Partner Nations to achieve their respective mission objectives thereby strengthening the wider NZDF.

10. TG 648.11.1 has **ACHIEVED** OP CAL 25 deliverables, despite some requirements⁵ from Ref B being turned off. CAN has executed directed outputs as well as furthering readiness, training and strongly built upon Partner relations through DE. This showcases that the NZDF is an invested, willing and contributing security partner in the SWP.

Observations and Recommendations

11. Observations collected during the deployment are annotated at Annex C, while the following summarises key observations and recommendations:

a. **Planning Ambiguity and Programme Compression:**

- (1) CAN received OP CAL 25 WNGOs in Mar 25, building an indicative programme around the information that was available at the time balanced against CANI225 maintenance package requirements and FGEN direction IAW REF A. This resulted in a severely compressed programme with overlapping deliverables⁶. s.6(a)

- (2) MTG were very open and supportive to thinking 'outside the box' IOT effect the desired FGEN outcome, including CAN identifying an LCM window after TS25 delivery taps. s. 6(a)

- (3) This flowed into the SARC-Air window, with SARC-Air subsequently cancelled. CAN's AUTHOP was withdrawn and the LCM component of WUP deemed not required but restricting use of LCMs during OP CAL 25. The effects of these decisions were:

- i. s.6(a)

⁵ CAN Support to NOTE for Communications upgrade was cancelled on 16 Jun 25 by CAPBR.

⁶ Examples; Conducting HATs during SARC-Air(H), SATs during SARC-Air(S).

⁷ Initial requested QAMR transport numbers for Tap 1: 220 EMF + 140 Ship's Co = 6x available beds.

s. 6(a)

- ii. further programme compressions to revisit later in Q425 of readiness for the High Risk Weather Season (HRWS), and
 - iii. the reduced CMD option sets for employment of the LCM ISO mission aims and LCM continuation training, which will also compress forecast HRWS readiness preparations in Q425 and has resulted in a gradual loss of corporate knowledge.
- (4) On CAN, significant planning efforts and considerations went into COA development to achieve the essential and desired tasks including knowns and assumptions. This planning was notably reactive with CAN sometimes receiving conflicting direction from different external shareholders.
- (5) Lighthouse did not accurately reflect CAN's FGEN or OP CAL 25 dates which could have created confusion. There was earlier misinterpretation of who was responsible for booking the port visit (PVST) facilities between CAN and J3MOV, which was identified and addressed.
- (6) **Recommendations:** Early in-person planning meetings between all shareholders when there is overlap of assurance, preparations and operational functions. s.6(a)

(7) s.6(a)

b. Port Booking Assurances:

- (1) Despite required ports, suitable for disembark requirements, being booked and confirmed prior to deployment, CAN had numerous issues with port access. s.6(a)
- (2) This delayed the disembarkation of QAMR vehicles by two nights impacting their DS25 preparation time and caused further Ship's programme compression on 13 June 25 with hot-move to disembark QAMR vehicles and fuelling before beginning RTNZ, as well as additional port fees.
- (3) This reared again in s. 6(a) with CAN being required to vacate the wharf a day early to the detriment of crew respite and contribution to

¹⁰ s.9(2)(j) POC for document: CAN's MLO, LTCDR s.9(2)(a)

¹¹ s.6(a)

accumulative fatigue. Approaching Fiji, CAN was informed of uncertainty of availability of suitable berths at s.6(a) which lead to CAN electing to



- (4) When the uplift location of Tap 2 was changed to s. 6(a) this effectively added an extra two days to the round trip, with CAN having to leave the PVST a day earlier than requested due to port movements.
- (5) **Recommendation:** Early engagement with JFNZ and MARPLANs to collectively ascertain the best ports for mission requirements. Followed by a collaborative approach to secure them including diplomatic leverage from MFAT to ensure these ports are indeed assured for the required dates. Consider economic assessment of longer road-move of delivered vehicles vs CAN's fuel burn for delivery destinations.

c. **Economy of Sealift**

- (1) During a visit to HQ JFNZ 05 Jun 25, CAN was informed that there may not be a requirement to conduct two return taps from TS25 predominantly due to the NH90s remaining for a subsequent exercise therefore being able to embark all assets into the first return tap. CAN took proactive steps to ascertain what the programme would look like if this was the case.
- (2) During 3SQN's passage to Townsville, a shareholders meeting took place to ascertain the feasibility of load plan. It was identified that all vehicles would fit on one tap, only if five were to be stowed in either the maintenance hangar or flight deck. Engineering input deemed this not compatible with stowage arrangements¹³ and could not be achieved without waiver or Command Decision Statement. Due to uncertainty of 3SQN's forecast requirements and no subsequent communication from HQ JFNZ about considerations for one return tap, CAN ceased this LOE.
- (3) On 03 Jul 25, CAN was informed the change in Tap 2 uplift location s. 6(a). This effectively added an additional two days of transit time, keeping the speed required high, albeit weighed off against the likelihood of better port services than issues encountered in Gladstone. This did not end up being the case with CAN unable to secure her requested PVST dates and minimal opportunity for delaying training serials.
- (4) CAN uplifted s.6(a), the total cost of this 15 day effort is \$1,279,128.52 as shown at Annex D. Although this is the cost of doing business, a pragmatic approach to maximising value and minimalizing cost by either mitigating with concurrent outputs or

¹² EARM: CAN Berthing s.6(a)

¹³ IAW NZBR 1012.

aims (which was the case with the embedded MFP V2) would support cost savings for wider NZDF benefits.

(5) s.6(a)

Additionally, should the vehicles have been able to be road-moved south to enable uplift in either Brisbane or Sydney for example, this would have significantly reduced CAN's transit time and/or speed and thereby fuel consumption and enable delaying training serials.

(6) **Recommendation:** Further analysis about economy of Sealift should be considered in early planning phases or as applicable during the deployment IOT effect cost savings or add additional value to high cost activities.

d. **FPTO Maritime Familiarisation Packages:**

- (1) CAN was tasked to embarked a MFP during Phase 2 of the Deployment. This predominantly consisted of RNZN personnel ISO of task book training, course requirements or exposure at sea but also consisted of wider NZDF personnel with specific value-adds and aims. CAN was given WNGO that a second MFP would embark for Phase 3, when accommodation space would allow after QAMR's RTNZ.
- (2) MFP V1 saw s.6(a) pers embark in Cairns on 05 Jul 25, at the same time as the RAN DET. Although diverse, the selection and indicative aims for the MFP V1 groups was relatively efficient with larger groups having dedicated instructors. This was complimented by the embarked RAN DET with the FPTO OIC able to leverage from the RAN's robust plan, resulting in collaborative C2 for combined outputs and mutual training benefits.
- (3) Proactive engagement with Ship's Staff saw CAN able to best support and contribute to the diverse aims of the embarked MFP V1 DET with all EMF having identified value adds expected and reporting lines on board. CAN facilitated dedicated serials to both the RAN and FPTO training DETs. Most MFP V1 personnel RTNZ from Fiji, with four OHSO's supported¹⁴ to remain on board for an additional two weeks ISO task book completion.
- (4) MFP V2 saw s.6(a) personnel embark in Wellington on 19 Aug 25; this had a noticeably more diverse tri-service sea-riding 'exposure' aspect and RNZN trade trainees without instructors bar one group.
- (5) The aims and tasks of the sea riders were vague,¹⁵ although this was not dissimilar from V1. The contrasting lack of instructors, specific objectives and seagoing corporate knowledge embedded within MFP V2 limited maximising value of this programme from CAN's perspective. Overall, it caused significantly more effort required by CAN than MFP V1:

¹⁴ MAT MIN 201/25: Request for 4x OSHO to remain on CAN from CO MAT.

¹⁵ FPTO AI 91/25: *Once the contingent is embarked to CAN, they will break down into groups of trade trainees to undertake taskbook training and seariders who will be absorbed into the relevant departments onboard.*

- i. there were teething issues with misunderstandings from the sea riders exactly what departments they should be reporting to, resulting in MFP members without direction at early stages.
 - ii. the only group with an instructor and very specific aims, the CWS course, was measurably the most effective and maximised value of the MFP. Similarly the WTRs reporting directly to CAN's POWTR were able to build upon previous MFP experiences for good training value. By contrast for example, one member of the MFP V2 had been on CAN three times previously and their understandings of why they were here did not align with their instructions for activity on board,¹⁶ despite this being queried early by CAN¹⁷.
- (6) Despite this, the MFP intent for V2 was still achieved and the participants now have experiences and wider understandings of an RNZN platform at sea. Both MFPs have seen that there is good value to embark training DETs and Sea-Riders for maritime familiarisation on board CAN so long as there is specific and measurable objectives in place.
 - (7) **Recommendations:** Early dedicated table top planning needs to take place to develop a programme or package to maximise the value of the MFP prior to embarking between key shareholders. This could see the MFP broken down into three groups; RNZN trade trainees, NZDF exposure sea riders and Embarked specialists with MFP or wider Ship contribution aims.
 - (8) Leadership Development Group (LDG) is a suitable organisation to champion the development of future MFP supported by Learning Development Officers (LDO). Prior to embarking, LDG, LDO and CAN representatives should collaboratively create a programme template with measurable achievements while FPTO would be able to source personnel once the programme is created.
 - (9) Having a MFP OIC identified from either LDG, LDO or with recent experience on CAN would support execution and management of the diverse training aims of the MFP.
 - (10) If MFP opportunities on CAN are identified early in the FAP, Heads of School in charge of RNZN trainees who are forecast to be on course, such as BBT or LCM Cox'n Course, could identify windows of opportunity to conduct aspects of their course at sea as part of future MFP renditions as seen with the 25mm Maintainers Course.
- e. **Implementation of Routine Battle Rhythm.**
- (1) After the MTG WUP on Phase 1, CAN was able to move from reactive planning that it had been subject to since Q1 25, into proactive planning.

