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Continent through learning,  
policy engagement and  
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# Our Director's Message



The Pacific Security College serves members of the Pacific Islands Forum through learning and training, policy engagement and regional collaboration.

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Pacific Islands Forum Secretary General  
Baron Waqa and Professor Dave Peebles

We have a holistic approach to Pacific security, encompassing traditional and non-traditional security issues, taking our lead from the Forum's *Boe Declaration on Regional Security*, the *2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent* and the *Blue Pacific Ocean of Peace Declaration*.

We work in a spirit of service and collaboration with our Pacific stakeholders in national governments and regional organisations.

We draw on Pacific experts and the latest Pacific scholarship from the Australian National University and across the region to ensure our training and policy support reflects Pacific wisdom and perspectives.

In these pages, we share the College's story, the services we offer and the approach we take.

We look forward to hearing how we can serve you, and learn together, as we consider the security opportunities and challenges before the Pacific.



**Professor Dave Peebles**  
Director  
Pacific Security College

# Message from ANU



# The Australian National University (ANU) remains committed to a strong partnership with Australia's Pacific neighbours.

That's why the Pacific Security College is such an important part of our university.

The Pacific Security College's home is in the Crawford School of Public Policy, the Asia-Pacific's leading public policy school.

Staff and students at the Crawford School play an essential role in shaping public policy.

And we recognise the Pacific Security College's vital role in assisting the Pacific's strategy and security practitioners with the policy problems of today – and tomorrow.

The Pacific Security College draws on the University's world-class lecturers and cutting-edge Pacific research to serve the Pacific through teaching and learning, policy engagement and regional collaboration.

The College's role is to bring the best of ANU to Pacific strategy and security professionals in their home countries; and also to welcome these professionals to our home in Canberra.

We are proud the Pacific Security College represents an innovative partnership between ANU and the Australian Government, and we look forward to the College further deepening its partnerships with Pacific education institutions in coming years as well.



**Professor Rebekah Brown**  
Interim Vice-Chancellor  
Australian National University



**Professor Tony Connolly**  
Dean  
ANU College of Law, Governance and Policy



**Professor Janine O'Flynn**  
Director  
Crawford School of Public Policy

# The College's Advisory Board

The Board of the Pacific Security College is made up of dedicated senior representatives from around the Pacific, drawn from Melanesia, Polynesia and Micronesia. We are blessed to have members who have served at very senior levels of regional and international organisations and national governments.



The Board assists the College with strategic advice about the issues and the activities that will resonate across the Pacific.

All Board members are strongly committed to supporting the Pacific's approach to security outlined in the Pacific Islands Forum's *Boe Declaration* (2018): that traditional and non-traditional security issues both need tackling, and the only way we will succeed is by working together.

Air Chief Marshal (Retd) Mark Binskin AC  
Chief of the Australian Defence Force, 2014-2018



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Director-General, Ministry of Youth,  
Justice and Community Services,  
Vanuatu



**Ross Ardern**  
Former senior police  
officer and diplomat



**Lautoa Faletau**  
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# Learning

Learning and training are at the heart of the College's efforts.



Participants from across the region at a Cyber and Technology Security in the Blue Pacific course in Fiji

## Our commitment

We create learning environments where the wisdom and experience of our Pacific participants can shine. We recognise that Pacific officials come with insights and practical experience not found in universities. Our facilitators ensure a rewarding conversation; some of the best learning in our courses is from the expertise shared between participants.

Our courses reflect Pacific knowledge, Pacific voices and Pacific priorities. We draw on Pacific experts and research from the Australian National University (ANU) and across the region in the design and delivery of our courses. And we ensure local national experts join our courses, to provide a learning experience that resonates with participants.

## Courses

Our short courses focus on the security priorities set out by Pacific leaders in the *Boe Declaration* and the *2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent*. We also offer skills-building courses, based on the needs identified by Forum security policymakers.

You can find descriptions of our courses at the back of this booklet.

Our courses will increasingly be offered as microcredentials from ANU. Should participants wish to complete an assessment, typically a reflective essay, they will receive a formal microcredential. We look forward to working with other Pacific universities in coming years so our courses can be offered as joint microcredentials.

In addition to our courses, we conduct workshops and scenario exercises.

## Delivery

We deliver in-country, in-person. Both facilitators and participants benefit from the face-to-face interaction and local context that is only possible with in-country delivery.

Our short courses usually run for three days, but can be lengthened or shortened around the preferences of the Forum member.