¹⁶ FPTO AI 91/25: Annex A; Activity On-Board.

¹⁷ Email from FPTO to POMED [s. 9\(2\)\(a\)](#), Subject: Sea riding on CAN, Dated; 31 Jul 25

This saw the implementation of a new concept based on MM351.1 guidance underpinned by the Navy's Navigation Plan, the Routine Battle Rhythm (RBR)¹⁸.

- (2) This directive assisted in both the planning cycle and execution. By promulgating a specific focus for the day, it enabled maximised serials appropriate for the day which was included as a command priority, and saw the introduction of the 'Fight' day to focus on regeneration of warfare competencies. With this the whole ship including EMF had a shared mental model of what to expect for the day and planners could look ahead to best achieve serial delivery.
- (3) **Recommendation:** Consider a fleet wide implementation of the RBR to other RNZN MFU units IOT enable harmonious internal planning and enhanced execution.

f. **Embarked International Training DETS - RAN:**

- (1) The addition of embarking a RAN training DET was a relatively late addition to the scope of OP CAL 25, however, it was one of the most successful tasks.¹⁹ The opportunity to maintain and grow relations with our Ally has significantly contributed to interoperability, networking and supporting future bilateral LOEs. The RAN DET as a whole were exemplary in their contribution and conduct on board on CAN.
- (2) An OFI was that the RAN were unable to stay on for a PVST to New Zealand due to the unknowns of TS25 pers movement and accommodation availability. Should they have remained on board, it would have supported further RAN cultural understanding and knowledge ISO of the aims of developing international military relations.
- (3) **Recommendation:** HQ JFNZ should look to continue to offer opportunity for International Training DETs to embark on CAN as part of BAU deployments and seek the gold standard that includes a PVST to New Zealand.

Conclusion

12. Support to TS25 was successful, with CAN completing all required deliverables in support of wider NZDF aims at our Ally's DS25 and TS25 exercises. CAN has showcased its ability to provide effective Sealift, integration and interoperability with the NZ Army and RNZAF EMF.


13. Between this, TG 648.11.1 conducted DE ISO the NZDF's Joint Campaign Plan and the OP CAL 25 Mission Statement. CAN's positive DE in Australia, New Caledonia and Fiji combined with maritime presence and patrol will pay dividends towards contributing to the Rules Based International Order in the SWP.

¹⁸ CAN Directive 24/25: CAN's RBR Planning and Execution Guide

¹⁹ Letter from RAN DCN; DCN/OUT/25/108, 03 Sep 25

14. The dedication, efforts and kotahitanga – unity of CAN’s Ship’s Company, EMF and supporting elements²⁰ - enabled CAN to continue to demonstrate her resolve, versatility and capabilities for overall strong outputs. Due to this, OTP 02 Jun – 29 Aug 25, the NZDF’s reputation was enhanced in the SWP showcasing New Zealand as a capable, reliable and invested Partner in the region.

s.9(2)(k)



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Annexes:

- A. Participants
- B. Visual Mission Profile
- C. Observations
- D. Return Tap 2 Cost Analysis

²⁰ Thank you for the unwavering support; MAROPS, J3MOV, MTG, OoMCC, J1H, JWK.



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SWPHMF 2025 Overview and Objectives

SWPHMF Meeting

Note: NZ (Secretariat) has synchronised the Heads of Police Maritime Units (HPMU) and Pacific Maritime Security Programme (PMSP) meetings with SWPHMF in 2025 to optimise information sharing between like-minded groups. s. 9(2)(g)(i)

Fiji will host the 8th SWPHMF from 21-23 July in Suva, Fiji. The annual meeting brings together leaders from maritime forces from Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, France, Kiribati, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. Partners from United States Coast Guard (USCG), and Pacific Maritime Security Programme (PMSP) to discuss key maritime issues affecting the South West Pacific. The Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Marshall Islands and Republic of Palau are SWPHMF Observers.

Since it was established in 2017, the SWPHMF has become a valuable mechanism in the Pacific regional security architecture. It is a forum for maritime forces leaders to discuss priorities for maritime domain. For New Zealand, influencing, building and maintaining Pacific consensus on maritime issues is a key outcome and objective of SWPHMF.

The SWPHMF 2025's overarching theme is "*Guardians of the Pacific – Strengthening Regional Security Cooperation and Synchronisation of Efforts across Regional Maritime Security Architecture.*" This connects to the action point of training collaboration of last year's meeting.

This theme will bring together the various components of the meeting; regional security challenges, maritime security, improving the effectiveness of Pacific Maritime Training Coordination and Standardisation. It also ties in strongly with New Zealand's key policy outcomes for the SWPHMF.

New Zealand's key policy outcomes for SWPHMF 2025 are to:

- **Reinforce the SWPHMF** as the pre-eminent Maritime Domain meeting for the Pacific and strengthen regional discussion.
- **Understand Pacific partners' views** on the Coordination and Standardisation of maritime training in the Pacific region. This includes how we can collectively position ourselves to improve training outcomes, and ways to improve the effectiveness of donor countries (PQUADS) now and into the future.
- **Encourage Pacific solutions** to regional challenges including by retaining the strong Pacific identity and values of the SWPHMF membership.

Key Topics:

During the SWPHMF Meeting, three key topics will be discussed:

- **Pacific Maritime Training Coordination and Standardisation work conducted by the Pacific Quadrilateral Defence Coordinating Group (PQUADS) and the Pacific Maritime Security Programme (PMSP).** *[Comment: You are meeting with the Director Training and Mentoring, Pacific Maritime Branch, CAPT s. 9(2)(a) prior to the meeting].*
 - This discussion paper provides an overview of current efforts to coordinate and standardise training. The paper focuses on Pacific crews but would be extended to include more general maritime training (divers, logistics etc.).
 - Pacific nations would need to be more involved in maritime training and coordination.
 - The PQUAD has initiated a process of coordinating and standardising training offerings provided by member nations to the Pacific.

PMSP Views on introduction Training Standardisation and Synchronisation – Discussion on Pacific Maritime Training Standardisation and Synchronisation


- As we all recognise, the operational demands on Pacific maritime forces continue to grow, as do the number of external partners offering training and support. This is a positive reflection of the region's strategic importance—but it also presents a coordination challenge. s. 6(b)(ii)
 - The presentation discusses the ongoing efforts by the Pacific Quadrilateral Defence Coordination Group (PQUAD), the Pacific Maritime Security Program (PMSP), and the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) to streamline and align maritime training across the region. It also identifies opportunities for future collaboration and more efficient use of limited resources.
 - The aim is not just to inform, but to seek your perspectives on how we can ensure that training across the region is coordinated, complementary, and of a consistent standard—ultimately strengthening Pacific-led maritime capability.
- **Regional Maritime Security Architecture.**
 - This discussion paper provides and overview of the regional maritime security architecture and discusses how the SWPHMF Members can be best inform and implement maritime security effects, by:
 - Share outcomes with SPDMM, JHoPS and PIF.

- Consider outcomes from regional security meetings
- Agree that drugs, people movement, IUU fishing and climate change as increasing threats that require regional cooperation and coordination.

s. 9(2)(g)(i) [redacted] *Regional Maritime Security Architecture*

- We are supportive of efforts to coordinate regional security architecture, (including maritime security architecture) and sharing high level outcomes with other regional meetings to reduce the duplication of work.

ss 6(a), 6(b)



s. 6(a)



s. 6(a)

Pacific Patrol Boat Crewing Update from DSE(N)

Follow up discussions have taken place between FPTO (including directly with Capt H) and DSE wrt this initiative iot better understand the 'how' which is the key goal.

The main issue that is being worked through is the development of an acceptable process that mitigates all anticipated risks. FPTO is identifying a staff officer who will switch from current tasking to working on this project, with the immediate need to address the following main elements:

- **Platform Endorsement** – undertaking this in-country is not considered a suitable option, therefore investigation is underway to determine the viability of leveraging the Pacific Maritime Security Programme (AUS Gov prog that funds the vessels) training which is provided through civilian Polytech in Australia s.9(2)(a)
[REDACTED] We are engaged with the RAN staff who coordinate this training.
- **Nav Training** – the provision of paper navigation training and/or specific ECDIS training is being considered s.6(a)
[REDACTED]
- **Seaworthiness** – MARREG support needed to address non-exempt Flag State vessels (same process MTG use when conducting training in the SOPAC, so will not be a showstopper)
- **Logistical support** – as per normal requirements of deployed pers. Depending on duration of the attachments there are a no. of things that need to be worked, such as accommodation ashore which when initially investigated is limited (funding would need to be considered here as well).

- **Crew Availability** – will need to be managed against current crewing requirements, of note however is the recommendation from NTO (which is supported by myself and P&T) that OOW(B) present too much risk due to limited supervision oversight therefore the recommendation would be that OOW supplementation would need to come from fully qualified BWK if available.

Basically, not as simple as initially thought but a solution can be achieved given a suitable resource and time to work through all these elements.

Agenda Items the Chair is leading

Fiji is host and chair of the meeting [New Zealand is the permanent Secretariat] so will introduce each agenda item and call on speakers, as well as officially open and close the meeting.

Agenda Items the New Zealand is speaking on

New Zealand will speak on the following agenda items:


- **Session 1: country update [following Kiribati]**
- **Session 3: training and collaboration opportunities [lead by Fiji and PMSP]**
- **Session 6 SWPHMF partner application, GMCP, UNODC [lead by Chair/Secretariat]**

Key Actions / Decisions Required from New Zealand

During the meeting, you will be asked to endorse/approve or give views on the below proposals. More information can be found in each agenda brief.

- **Opening session on Day 1 – Review of governance documents:** The Secretariat will discuss reviewing the Terms of Reference to include attendees' status and definitions of Members, Partners and Observers.
- **Opening session on Day 1 – Self-Introductions by country:** Short intro of yourself and thanking the host of last night's welcome event. [following Kiribati].
- **Session 1 – Country update:** Max 10-minute ppt. including questions from members. Slides and notes have been provided. More information can be found in each agenda brief.
- **Session 3 – Pacific Regional Security Architecture:** PMSP will provide an update on the Pacific Regional Security Architecture which will be incorporated into the discussion lead by Mr Terio Koronawa, Senior Policy Adviser, PIF.
- **Session 3 – Discussion on Pacific Maritime Coordination and Standardisation:** The Chair will introduce this discussion with details provided by Dr Liz Brierley, PMSP.

In addition, we anticipate that the below items could be raised throughout the agenda. Suggested responses to each potential initiative are below.

- ss 6(a), 6(b)
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Media Release



18 July 2025

HMNZS Canterbury delivers leading-edge technology to support regional security tasks in Fiji

The Royal New Zealand Navy's (RNZN) multi-role vessel HMNZS Canterbury has sailed into Suva for the annual Operation Calypso, this time with a technological sting aboard.

Op Calypso focuses on supporting Pacific partners through a range of joint maritime security activities and Canterbury carried into the Fijian port advanced capability in the form of Uncrewed Surface Vessels (USV) - the Bluebottle's Tahī and Rua.

The autonomous maritime technology can conduct long-endurance operations without requiring refuelling or crew. Propelled and powered by sun, wind and wave action, the Bluebottles are ideal platforms for fishery protection, border patrols, surveillance, and the collection of oceanic and meteorological data.

The RNZN will work with Republic of Fiji Navy personnel deploying and monitoring the Bluebottles to help identify and track vessels operating suspiciously in Fiji's exclusive economic zone - including those potentially involved in narcotics trafficking.

A Royal New Zealand Air Force No. 42 Squadron King Air aircraft will provide identification and surveillance oversight while a Fijian Navy vessel will be available to carry out boarding and seizure tasks.

Commodore Shane Arndell, the New Zealand Defence Force's Maritime Component Commander, says the joint effort reflects the deep commitment shared by both nations to tackle common security and economic challenges.

"For many years, at the request of the Fijian government, we have conducted joint fishery patrols to ensure Fiji's natural resources and vital revenue streams aren't being exploited through illegal fishing by other countries.

"Now we are confronting a criminal issue just as important but with deadly consequences," Commodore Arndell said.

“The transiting of drugs from South America through the Pacific is a very real concern and has a significant and long-lasting impact on the lives of Fijians, their families and the wider Pasifika community.

“All too often we see the harm these narcotics bring, so the opportunity to work with our friends and partners in the Fijian Navy to intercept and disrupt their importation is something we are committed to doing. What affects Fiji - directly affects us as well.”

The Bluebottles will be jointly monitored by Fijian Navy and RNZN personnel from the newly established Maritime Essential Services Centre in Suva.

Outside of normal operating hours, monitoring will be conducted by a team from HMNZS Matataua operating from a control room at Devonport Naval Base in Auckland.

While alongside in Suva, Canterbury will participate in a range of important activities, including the Southwest Pacific Heads of Maritime Forces meeting and the Fijian Navy’s 50th Golden Jubilee celebrations.

Commodore Arndell said operations like Calypso were crucial to maintaining regional preparedness and resilience.

“Canterbury conducts these multi-faceted missions in the southwest Pacific to grow our Navy’s capabilities and maritime culture, and to strengthen the ability of our partners in this region,” he said.

“Our long-standing relationships and presence in the region positions us to respond quickly to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief events and other security-related issues —but more than that, it provides us with an opportunity to share vital maritime skills and training to partners like Fiji.

“That’s a commitment we take very seriously, to help ensure we can maintain a secure and prosperous future for all Pacific nations.”

For HMNZS Canterbury, Op Calypso follows quickly from its role in Exercise Talisman Sabre, where it transported NZ Army and Royal New Zealand Air Force personnel, equipment, armoured vehicles and aircraft to Australia for the major multinational military exercise.

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SWPHMF Heads of Delegations

This year SWPHMF delegations will be represented by:

Members

- **Australia:** RADM Matt Buckley, Deputy Chief of Navy
- **Cook Islands:** SSGT Tuariki (Stu) Henry; Maritime Surveillance Unit
- **Fiji:** CDRE Tim Natuva, Commander Fiji Navy (Country Host and Chair)
- **France:** Captain Nicolas Barré, Commander of New Caledonia Maritime Zone
- **Kiribati:** SUPT Tom Redfern, Acting Officer Commanding Police Maritime Unit
- **New Zealand:** RADM Garin Golding, Chief of Navy
- **Niue:** Apologies
- **Papua New Guinea:** CMDR Garahm Libetina, Commanding Officer
- **Samoa:** DCOMPOL Lafaitale Herbert Aati, Deputy Commissioner, Nat. Ops
- **Solomon Islands:** SUPT Nevol Soko, Commander RSIPF Maritime Force
- **Timor-Leste:** CAPT Adao Brito, F-FDTL Naval Component
- **Tonga:** CMDR Sione Lino, Component Commander
- **Tuvalu:** SUPT Eliuta Taula, Superintendent Maritime
- **Vanuatu:** SUPT Samson Miller, Acting Commander Maritime

Partners

- **United States Coast Guard (USCG):** RADM Sean Regan, Oceania Commander (formally District 14)
- **Pacific Maritime Security Programme (PMSP):** Dr Liz Brierley, Asst Secretary
- **Pacific Island Forum Fishing Agency (FFA):** Apologies

Observers

- **Federation States of Micronesia:** CDR Steward Peter, Chief of Maritime
- **Republic of Marshall Islands:** Mr Kyle Aliven, Chief of Staff, RMI Sea Patrol
- **Republic of Palau:** Chief Temdik Ngirblekuu, Maritime Security and Fish

Guest

- **Global Maritime Crime Programme, UNODC:** Ms Madu Nawarathna, Regional Programme Coordinator

Guest Speakers

- PIF Secretariat – Mr Terio Koronawa
 - Acting Senior Adviser Policy/ Regional Security Team Leader
- University of Canterbury – Prof Steve Ratuva (virtual)
 - Distinguished Professor, University of Canterbury, Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies. Bio can be found in your folder

Others

There will be a variety of local visitors who have been invited by the Chair to the meeting including by not limited to:

- Fiji Navy senior officers
- Fiji Police senior officers
- Fiji Govt Agencies

Pacific Regional Issues – an overview

Strategic environment

- The Pacific is increasingly the site of strategic competition. Pacific states are aware of this but see this is another (relatively low priority) challenge in the large list of concerns of Pacific states, such as economic development, failing infrastructure and the impacts of climate change.

- s. 6(a)

China in the Pacific

- s. 6(a)

- In April 2024, China registered a number of Chinese Coast Guard Vessels with two regional fisheries organisations with the intent that these vessels could undertake fisheries monitoring in the region.

Address the Security Impacts of Climate Change

- Both the NZDF and MoD are members of the Indo-Pacific Environmental Security Partnership, an INDOPACOM initiative which provides civil and military entities access to environmental security resources, networks, and subject matter experts.
- Fiji and New Zealand jointly co-chair the Policy Working Group, focused on advancing and improving environmental security policy.

Additional Regional Engagement

- The NZDF supported Tonga's response to the Hunga Tonga–Hunga Ha'apai eruption in 2022 through aerial surveillance flights, humanitarian relief flights, and the deployment of HMNZS Canterbury, HMNZS Aotearoa, and HMNZS Wellington.
- The NZDF undertakes a wide range of exercises with Pacific partners such as Exercise Tropic Astra (a Fiji-based exercise) and Exercise Tropic Twilight (which focused on reconstruction and repair of facilities in Tongatapu, the main island in Tonga).

HADR Support from Fiji

- New Zealand is grateful for the contribution Fiji made to the Cyclone Gabrielle response, with the Fijian Humanitarian Assistance Disaster Relief Task Force. This contribution is reflective of the strong bond our two countries have and highlights the value of regional unity in times of crisis.

Dress Codes, Weather and Language

Dress Codes

Uniform and Dress

- RNZN 3AW (meeting and Canterbury reception)
- Bula (ice icebreaker and official dinner)
- RNZN 1BW (parade)
- Bula (Navy Day reception)

Bula

For men 'bula' attire generally means a brightly coloured Fijian-style, short-sleeved shirt, paired with trousers or chinos (or a sulu).

Women will often wear brightly coloured dresses with flowery prints on 'bula' occasions – though work attire as worn on formal occasions remains perfectly acceptable.

Weather

Winter in Fiji is still typically hot, although the humidity is lower than usual. The maximum average temperature for July is around 26°C during the day and 21°C overnight. Loose, lightweight clothing will be the most comfortable option, and natural cotton fabrics are generally preferable to synthetics. There are approximately seven days of rain, and rain jackets are generally not worn due to the heat; umbrellas will be provided.

Language

Vosa Vakaviti is the indigenous language of Fiji and the most widely spoken language alongside English and Hindi. While English is the operating language of government, Vosa Vakaviti and/or Hindi are usually used briefly in formal speeches.