Participants present to the group at the Climate Security in the Pacific training held in Brisbane

## Our alumni network

The Pacific Security College alumni network brings together a community of security officials from across the Pacific. It provides a space for knowledge sharing, collaboration and support among leaders shaping Pacific security.

By staying connected through this network, alumni continue to play an influential role in addressing emerging challenges and advancing cooperative security efforts across the region.



A Transnational Organised Crime in the Pacific course held in Fiji examined the security, governance, and developmental challenges posed by transnational organised crime

## Postgraduate teaching

The College will teach a new postgraduate subject on Pacific national and regional security from Semester 2 2026, as part of the Master of National Security Policy at the ANU Crawford School of Public Policy.

This will support Pacific security professionals to deepen their understanding of relevant security issues, as part of a Graduate Certificate or Master program, while also strengthening their leadership, public policy skills and networks.

## Pacific Visitorship Program

The Pacific Visitorship Program supports Pacific security officials and experts to strengthen research partnerships and develop solutions to regional security challenges.

Hosted at ANU in Canberra, the program enables participants to undertake short-term research projects of up to six weeks at the College.

It is designed to bring together Pacific researchers, policymakers, ANU and the Pacific Security College to share insights, collaborate on key discussions on Pacific security issues, and build lasting partnerships across the region.



Participants from the Papua New Guinea Executive Leadership Retreat hosted in Canberra

## Executive Leadership Program

The Pacific Security College's Executive Leadership Course is an intensive initiative designed for Members of Parliament from Pacific Islands Forum members.

It provides a forum for senior policymakers to discuss security challenges and opportunities with their peers, while encouraging reflection on leadership and professional development.

Delivered in Canberra, the course fosters regional collaboration by connecting participants with leaders who have senior government experience, Australian political figures, and experts from ANU.

Grounded in world-class research from ANU, the program provides insights into evidence-based strategies and frameworks that are directly relevant to participants' roles as political leaders.

The Pacific Security College tailors content and activities to the interests and requests of the Forum member. The program can include sessions on topics such as leadership, economics, labour mobility, technology, artificial intelligence, climate change, geopolitics and geoeconomics, and futures exercises.

Learning is delivered through a dynamic mix of lectures, roundtable discussions, workshops and excursions.

Throughout the course, participants are supported by experienced mentors with deep expertise across politics, the Pacific region, and the public, private and non-profit sectors.

Learn more





The Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, the Hon James Marape, speaks at a welcome lunch for the Papua New Guinea Executive Leadership Retreat



The Vanuatu Executive Leadership Course included sessions on relevant policy and security issues, such as climate change and economic growth.



The Hon Marie-Louise Milne MP at the Vanuatu Executive Leadership Course



The Micronesia Executive Leadership Course brought together participants from the Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Nauru, Palau and the Republic of the Marshall Islands

# Policy Engagement

We assist Forum members with the creation, implementation, review and updating of their national security strategies.

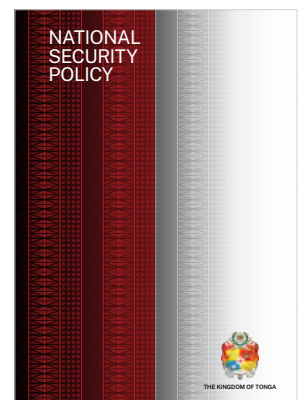


Roline Tekon, National Security Adviser for Vanuatu, at the Regional Workshop on National Security Strategies

The sovereign policy decisions in a strategy are for the government and peoples of that Forum member. Where invited to do so, the College's role is to assist the process with workshops, technical assistance, and the design and printing of the final document.

We work behind the scenes in a way that is respectful of the people, values and processes of Forum members.

In recent years, the College has supported the governments of Cook Islands, Niue, Tonga and Tuvalu as they develop their respective national security strategies and policies.



## Cook Islands National Security Policy 2023-2026

The Cook Islands National Security Policy was launched by Prime Minister Mark Brown on 26 June 2023. Cook Islands also hosted a regional workshop on national security strategies to reflect on learnings from the Cook Islands process and how other Forum members could be supported.

Cook Islands National Security Director Maara Tetava led the work to create the strategy.

At the request of Director Tetava, the College provided technical experts, chosen by Cook Islands, who helped with the consultations across Cook Islands' government and society. These consultations ensured the strategy reflected Cook Islands' needs and priorities.