The most common openings are:

Ni sa bula vinaka ["ni-sahm bula vi-na-kah"] – greeting to audience

Namaste ["nah-mast-ay"] – greeting to audience

Other common phrases are:

Vinaka vakalevu ["vi-na-kah vaka ley-vue"] – vote of thanks, used at end of speeches

Bula vinaka/nibula/bula ["bula vi-na-kah"/"neem-bula"/"bula"] – good day/hello

Vinaka ["vi-na-kah", often shortened to naka or "na-kah"] – thanks

Moce ["moth-aye"] – goodbye

 SWPHMF Agenda – Members, Partners, Observers and Guests

Time	Agenda	Remarks
	Sunday 20 July 2025	
AM/PM	Arrive Accommodation / Check-in	NOVOTEL Suva
	Monday 21 July 2025	
	PMSP Workshop – <i>refer Separate Programme</i>	
AM/PM	Arrive Accommodation / Check-in	NOVOTEL Suva
AM/PM	SWPHMF Secretariat Desk Open – Reception Foyer	NOVOTEL Suva
1650-2000	Welcome and Icebreaker Event Phase One –Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs, Hon Pio Tikoduadua Welcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1655 – All Seated • 1700 – Arrival of Minister of Defence and Veteran Affairs • O/C – Devotion by Navy Chaplain • O/C – Garlanding • O/C – Presentation of Tabua/Sevusevu • O/C - Yaqona Served • O/C – Speech by Hon MDVA • O/C – Ulivi na Vosa • O/C – Vote of Thanks – CFN (Fiji) Phase Two – Ice breaker (Sota-Tole Room): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1800 Commences • 2000 Ends 	NOVOTEL Convention Centre, and Sota-Tole Room Dress: Pacific casual (SWPHMF Bula shirt) Attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PS DVA • All meeting participants • Senior Officers of RFMF • Maritime Agency Heads • Defence Attachés
A/r	Group photo with Minister, Principals, Partners and Observers	Dress: Pacific casual (Bula Shirt)
2000	Meeting with Director Training and Mentoring Pacific Maritime Branch, CAPT Melanie Verho – attendees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RADM Matt Buckley • Dr Liz Brierley 	Bose Vata boardroom 2
2030	Free time	

Time	Agenda	Remarks
Tuesday 22 July 2025		
NOVOTEL Hotel		
0700-0800	Principals' Buffet Breakfast hosted by Commander Fiji Navy, CDRE Tim Natuva	NOVOTEL Suva Restaurant (reserved table) Dress: Uniform with ribbons (3AW)
0825-0830	Delegates walk to venue – 2 min walk across the road	Please use the pedestrian crossing
NOVOTEL Convention Centre		
0830-0840	Refreshments – NOVOTEL Convention Centre	Dress: Uniform with ribbons (3AW)
0840	SWPHMF Meeting Begins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening Prayer and Welcome 	Secretariat Navy Chaplain
0845-0900	SWPHMF Opening Address and Strategic Scene Setter (Fiji)	CDRE Natuva
0900-0930	Review of governance documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the Terms of Reference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Attendee status and definitions • Review 2024 Communiqué (Actions) 	Secretariat
0930-1000	Self-Introductions by country (alphabetical order) Australia, Cook Islands, France, Kiribati, New Zealand, Niue, PNG, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu – FFA, USCG, PMSP, and Observers (Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau) and guests	Principals
1000	Official Photos (outside Convention Centre) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principals, Partners and Observers • All delegates 	Dress: Uniform and ribbons (3AW)
1000-1030	Morning Health Break with Refreshments	

Time	Agenda	Remarks
Session 1		
1030-1230	Update from each country on respective action items (training demands, IORIS and Bluebottle USV), issues and achievements over the year – 10 minutes	Principals – country alphabetical order
1230-1315	Lunch	
Session 2		
1315-1340	SWPHMF Partner Update – 10 minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USCG • PMSP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Workshop Update ○ Seek endorsement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training calendar, and ▪ Training review 	RADM Sean Regan Oceania District Commander, USCG Dr Liz Brierley, Asst. Secretary, Pacific Maritime Branch
1400-1500	Regional Pacific Security Architecture presented by Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Security Advisor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security concerns and threats, and • How outcomes from SWPHMF can be filtered up to the SPDMM and PIF level 	Mr Terio Koronawa, Acting Senior Adviser Policy/ Regional Security Team Leader
1500-1515	Afternoon Health Break with Refreshments	
Session 3		
1515-1545	Regional Pacific Security Cont'd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pacific Regional Security Architecture 	Mr Terio Koronawa and Dr Liz Brierly
1545-1700	Discussion on Pacific Maritime Coordination and Standardisation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and collaboration opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joint Paper and Panel Discussion with PQUADS 	CDRE Natuva & Dr Liz Brierley
1700-1705	Summary of Day 1	Secretariat
1705-1710	Chair End of Day Remarks	CDRE Natuva
1710-1810	Free time	
1810-1830	Depart for Principals Dinner – 20 mins	Dress: Pacific casual (Bula shirt) Transport – bus
1830-2130	Principals Dinner (Tikos Seafood Restaurant)	
2130-2150	Depart for Hotel – 20 mins	Transport – bus
2150	Free time	

Time	Agenda	Remarks
Wednesday 23 July 2025		
0845-0850	Delegates walk to venue – 2 min walk across the road	Please use the pedestrian crossing Dress: Uniform with ribbons (3AW)
NOVOTEL Convention Centre		
0900-0905	Prayer/Opening/Administrative Remarks	CDRE Natuva
Session 4		
0905-0920	Keynote Speaker, Prof Steve Ratuva. Presentation on Regional perspective on Pacific Island Security Priorities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual (10-15 mins) 	Prof Steve Ratuva, University of Canterbury, Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies
0920-1015	Panel discussion on Pacific Island Security. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of panel will be Tonga, Kiribati and Vanuatu and Prof Steve Ratuva. 	Fiji will be the moderator for this discussion
1015-1045	Morning Health Break with Refreshments	
1045-1055	Depart for MESC – 5 mins	Transport – bus
Session 5		
1100-1130	Visit Maritime Essential Services Centre (MESC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fiji Navy Headquarters Rescue Coordination Centre Fiji Information Fusion Centre Suva Radio Coastal Radio Station Fiji Hydrographic Office 	
1130-1215	Bluebottle – Uncrewed Vessels (MESC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation, MDA Trg Rm, lvl 1 Overview of sensors, propulsion methods (outside static display) Walkaround Q&A Group Photo 	LTCDR s. 6(a) , Uncrewed Surface Vessel OIC, HMNZS MATATAUA
1220-1230	Depart for NOVOTEL – 5 mins	Transport – bus
1230-1310	Lunch	

Time	Agenda	Remarks
Session 6		
1310-1315	Special Agenda Item: ss 6(a), 6(b)	Secretariat
1315-1340	UNODC Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Madushani Nawarathna, Regional Programme Coordinator (Pacific Ocean Region), GMCP, UNODC Q&A 	Secretariat
1340-1400	Principals 'Round Table Discussion': ss 6(a), 6(b)	Fiji will be the moderator for this discussion
1400-1430	Afternoon Health Break with Refreshments	
1430-1500	SWPHMF Forum outcomes discussion to identify key action items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Way forward for SWPHMF Other business 	Principals
1500-1515	Signing the Terms of Reference 2025	Principals
1515-1520	Draft Communiqué socialised	Secretariat
1520-1530	Announcement of the next host and transfer of Paddle (if confirmed)	CDRE Natuva
1530	Closing Remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputy Commander RFMF, CDRE Humphrey Tawake, MDSS, MSD, psc 	
1600	SWPHMF Meeting Ends	
1600-1740	Free time	
HMNZS CANTERBURY Reception		
1840-1900	Depart for HMNZS CANTERBURY – 20 mins	Dress: Uniform with ribbons (3AW) Transport – bus
1900-2100	Reception onboard HMNZS CANTERBURY	
2100-2120	Depart for Hotel – 20 mins	Transport – bus
2120	Free time	

Other Events...

Thu 24 Jul. HPMU Meeting (0900-1630) – NOVOTEL Convention Centre
Thu 24 Jul. RFN Street Parade (0900-1130) – Suva
Fri. 25 Jul. RFN 50th Anniversary (1100-1800) – RFNS Stanley Brown Base

Welcome and Icebreaker Event – Mon 21 July 1650-2000

Lead: Host, CDRE Tim Natuva (3 hrs)

Venue: NOVOTEL Entertainment Centre and Sota-Tole Room

Dress: SWPHMF Bula Shirt

Objective

- Fijian cultural welcome ceremony and informally engage with the Minister and SWPHMF delegates ahead of the meeting (this will take place in the NOVOTEL Entertainment Centre, across the road from the Hotel).
- ***On completion of the traditional welcome ceremony, all guests to move back to the hotel using the controlled pedestrian-crossing for the reception in the Sota-Tole Room.***

Format

Formal welcome with SWPHMF Members, Partners, Observers and guests.

- Principal guest – Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs, Hon Pio Tikoduadua. Bio can be found in your folder
- Group photo
- Meal and refreshments (this will take place in the Sota-Tole Room, adjacent to the restaurant, behind the bar)

Background

Minister Tikoduadua's Policy Priorities

In March 2023, Minister Tikoduadua released a policy statement, outlining his immediate policy priorities as Minister for Home Affairs and Immigration:

- **Build public trust in defence and security institutions.** Maintaining the Fiji people's confidence in their defence, security, and border institutions is the Minister's highest priority.
- **Enhance civilian-led policy.** The role of the Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration is to set policy direction on Fiji's defence, security and migration. To achieve this, the Minister will grow the Ministry's strategy and policymaking capabilities.
- **Strengthen traditional defence and security partnerships.** Fiji's security and prosperity is strengthened by its traditional defence and security partnerships. We will pursue our interests on an equal-footing as true partners. Fiji wants a stable and prosperous region upheld by respect for sovereignty and a rules-based order.
- **Contribute to regional security.** Climate change and natural disasters increasingly threaten Pacific livelihoods and regional stability. We will continue to

support our neighbours and Pacific family in times of crisis, in line with the 2050 Strategy for Our Blue Pacific Continent.

- Enhance **migration management and border capabilities to support a safe, secure and prosperous Fiji**. Deliver efficient and effective immigration services to ensure the safety, security and prosperity of Fijians.
- **Support a whole-of-government approach to border security**. Strengthen measures to prevent and respond to illegal incursions into Fiji, particularly transnational organised crime. Focus investment in technologies to modernise border management systems, including enhanced air and maritime surveillance.

Breakfast with Heads of Delegations – Tue 22 July 0700-0800

Lead: Host, CDRE Tim Natuva (60 mins)

Venue: NOVOTEL Hotel Restaurant

Dress: RNZN 3AW

Objective

- Reacquaint with Pacific maritime leaders ahead of the meeting and gain a broader view NZ – SWPHMF relationship.

Format

Informal breakfast with SWPHMF Members, Partners and Observers. You may want to seek CDRE Natuva views on:

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During breakfast, CDRE Natuva may say a few words privately to the group.

Opening: Welcome remarks – Tue 22 July 0830-0900

Lead: SWPHMF Secretariat (30 mins)

Venue: NOVOTEL Convention Centre

Dress: RNZN 3AW

- Opening Prayer (RFN Chaplain).
- Welcome from the host, Commodore Tim Natuva (Chair).

Action

- The Chair will lead with strategic scene setting.

Opening: Review of Governance documents – Tue 22 July 0900-0930

Lead: SWPHMF Secretariat (30 mins)

Objective

- Review the Terms of Reference (ToR) and review action items from the 2024 SWPHMF Communiqué.

Action

- The Secretariat will lead this item, with key points below.

Key Points

- The ToR were written in 2017 and with one amendment to include Partners and Observers.
- It is an opportunity to review the ToR and to ensure they are fit for purpose especially around definitions. Show recommended changes via ppt.

Background

The SWPHMF Secretariat will lead a discussion on the benefits of reviewing the TOR and will brief participants on the action items from the 2024 SWPHMF Communiqué.

Terms of Reference

There is an opportunity to review the Terms of Reference by the Secretariat to ensure it remains fit for purpose. The proposal is for members to provide their initial feedback during this agenda item. More detailed feedback on the Terms of Reference will be sought from members post SWPHMF 2025. This feedback will facilitate the development of an updated TOR (developed at the working level out of session) for endorsement at SWPHMF 2026.

2024 Communiqué

Below are the three action items from the 2024 Meeting:

- **Training:** all nations to coordinate and collaborate training demands in order to synchronise requests.
- **Action:** All nations to report the suitability of IORIS platform (Indo Pacific Regional Information Sharing) as an information sharing tool for their maritime domain awareness.
- **Bluebottle USV:** The RAN and RNZ will collaborate with the view of conducting trials of the USV in the Pacific over the next 12-months.

Opening: Self-introductions and official photo – Tue 22 July 0930-1000

Lead: SWPHMF Secretariat (30 mins)

I would now like to invite all delegations to introduce themselves by going around the room.

Objective

- Members and Heads of Delegations introduce themselves.
- Convey the importance New Zealand attests to our defence relationship with the Pacific

First speaker: Australia followed by countries in alphabetical order:

*Australia, Cook Islands, France, Kiribati, **New Zealand**, Niue, PNG, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu – USCG, PMSP, and Observers (Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau) and guests*

Official Photo

There will be two official photos taken outside on the lawn near the water's edge

- Principals, Partners and Observers
- All delegates and guests.

Morning Health Break with Refreshments (1000-1030)

Session 1: Update from each country – Tue 22 July 1030-1230

Lead: SWPHMF Secretariat (2 hrs)

I would now like to invite Members to give their presentation.

Objective

- Members to give their country update.

First speaker: Australia (10 mins per delegation) followed by countries in alphabetical order:

*Australia, Cook Islands, France, Kiribati, **New Zealand**, Niue, PNG, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu – FFA, USCG, PMSP, and Observers (Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau) and guests*

Action

- You will speak after Kiribati. This is an opportunity to welcome your colleagues. Speaking points are below. A PowerPoint slide will accompany your speaking segment.

Opening Remarks:

- Thank CDRE Natuva for hosting SWPHMF in Fiji and acknowledge the significant milestone of the upcoming 50th Anniversary.
- Highlight the strength of the bilateral relationship; New Zealand and Fiji are close friends and partners in the Pacific.
- Emphasise the strong people to people, cultural and historical ties between New Zealand and Fiji.

Talking points

- Warm Pacific greetings to you all. Since being established in 2017, the SWPHMF has become a **valuable mechanism** in the Pacific regional security architecture and an important annual event that brings leaders of maritime forces together to discuss ways to collectively safeguard our region, both now and into the future.
- The South Pacific is, and always will be, a focus for New Zealand. New Zealand is a Pacific nation, and our security is directly connected to that of our Pacific partners and of the region as a whole.
- The value of this meeting will come from strength of our discussions.

Lunch (1230-1315)

Session 2: SWPHMF Partner Update – Tue 22 July 1315-1400

Lead: SWPHMF Secretariat (45 mins)

I would now like to invite USCG to give their presentation.

Objective

- Partners to give their organisation update.

First speaker: USCG (10 mins)

Speaker: RADM Sean Regan, Oceania District Commander – (formally District 14), Honolulu, Hawaii

Action

No speaking requirement.

Talking points

- *n/a*

Second speaker: PMSP (25 mins)

Speaker: Dr Liz Brierley, Assistant Secretary of the Pacific Maritime Branch – Defence Australia, Canberra, Australia

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Action

Note key trends, opportunities and conclusions identified from PMSP Training Review Workshops and Stakeholder Review.

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Session 2: Pacific Regional Security – Tue 22 July 1400-1500

Lead: SWPHMF Chair (60 mins)

I welcome PIF Secretariat's Deputy Secretary General and Assistant Secretary, Dr Liz Brierley to lead the discussions.

Objective

- Hear from Mr Terio Koronawa and Dr Liz Brierley on the importance of a Regional Security Architecture.

Speaker: Mr Terio Koronawa, Acting Senior Adviser Policy/ Regional Security Team Leader

- Security Architecture presented by Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Security Advisor:
 - Security concerns and threats, and
 - How outcomes from SWPHMF can be filtered up to the SPDMM and PIF level

Discussion Paper – Regional Maritime Security Architecture – Mr Terio Koronawa and Dr Liz Brierley

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Afternoon Health Break with Refreshments (1500-1515)

Session 2: Pacific Regional Security Cont'd – Tue 22 July 1515-1545

**Discussion Paper – Regional Maritime Security Architecture – Mr Terio
Koronawa and Dr Liz Brierley**

This is a continuation of the previous session.

Session 3: Training Standardisation and Synchronisation – Tue 22 July 1545-1700

Lead: SWPHMF Chair (1 hr 15 mins)

Discussion on Pacific Maritime Training Standardisation and Synchronisation: Training and collaboration: Joint Paper and Panel Discussion (PQUADS) Chaired by CDRE Natuva & Dr Liz Brierley.

I welcome Assistant Secretary, Dr Liz Brierley to lead the discussion on this paper followed by a panel discussion. Invite Members (PQUADS) to speak. Open the floor for general discussion from Members if there is time.

Objective

- Acknowledge the discussion paper.
- Increased coordination and standardisation of maritime training.
- Improve Pacific crew performance – decreasing safety risks.
- Training provided is complementary and non-duplicative.

Background

This was an action item from last year's meeting and research has been completed by Dr Liz Brierley's PMSP team. Papers are included in your folder.

The Chair will brief members on the purpose and recommendations of current research to coordinate and standardise training.

- **Coordinate** training offerings so as not to disrupt the operational rhythm of Pacific maritime forces or overwhelm Pacific nations with offers of training; and
- **Standardise** training offerings to ensure that Pacific crews are trained to a suitable standard using consistent training curricula.

As we all recognise, the operational demands on Pacific maritime forces continue to grow, as do the number of external partners offering training and support. This is a positive reflection of the region's strategic importance—but it also presents a coordination challenge. s. 6(b)(ii)

The next presentation discusses the ongoing efforts by the Pacific Quadrilateral Defence Coordination Group (PQUAD), the Pacific Maritime Security Program (PMSP), and the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) to streamline and align maritime training across the region. It also identifies opportunities for future collaboration and more efficient use of limited resources.

The aim today is not just to inform, but to seek your perspectives on how we can ensure that training across the region is coordinated, complementary, and of a consistent standard—ultimately strengthening Pacific-led maritime capability.

Actions

- Thank the Chair and Dr Liz Brierley for the update.
- This is likely to be an ongoing agenda item as it is an opportunity to hear of the wider regional training challenges beyond Pacific crews. For example, RNZN support to dive training, and MTT.
- s. 6(a)

End of Day 1

Principals Dinner – Tue 1830-2130

Lead: Chair (3 hrs)

Venue: Tikos Seafood Restaurant

Dress: Bula

- Transport departs Hotel at 1810
- Transport departs Tikos at 2130

Session 4: Keynote Speaker, Prof Steve Ratuva – Wed 0905-0920

Lead: SWPHMF Chair (15 mins)

Virtual Presentation on Regional perspective on Pacific Island Security Priorities.

Objective

- Receive a presentation from Prof Ratuva. Bio can be found in your folder.