The College also assisted Director Tetava in the design and printing of the final document, and in the logistics of the regional workshop.

We continue to support the Cook Islands in the implementation of their policy.



Cook Islands Prime Minister, the Hon Mark Brown, at the launch of the Cook Islands National Security Policy

“In formulating our national security policy, the Cook Islands has also taken a broad-based policy approach.

This policy supports our national aspirations for a stable, sustainable and prosperous nation.

It reflects our fundamental national values, including our respect for the rule of law, human rights, cultural and religious practices, economic stability, resource efficiency and social cohesion.”

→ **The Honourable Mark Brown**  
Prime Minister of Cook Islands



National Security Director Maara Tetava speaking during the Regional Workshop on National Security Strategies

“I was pleased to partner with the College on our process. The College respected Cook Islands' values and was happy to work quietly in the background, supporting Cook Islands' priorities. They just wanted to support us to get the best possible result, and we were pleased to have them join us in the *waka* with a paddle or two.”

→ **Maara Tetava**  
Cook Islands National Security Director

# Regional Collaboration

The College works closely with the Pacific Island Forum Secretariat and the Forum Officials Committee Sub-Committee on Regional Security to ensure our work is aligned to the broader regional effort.

The College supports regional conversations about security, connecting government and academia – a key example is the annual Pacific Peace and Security Dialogue.

We aim to contribute to building a sense of community among the security policymakers of the Blue Pacific Continent.



The 2025 Pacific Regional and National Security Conference

## Pacific Peace and Security Dialogue

The Pacific Peace and Security Dialogue brings together key security actors from across the Pacific to tackle the polycrisis before the region.

Formerly the Pacific Regional and National Security Conference (PRNSC), the event unites political leaders, regional and national officials, academics, civil society, and traditional, church and business leaders to share their wisdom and perspectives.

The Dialogue supports a collaborative, Pacific-led approach to promoting security, aligned with the region's vision for a secure and resilient Pacific by 2050.

The program features panels, keynote speeches and discussions on a wide range of issues, reflecting the priorities outlined in the *Boe Declaration on Regional Security*. Sessions capture the diverse and interconnected nature of regional security challenges, including climate change, human security, transnational crime, protecting maritime and environmental resources, cyber security, and geopolitics. The Dialogue also includes a futures exercise on the pathway to 2050.

The event is held annually in Suva, Fiji. The 2025 conference was presented by 11 organisations, including the Pacific Security College. It brought together more than 150 delegates, including political representatives, regional officials, civil society leaders, academics, and representatives from Forum Dialogue Partners.

The official report from the 2025 Pacific Regional and National Security Conference was launched on the sidelines of the 54th Pacific Islands Forum Leaders' Meeting in Honiara, Solomon Islands.



The Prime Minister of Fiji, the Hon Sitiveni Rabuka, opens the Pacific Regional and National Security Conference in 2025



The Prime Minister of Niue, the Hon Dalton Tagelagi, addresses the conference in 2025



The Women, Peace and Security panel in 2025



The Political Leaders on Climate Security panel in 2025

# Research and publications

The College publishes policy and research that provides timely, accessible analysis on security issues across the Blue Pacific.

It also convenes leading academic and regional voices to discuss priority security-related topics and amplify Pacific perspectives.

## Policy Insights

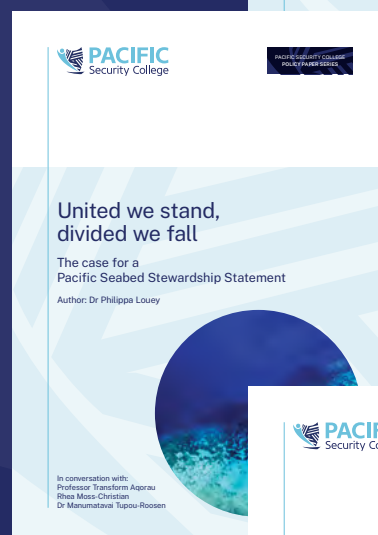
The Pacific Security College's policy paper series aims to contribute a diversity of views and ideas to regional conversations about the journey to 2050.

The series seeks to support informed discussion on how best to realise the *2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent* – the long-term vision articulated by leaders of the Pacific Islands Forum.

It reflects a deep conviction that effective policy and meaningful academic debate are strengthened by listening to a wide range of perspectives, asking thoughtful questions about where we are and where we want to go, and engaging openly with different ideas.

Above all, the papers look ahead to 2050 with optimism and confidence, fostering inclusive dialogue about the region's shared future.

Learn more



## Pacific Wayfinder

The Pacific Wayfinder blog and vodcast provide platforms for expert voices on security issues shaping the Blue Pacific, sharing the perspectives of Pacific policymakers, thought leaders and researchers.

Together, they foster informed dialogue on emerging trends, risks and priority security challenges across Pacific Island countries.

### Blog

The Pacific Wayfinder blog is a lively platform for storytelling and expert analysis, featuring commentary and policy-relevant insights from academics, security officials and practitioners across the region.



### Vodcast

Featuring world-leading experts, senior policy and decision-makers, and those working on the frontline of security in the Pacific, the Pacific Wayfinder vodcast delves into security developments and challenges affecting Pacific Island countries through in-depth conversation.



#### Pacific's security outlook

Pacific Fusion Centre Director Viliame Bovoro and Assistant Director Monalisa Tiai-Keti join the College's Senior Pacific Fellow Joel Nilon to discuss the security threats facing the Pacific and the need for collective regional responses.



#### RAMSI: 20 years, 20 voices

A special, six-episode vodcast series celebrates the anniversary of the Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands (RAMSI) – one of the most successful regional security operations in the world.





## Analysing Pacific Security

Pacific leaders need access to analysis that can support their decision making in an increasingly complex operating environment. This capability needs to be employed with a clear-eyed view of Pacific national and regional security interests, including a critical understanding of the interdependence between people, environment, culture and local capability.

This course provides the skills and understanding of the tradecraft of analysis for application in the Pacific. It supports participants to grapple with the perennial problems of analysis: the complexity of international and local developments, incomplete and ambiguous information, and cognitive biases.

Participants will enjoy practical exercises and feedback from qualified experts on their draft assessments. Ultimately, the purpose of this credential is to provide a shared language and skill base that supports a community of analysts in the Pacific.

# Courses



## National Security Strategy, Policy and Operation

A key focus of the Pacific Security College is serving Forum members with the creation, implementation, review and updating of their national security strategies. This course is a useful first step in a country developing a national security strategy, or a good way to bring national security stakeholders together to discuss progress and next steps.

The four-day course is designed to bring together representatives from all agencies with national security responsibilities – both traditional and non-traditional.

The course offers a disciplined thinking process. It explores how the current roles, responsibilities and operations of key agencies – and the information sharing between them – can be enhanced in response to an expanded and changing security landscape. It will also help to strengthen the practical implementation of national security policies, strategies and operations.



## Framing Pacific Security: Pacific priorities in a more complex region

Pacific peoples and countries employ the concept of security with distinct characteristics. This is reflected in the *Boe Declaration* and the *2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent*, with their sophisticated blend of traditional and non-traditional security issues.

These documents reflect longstanding Pacific outlooks and discourses on politics and security. This course supports participants to understand and explore Pacific outlooks on security. It examines the commonalities and differences between security, resilience and development, and their underlying principles and concepts.

The course further considers how Pacific policymakers are leveraging the increased attention in the Blue Pacific and hedging against the risks it poses to shape and build resilience.



## Regional and National Security Architecture in the Blue Pacific

Through the Pacific Islands Forum and the network of regional agencies, the Blue Pacific has robust regional security architecture that can support Forum members to respond to many of the challenges and opportunities before them.

This course outlines that architecture and how it can interact with national security architecture.

It includes a consideration of the *Boe Declaration* and the *2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent*. It examines the role of national security strategies in drawing the linkages between regional and national architecture.

Participants will have the opportunity to reflect on the strengths, weaknesses and opportunities in the existing system. They will see how national architecture is expressed differently depending on the culture, values, risk profile and policy history of that country.

They will also consider the current linkages and gaps between the national and regional architecture. The course will include briefings from subject experts, collaborative group work culminating in a scenario exercise, and reflections on how regional and national security architecture can be strengthened.



## Climate Security: Managing the greatest threat

In 2018, Pacific Islands Forum Leaders identified climate change as the greatest threat facing the Pacific. This course provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the complex interplay between climate change and security issues in the Pacific – as well as the environmental, social, economic and political dimensions.

The course will delve into the multifaceted aspects of climate security, equipping students with the knowledge and tools needed to analyse, address and formulate strategies.

Importantly, it will address the extraordinary policy choices that may be needed to respond to unprecedented risks. The course will also identify the important regional bodies and international partners that influence the global response to climate change.