Action

- The Chair will lead this item, and this will be followed by a panel discussion on Pacific Island Security.
- There is an opportunity for Principals to ask questions.

Background

Prof Ratuva is the Pro-Vice Chancellor, Pacific at the University of Canterbury, Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies, Faculty of Arts, 20 Feb 2023 – present.

Session 4: Panel discussion on Pacific Island Security – Wed 0920-1015

Lead: SWPHMF Chair (55 mins)

Members of panel will be Tonga, Kiribati and Vanuatu and Prof Steve Ratuva.

Objective

- To hear from smaller Pacific nations their perspective of security issues

Action

- The Chair will be the moderator for this discussion.
- There is an opportunity for Principals to join in with the discussion.

Morning Health Break with Refreshments (1015-1045)

Depart for the MESC (1045-1055)

- Bus transport (5 mins, 1.5 km)

Session 5: Visit Maritime Essential Services Centre (MESC) – Wed 1100-1220

Lead: SWPHMF Chair (1 hr 20 mins)

All delegates to attend a walk through on the new Maritime Essential Services Centre (MESC). This will be followed by a Bluebottle presentation and static display.

Objective

- To visit the MESC and have a better understanding for their capabilities, speak with members of the RFN and other govt agencies.
- Showcase Bluebottle (USV)
- Media opportunities (TBA)

Action

- There is an opportunity for Principals to ask questions and familiarise themselves with the new capabilities on show.

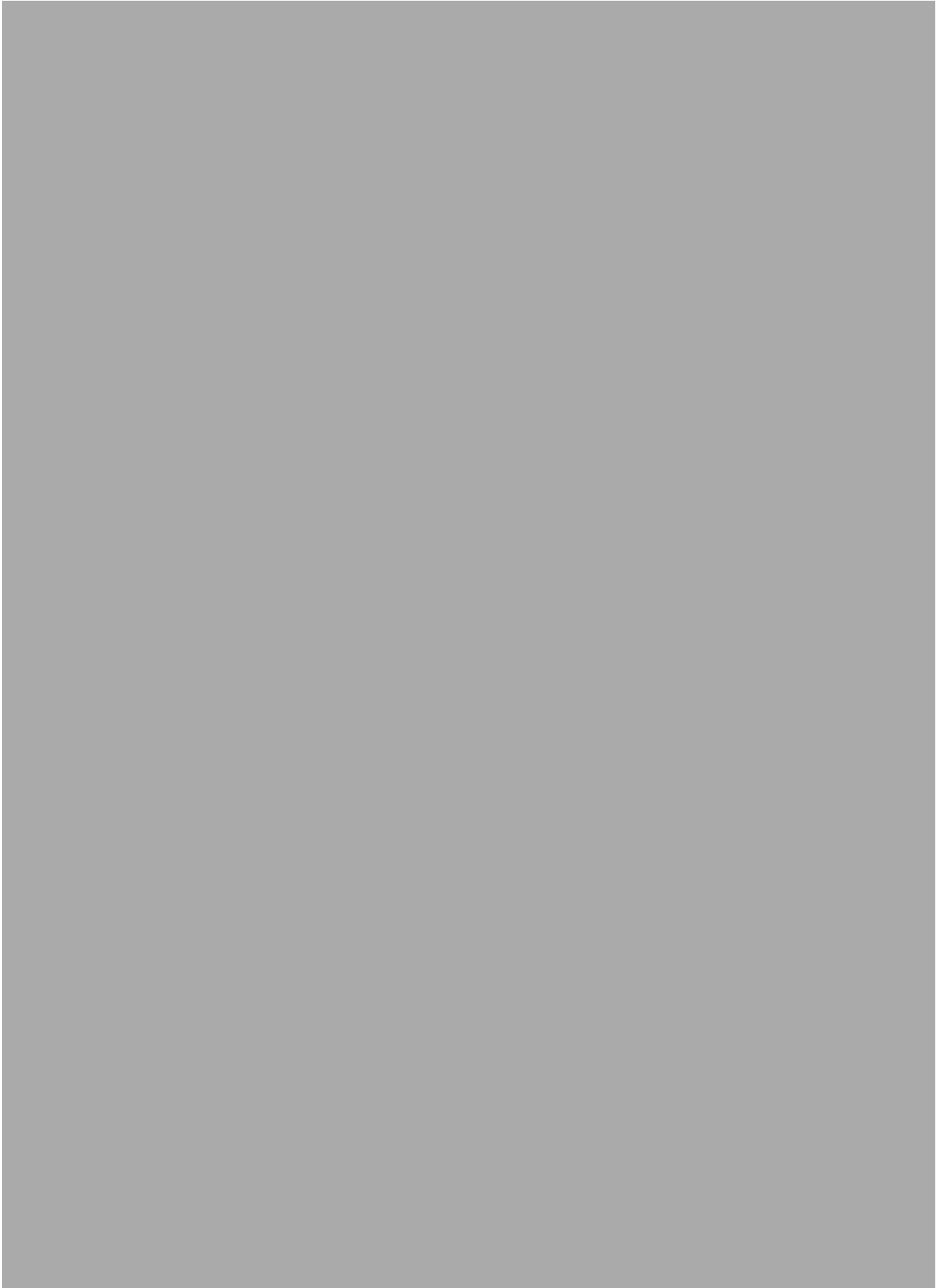
Key points

LTCDR s. 6(a) will lead the Bluebottle presentation, and DPA will be present to capture social media opportunities.

DPA have also reached out to RFN about local media attending.

Depart for NOVOTEL (1220-1230)

Lunch (1230-1310)



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Background

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Afternoon Health Break with Refreshments (1400-1430)

Session 6: SWPHMF discussion to identify key action items – Wed 1430-1500

Chair: SWPHMF Secretariat (30 mins)

Objective

- Invite Members to speak on:
 - The biggest Maritime challenges we face now and in the future,
 - Identify the way forward for SWPHMF, and
 - Discuss any other business.

Talking points (CN)

- We are facing a range of complex challenges in the Pacific including climate change; mis-information and dis-information; cyber-attacks; illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing; and transnational organised crime.
- In this complex environment it is important that we make time to share experiences and perspectives, and to find the best way forward as a region.

Session 6: Terms of Reference review – Wed 1500-1515

Chair: SWPHMF Secretariat (15 mins)

Objectives

- To seek **Members approval** for the Secretariat to review and update the ToR and thence socialise with members for feedback. Updated ToR be presented at the 2026 meeting.

Session 6: Draft Communiqué – Wed 1515-1520

Chair: SWPHMF Secretariat (5 mins)

Objective

- To inform members of the draft communiqué.

Action

- Final version will socialise with Members post meeting.
- Chair to sign final version and copies sent to PIF and SPDMM Secretariats.

Session 6: Announcement of the next host (if confirmed) – Wed 1520-1530

Chair: SWPHMF Chair (10 mins)

Objective

- To inform members of the next host and transfer of paddle.

Session 6: Closing Remarks – Wed 1630-1600

Chair: SWPHMF Chair (5 mins)

Objective

- To inform members of the draft communiqué

Action

- Invite CDRE Tawake, Deputy Commander, Republic of Fiji Military Force to close the meeting.
- SWPHMF Meeting 2025 ends.

HMNZS CANTERBURY Reception – Wed 1840-2120

Lead: Chief of Navy, New Zealand (3 hrs)

Venue: HMNZS CANTERBURY

Dress: RNZN 3AW

- Transport departs Hotel at 1840
- Transport departs Canterbury at 2100

Action

- CN speech (Order: CO, HoM, CN)

Headquarters New Zealand Defence Force (Navy)

Assistant Chief of Navy (Strategy & Engagement) MINUTE 14/2025

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References

- A. SWPHMF Terms of Reference (Secretariat)
- B. SWPHMF 2025 Invitation dated 28 March 2025
- C. Draft Joint Communique socialised at SWPHMF 2025

Introduction

1. IAW ref A, New Zealand is the Secretariat for the South West Pacific Heads of Maritime Forces (SWPHMF). The Secretariat is the responsibility of the Deputy Director Regional Engagement (Navy). This report is intended to provide feedback and recommended actions on the planning and execution of the SWPHMF 2025 meeting.
2. This year, the Republic of Fiji Navy (RFN) hosted the 8th SWPHMF Meeting. This was chaired by Commander RFN, Commodore Tim Natuva at the NOVOTEL Suva Lami Bay Convention Centre, Suva, Fiji.
3. The Secretariat team included: LTCDR A Lincoln, RNZN (Secretariat); SLT s. 9(2)(a) , RNZN (seconded); and s. 9(2)(a) (Ministry of Defence, International Branch). In-country support was provided by LCDR s. 9(2)(a) (Chief of Staff, RFN) and the RFN.
4. The Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN) delegation included: RADM G Golding (Chief of Navy); LT s. 9(2)(a) RNZN (Flag Aide); and WO D Crosby (Warrant Officer of the Navy). The RNZN delegation was well supported in-country by the NZ Defence Staff based in NZ High Commission, Suva, Fiji.

Purpose

5. The purpose of the SWPHMF Meeting is to foster regional dialogue between Pacific heads of navies and maritime police, strengthen maritime partnerships, and advance collective security interests across the South West Pacific.

8th SWPHMF Meeting

Background

6. The 8th SWPHMF Meeting was hosted by Fiji over 21-23 July 25 in Suva, Fiji. This year's meeting brought together heads of navies and heads of maritime police forces from Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, France, Kiribati, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu to discuss key maritime issues affecting the South West Pacific.
7. Representatives from Timor Leste, Niue and the Forum Fisheries Agency were invited but did not attend.
8. Partners in attendance included the United States Coast Guard (USCG) Oceania District (formerly District 14), and the Pacific Maritime Security Programme (PMSP). Observers from the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI) and Republic of Palau (RoP) were also in attendance. *[Comment: Observers shall after two consecutive meetings, may be ratified as Full Members. FSM, RMI and RoP will be eligible to be Full Members if they attend in 2026].*
9. Special guests included representatives from the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF); the Global Maritime Crime Programme (GMCP) of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC); and Canterbury University, New Zealand.
10. In the spirit of coordination and collaboration, this year marked the first time that the annual meetings of the SWPHMF, the PMSP workshop and the Heads of Police Maritime Units in the Pacific (HPMU) were synchronised. This provided a valuable opportunity to optimise discussions across members of the three meetings, which share a similar focus on coordinating maritime security in the Pacific. *[Comment:*
s. 9(2)(g)(i)

Programme

11. The SWPHMF opened with a traditional Fijian welcome ceremony, with special guest Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs, Hon Pio Tikoduadua, in attendance. The full agenda is at enclosure 1.
12. There were several presentations from guest speakers and attendees including Professor Steve Ratuva, Pro-Vice Chancellor Pacific from the University of Canterbury; Ms Madushani Nawarathna, Regional Program Coordinator of the UNODC's Global Maritime Crime Programme; and Mr Terio Koronawa, Acting Senior Adviser Policy/ Regional Security Team Leader, Pacific Islands Forum.

Logistics and Administrative Matters

13. Planning commenced in early February 2025, with a recce to Suva, Fiji, to confirm venue, accommodation, and RFN points of contact, including a meeting with Commander RFN. Planning also covered the inclusion of the PMSP workshop, HPMU meeting, RNZN Uncrewed Surface Vessel (USV) Tahi and Rua deployment, a reception on board HMNZS CANTERBURY (CAN), and RFN 50th anniversary celebrations.

14. IAW ref B, a formal invitation including administration instructions was sent to members, partners and observers inviting them to SWPHMF 2025 Meeting in July 2025.
15. A fortnightly MS Teams meeting was instituted to keep all parties informed as planning progressed. Update emails to SWPHMF delegates and supporting staff kept members informed on requirements and pre-reading documentation.
16. NOVOTEL staff were very helpful and there were no issues with the venue or accommodation. Support provided by RFN was well coordinated, providing transport to the various venues, airport pickups and drop-offs, and staff to assist the Secretariat team.
17. Defence Public Affairs (DPA) assisted with revamping the SWPHMF 'look and feel' with a smarter logo and a 'Pacifica' theme, including the use of matching collateral. This theme has been adopted as standard and will be used for future meetings.
18. The delegations were unofficially split into two groups: self-funded (Australia, New Zealand, France and US Coast Guard) and funded (Cook Islands, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Marshall Islands and Republic of Palau). The self-funded nations required little assistance. Funded nations travel, and accommodation costs were covered by the Secretariat and shared between New Zealand and Australia, approx. s. 6(a).
19. This year, UNODC provided travel funding for one Member per funded nation to assist with their share of costs. To simplify travel bookings for funded Members, UNODC used their Fiji-based travel agent, s. 6(b)(ii), to book flights. At the time, this made sense, and it was agreed OneWorld would also book travel for those funded nations sending two delegates to SWPHMF, one of which would be invoiced to the Secretariat. s. 9(2)(g)(i)
20. s. 6(a)
21. s. 6(a)
It is not anticipated that the subsidy will be received again which will need to be taken account of in future VCP budget bids for this event. s. 9(2)(g)(i)

Meeting summary

Key themes and priorities of the SWPHMF

22. Members exchanged views on their shared maritime security challenges. Key themes included recruitment and retention, surveillance of large maritime areas, funding and resources, TNOc and IUU fishing.
23. Other priorities included the importance of regional coordination and cooperation, from synchronising training, intelligence sharing, ship-riding, and working with government agencies and across regional organisations to address shortfalls

Review of Governance documents

24. Members noted the SWPHMF Terms of Reference had not been reviewed since 2017 and there is an opportunity to improve and clarify both the definitions of partner, observer and member, and clarify the process for prospective membership. The Secretariat was tasked to review the Terms of Reference and provide a draft for members' feedback post-meeting.

Regional Pacific Security Architecture

25. Members received an update from the PIF Secretariat on their regional review of architecture, and the potential role of meetings such as SWPHMF in the wider regional architecture. ss 6(a), 6(b) [REDACTED]. This was the first time that the PIF had presented on its proposal for where the SWPHMF meeting could fit into their review. Members noted the presentation but did not provide feedback to the PIF on their proposal.
26. Members saw value in engaging with other relevant security meetings by sharing their joint communiques and outcomes with them. This is intended to enhance coordination and cooperation in the maritime security space (refer to PMSP paper on regional security architecture for further information). A copy of this year's Joint Communique will be shared with meetings such as the SPDMM, PIF, PICP and JHoPS. s. 9(2)(g)(i) [REDACTED]

Maritime Coordination and Standardisation

27. Members discussed the value of 'Pacific maritime coordination and standardisation', noting this could improve safety and crew performance. A lack of coordination and standardisation included variances in boarding training offered by different donors. ss 6(a), 6(b) [REDACTED]

28. Common criticisms included: equipment is often not fit for purpose or there is no capacity to use equipment gifted e.g. small boats/RHIBs (lack of mooring space and personnel or qualified personnel or funding to operate the vessels e.g. fuel). These challenges could be addressed further in future SWPHMF meetings and could be the basis of future meeting agenda items or themes.

ss 6(a), 6(b)

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Virtual working group meetings

31. The Secretariat noted Samoa's suggestion to consider a virtual inter-sessional meeting to enable frequent touchpoints to progress and contribute to the next SWPHMF meeting. This is intended to help shape the themes and agenda items of the annual SWPHMF Meeting.
32. The Secretariat will come up with a proposal on how this could occur. This could include an initial six-monthly virtual meeting in between the SWPHMFs.

Future Hosting (2026-2027-2028)

33. ss 6(a), 6(b)

Other

34. This year's meeting coincided with the Republic of Fiji Navy's 50th Jubilee celebrations and a ship reception hosted onboard the HMNZS CANTERBURY. The reception was positively received by Fiji and was attended by Fijian Prime Minister, Sitiveni Rabuka and Minister for Defence and Veterans Affairs, Hon Pio Tikoduadua. CN also held calls with Deputy Commander Republic of Fiji Military Forces (CDR H Tawake) and his Fijian Chief of Navy counterpart on the sidelines of the meeting. CN's QUICKREP is enclosed.
35. Significant New Zealand profile was achieved through the deployment of HMNZS CANTERBURY and the delivery of two uncrewed surface vessels (USVs), Tahiti and Rua, for a three-month deployment to Fiji. The two USVs will be operated by RNZN personnel s. 6(a) _____, contributing to the monitoring of Fiji's Exclusive Economic Zone.

Other Events

- Mon 21 Jul. PMSP Workshop (0900-1600) – NOVOTEL Convention Centre

- Thu 24 Jul. HPMU Meeting (0900-1630) – NOVOTEL Convention Centre
- Thu 24 Jul. RFN Street Parade (0900-1130) – Albert Park, Suva
- Fri 25 Jul. RFN 50th Anniversary (1100-1800) – RFNS Stanley Brown Base

Recommendations

36. It is recommended that DCN:

- a. **note** the draft Joint Communiqué, which was socialised at the SWPHMF meeting (attached) and will be circulated to members for final feedback in August.
- b. **note** the Joint Communiqué will then be circulated to regional meetings focussed on maritime security.
- c. **note** that the Secretariat will review the Terms of Reference and circulate a first draft for members' feedback.
- d. **note** that the Secretariat will trial a virtual meeting in between the annual SWPHMF meetings.
- e. **endorses** the VCP budget being increased s. 9(2)(g)(i)

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Annex:

A. Draft Communiqué

Enclosures:

1. Agenda
2. CN Quickrep dated 28 Jul 25

Distribution:

For information
CN
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SCE Br (Attn: WGCDR s. 6(a))
NZ Defence Staff, Fiji (Attn. LTCOL Grant Scobie)

Army (Attn: LTCOL s. 9(2)(a))

Air Force (Attn: SQNLDR s. 9(2)(a))

**ANNEX A TO
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SOUTH WEST PACIFIC HEADS OF MARITIME FORCES MEETING

July 2025

Joint Communiqué

DRAFT (socialised at SWPHMF 2025)

The 8th South West Pacific Heads of Maritime Forces (SWPHMF) Meeting was hosted by Fiji over 21-23 July in Suva. This year's meeting brought together heads of navies and heads of maritime police forces from Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, France, Kiribati, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu to discuss key maritime issues affecting the South West Pacific.

Partners in attendance included the United States Coast Guard (USCG) Oceania District (formerly District 14), and the Pacific Maritime Security Programme (PMSP). Observers from the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Marshall Islands and Republic of Palau were also in attendance. Special guests included representatives from the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF), Global Maritime Crime Programme (GMCP) of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and Canterbury University, New Zealand.

Pacific maritime security environment

This year's theme focussed on 'Strengthening Regional Security Cooperation and Synchronisation of Efforts across Regional Maritime Security Architecture.' Members exchanged views on shared challenges across the Pacific. Key challenges included: recruitment and retention, surveillance of large maritime areas, funding and resources, transnational organised crime and illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing.

Members acknowledged the importance of regional coordination and cooperation, from synchronising efforts in areas such as training, intelligence sharing, ship-riding opportunities, to working with government agencies and across regional organisations to address shortfalls. Members recognised that a robust and integrated Pacific maritime security environment is vital for national and regional sovereignty, economic security, and environmental sustainability.