Designed for a broad, cross-government audience, this course does not require specialised prior knowledge but reinforces the importance of a coordinated, whole-of-government response to the complex challenges that cascade from climate security threats.

The course also recognises the importance of indigenous knowledge and practices in adapting to climate change.

Students will engage in group discussions, case studies and a simulation, gain a deep appreciation for the complexities of climate security in the Pacific, and develop the skills necessary to contribute to effective and sustainable solutions.



## Health and Security in the Blue Pacific

This course aims to support government policymakers and community representatives working across the critical and intersecting issues of health and security.

It will support the development of a cohort of people who are committed to multi-agency, multi-sector and whole-of-community partnerships in pursuit of the goals of the *Boe Declaration*.

The course explores the many facets of health and security in the Pacific. It examines the skills and capabilities required to work across multiple issues and agencies. Course participants will enjoy lectures, interactive panels and practical case studies.

The course has been designed in partnership with Fiji National University. An Industry Advisory Committee made up of senior representatives from security and health agencies in the region provided oversight and support in the development of the course.



## Transnational Crime in the Blue Pacific

Transnational crime has been a longstanding concern in the Pacific. This is reflected in the Pacific Islands Forum's 1992 *Honiara Declaration*, the *Boe Declaration* and the *2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent*.

This course aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of transnational crime in the Pacific and the key mechanisms for tackling it. It draws extensively on case studies and evidence-based research.

Participants will consider the security, governance and developmental challenges posed by transnational organised crime, and examine the local, national, regional and global nature of the challenge.

The course then considers the strengths and weaknesses of the current regional architecture. It explores the role of non-state actors, such as churches and communities, which are on the frontline of combatting transnational crime. It also examines the relationship between law enforcement and national security within Forum members and the role of partners in responding to transnational crime.

Finally, it considers how transnational crime will intersect with current and emerging threats, such as climate-related events, pandemics and the nexus between transnational crime and geopolitical contests.



## Cyber and Technology Security in the Blue Pacific

Pacific countries face an increasingly hostile global cyber context. New cable connections have resulted in productivity gains, but also greater cyber risks to institutions and the community.

The risks have manifested in several ransomware attacks in recent years. This course examines the actors and trends shaping cyber security risks. It looks at the different forms of technology-enabled crime to understand how the Pacific can respond.

The course considers the tools available to Pacific governments to address cyber risks. These include workforce capacity, legislative frameworks, investigation and response capabilities, partnership arrangements and infrastructure solutions. The course will be informed by global and Pacific case studies.



## Maritime Security in the Blue Pacific

Maritime security is central to the future of the Blue Pacific. Pacific countries must navigate a complex mix of cultural, economic, environmental and geopolitical dynamics across vast ocean spaces.

This course aims to deepen understanding of maritime security from a Pacific perspective and to support cooperation across sectors, agencies and jurisdictions. It explores how Pacific identity, resource management, human security, economic factors and great power interests intersect to shape the maritime security landscape.

Participants will consider the ways in which marine resources such as fisheries and seabed minerals contribute to both opportunity and risk. They will examine the impact of transnational threats including illegal fishing, trafficking and maritime crime, and explore the security implications of economic infrastructure, trade and strategic dependencies. The course also looks at how geopolitical interest in the Pacific influences maritime governance and regional cooperation.

By the end of the course, participants will have gained a comprehensive understanding of the interplay between identity, interests, and resources in shaping maritime security dynamics in the Blue Pacific. Participants will be equipped with the analytical tools to assess the multifaceted challenges and opportunities that define maritime security.



## Geopolitics and the Blue Pacific Continent

This course offers an in-depth exploration of the complex interplay between geopolitics and the Blue Pacific, through the lens of Pacific interests and priorities. It considers how the Pacific can manage the increasing interest of great powers, and their efforts to position for influence, due to the Pacific's strategic location and valuable resources.

The course will examine the new geopolitics, and the existing, new and rising great powers impacting on the Blue Pacific – their national stories, their economies, and their Pacific diplomacy.

It will then consider the opportunities and challenges the new geopolitics presents for the Pacific, and how the Pacific can respond, including how to make the most of Pacific regional architecture and national strategies.

Throughout the program, participants will engage in group discussions, case studies and a scenario exercise. Participants will appreciate the complexities, constraints and enablers of influence in the Pacific Islands region and develop the skills necessary to navigate contested seas.

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