Discussions on maritime security were supplemented by an overview of the current Pacific security environment from Dr Steve Ratuva, Pro-Vice Chancellor Pacific from the University of Canterbury. Members thanked Dr Ratuva for his commentary on the interconnected nature of security threats and the complex operational security environment. Members also thanked the Regional Program Coordinator of the UNODC's Global Maritime Crime Programme for presenting on their work across the Pacific in the areas of facilitating regional cooperation, the induction of new technologies and capacity building training.

Strengthening Collaboration and Cooperation

Members received an update on the Pacific Maritime Training Coordination and Standardisation work conducted by the Pacific Maritime Security Programme (PMSP) and Pacific Quadrilateral Defence Coordinating Group (PQUADS). Members acknowledged the value of Pacific maritime coordination and standardisation to improve maritime safety and crew performance. There was broad recognition that the provision of training that is both complementary and non-duplicative would be beneficial to the region.

SWPHMF Members visited the Fiji Maritime Essential Services Centre (MESC), a joint operational facility managed by the Navy to strengthen deterrence, detection and response to maritime security threats and maritime safety incidents. This provided an opportunity for members to see the collaborative multi-agency approach to maritime security at the MESC. The visit concluded with a static demonstration of two Bluebottle uncrewed surface vessel displays, and a presentation about its capability and deployability in the Pacific.

Alignment with Pacific regional architecture on maritime security

A representative from the Pacific Islands Forum provided an update on its ongoing review of the regional architecture and shared their thoughts on the potential role of meetings such as the SWPHMF in the wider architecture. Members thanked the PIF Secretariat for their presentation and for the opportunity to hear about the progress of their regional architecture review.

To ensure greater alignment with current regional priorities, the SWPHMF Secretariat will undertake to coordinate with the wider Pacific Island regional architecture, including the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, the South Pacific Defence Ministers' Meeting and the Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police by sharing the outcomes of its annual meeting.

In the spirit of coordination and collaboration, this year marked the first time that the annual meetings of the SWPHMF, the Pacific Maritime Security Program (PMSP) workshop and the Heads of Police Maritime Units in the Pacific (HPMU) were synchronised. This provided a valuable opportunity to optimise discussions across members of the three meetings, which share a similar focus on coordinating maritime security in the Pacific.

Members recognised the 50th anniversary of the Republic of Fiji's Navy and warmly thanked Fiji for their generous hosting of the SWPHMF 2025 in Suva.

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Time	Agenda	Remarks
	Sunday 20 July 2025	
AM/PM	Arrive Accommodation / Check-in	NOVOTEL Suva
	Monday 21 July 2025	
	PMSP Workshop – <i>refer Separate Programme</i>	
AM/PM	Arrive Accommodation / Check-in	NOVOTEL Suva
AM/PM	SWPHMF Secretariat Desk Open – Reception Foyer	NOVOTEL Suva
1650-2000	<p>Welcome and Icebreaker Event</p> <p>Phase One –Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs, Hon Pio Tikoduadua Welcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1655 – All Seated • 1700 – Arrival of Minister of Defence and Veteran Affairs • O/C – Devotion by Navy Chaplain • O/C – Garlanding • O/C – Presentation of Tabua/Sevusevu • O/C - Yaqona Served • O/C – Speech by Hon MDVA • O/C – Ulivi na Vosa • O/C – Vote of Thanks – CFN (Fiji) <p>Phase Two – Ice breaker Reception (Sota-Tole Rm):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1800 Commences • 2000 Ends 	<p>NOVOTEL Convention Centre, and Sota-Tole Room</p> <p>Dress: Pacific casual (Bula shirt)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PS DVA • All meeting participants • Senior Officers of RFMF • Maritime Agency Heads • Defence Attachés
A/r	Group photo with Minister, Principals, Partners and Observers	Dress: Pacific casual (Bula Shirt)
2000	Meeting with	
2030	Free time	

Time	Agenda	Remarks
Tuesday 22 July 2025		
NOVOTEL Hotel		
0700-0800	Principals' Buffet Breakfast hosted by Commander Fiji Navy, CDRE Tim Natuva	NOVOTEL Suva Restaurant (reserved table) Dress: Uniform with ribbons (3AW)
0825-0830	Delegates walk to venue – 2 min walk across the road	Please use the pedestrian crossing
NOVOTEL Convention Centre		
0830-0840	Refreshments – NOVOTEL Convention Centre	Dress: Uniform with ribbons (3AW)
0840	SWPHMF Meeting Begins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening Prayer and Welcome 	Secretariat Navy Chaplain
0845-0900	SWPHMF Opening Address and Strategic Scene Setter (Fiji)	CDRE Natuva
0900-0930	Self-Introductions by country (alphabetical order) Australia, Cook Islands, France, Kiribati, New Zealand, Niue, PNG, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu – FFA, USCG, PMSP, and Observers (Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau) and guests	Principals
0930-1000	Review of governance documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of the Terms of Reference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendee status and definitions Review 2024 Communiqué (Actions) 	Secretariat
1000	Official Photos (outside Convention Centre) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principals, Partners and Observers All delegates 	Dress: Uniform and ribbons (3AW)
1000-1030	Morning Health Break with Refreshments	

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	Session 1	
1030-1230	Update from each country on respective action items (training demands, IORIS and Bluebottle USV), issues and achievements over the year – 10 minutes	Principals – country alphabetical order
1230-1315	Lunch	
	Session 2	
1315-1340	SWPHMF Partner Update – 10 minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USCG 	RADM Sean Regan, Oceania, District Commander
1400-1500	Regional Pacific Security Architecture presented by Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Security Advisor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security concerns and threats, and • How outcomes from SWPHMF can be filtered up to the SPDMM and PIF level 	Mr Terio Koronawa, Acting Senior Adviser Policy/ Regional Security Team Leader
1500-1515	Afternoon Health Break with Refreshments	
	Session 3	
1515-1545	Regional Pacific Security Cont'd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pacific Regional Security Architecture 	Mr Terio Koronawa and Dr Liz Brierly
1545-1600	SWPHMF Partner Update – 15 minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PMSP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Workshop Update ○ Seek endorsement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training calendar, and ▪ Training review 	Dr Liz Brierley, Asst. Secretary, Pacific Maritime Branch
1600-1700	Discussion on Pacific Maritime Coordination and Standardisation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training and collaboration opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Joint Paper and Panel Discussion with PQUADS 	CDRE Natuva & Dr Liz Brierley
1700-1705	Summary of Day 1	Secretariat
1705-1710	Chair End of Day Remarks	CDRE Natuva
1710-1810	Free time	
1800-1830	Depart for Principals Dinner – 30 mins	Dress: Pacific casual (Bula shirt) Transport – bus
1830-2130	Principals Dinner (Tikos Seafood Restaurant)	
2130-2150	Depart for Hotel – 20 mins	Transport – bus
2150	Free time	

Time	Agenda	Remarks
Wednesday 23 July 2025		
0845-0850	Delegates walk to venue – 2 min walk across the road	Please use the pedestrian crossing Dress: Uniform with ribbons (3AW)
NOVOTEL Convention Centre		
0900-0905	Prayer/Opening/Administrative Remarks	CDRE Natuva
Session 4		
0905-0920	Keynote Speaker, Prof Steve Ratuva. Presentation on Regional perspective on Pacific Island Security Priorities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual (10-15 mins) 	Prof Steve Ratuva, University of Canterbury, Macmillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies
1015-1045	Morning Health Break with Refreshments	
1045-1055	Depart for MESC – 5 mins	Transport – bus
Session 5		
1100-1130	Visit Maritime Essential Services Centre (MESC): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiji Navy Headquarters • Rescue Coordination Centre • Fiji Information Fusion Centre • Suva Radio Coastal Radio Station • Fiji Hydrographic Office 	
1130-1215	Bluebottle – Uncrewed Vessels (USV) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation, MDA Trg Rm, lvl 1 • Overview of sensors, propulsion methods (outside static display) • Walkaround Q&A • Group Photo • Media (TBC) 	LTCDR s. 6(a) , Uncrewed Surface Vessel OIC, HMNZS MATATAUA
1220-1230	Depart for NOVOTEL – 5 mins	Transport – bus
1230-1310	Lunch	

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Session 6		
1310-1315	Special Agenda Item: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application for Partner Status by the Global Maritime Crime Programme (GMCP) of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) 	Secretariat
1315-1340	GMCP UNODC Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Madushani Nawarathna, Regional Programme Coordinator, Pacific Region 	Secretariat
1340-1400	Principals 'Round Table Discussion': <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members to discuss the UNODC application Consensus to be reached – application confirmed or declined (Partner Member from 2026) If consensus cannot be reach, use this opportunity to discuss partner member eligibility, criteria and process 	Fiji will be the moderator for this discussion
1400-1430	Afternoon Health Break with Refreshments	
1430-1500	SWPHMF Forum outcomes discussion to identify key action items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The biggest Maritime challenges we face now and, in the future Way forward for SWPHMF Other business 	Principals
1500-1515	Terms of Reference review	Principals
1515-1520	Draft Communiqué socialised	Secretariat
1520-1530	Announcement of the next host and transfer of Paddle (if confirmed)	CDRE Natuva
1530	Closing Remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputy Commander RFMF, CDRE Humphrey Tawake, MDSS, MSD, psc 	
1600	SWPHMF Meeting Ends	
1600-1740	Free time	
HMNZS CANTERBURY Reception		
1840-1900	Depart for HMNZS CANTERBURY – 20 mins	Dress: Uniform with ribbons (3AW) Transport – bus
1900-2100	Reception onboard HMNZS CANTERBURY	
2100-2120	Depart for Hotel – 20 mins	Transport – bus
2120	Free time	