

# MANAGEMENT PROFILES

### **Global Executive Director**

Celebrity chef Robert Oliver is the executive director and show host. Robert led the team that developed the Pacific Island Food Revolution project. He grew up in Fiji and is a champion of Pacific cuisine. Robert hosted the TV series Real Pasifik, which plays in more than 40 countries and is on its 75th rerun. He is Ambassador for Le Cordon Bleu, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, and UNDP Pacific Advocate for Food, Sustainable Development and Wellbeing. His book Me'a Kai: The Food and Flavours of the South Pacific won Best Cookbook in the World 2010 Gourmand Awards. He followed this with Mea'ai Samoa: Recipe and Stories from the Heart of Polynesia, winner of the Best TV Chef Cookbook in the World 2013. Robert is available for media interviews. Please arrange through Global Communications Director Faumuina Tafunai faumuina@pacificislandfoodrevolution.com

## **Project Managers**

AECOM PTY Ltd (Adelaide) International Development project manager Melissa Collins oversees the Pacific Island Food Revolution. She is assisted by Project support manager Collette Brown. Melissa and Collette manage the project on behalf of Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. They make sure we stick to the plan, are accountable and transparent while performing a million other project management tasks.

Melissa is available for interviews. Please arrange through Global Communications Director Faumuina Tafunai faumuina@pacificislandfoodrevolution.com

## **TV Producer**

Cindi Lucas is the brains behind the TV production team. She has 30 years' experience in TV and has produced MasterChef, My Kitchen Rules, Marae Kai Masters and Beauty & The Beach. She is the owner of Pacific Island Productions in Auckland and is committed to producing purpose-driven television. Cindi is available for interviews. Please arrange through Global Communications Director Faumuina Tafunai faumuina@pacificislandfoodrevolution.com

## **Global Partnerships Director**

Dr Junior Ulu looks after Revolution Partnerships. He has created a broad matrix of engagement across all sectors – community groups, non-governmental organisations, churches and Governments. Previously with the Volunteer Service Abroad as International Programme Manager, Junior has a PhD in Development Studies from Victoria University (Marsden Scholarship). Junior is available for interviews. Please arrange through Global Communications Director Faumuina Tafunai faumuina@pacificislandfoodrevolution.com

### **Global Communications Director**

Faumuina Felolini Maria Tafunai is our communications go-to person. She has extensive experience in indigenous empowerment in the Pacific Islands and New Zealand. Raised in Christchurch, Faumuina's bloodlines reach back to Samoa. She is an award-winning journalist and is the first Pacific Island Fellow to join the Edmund Hillary Fellowship for her work in Wayfinding Design. She has worked on social and economic projects with United Nations agencies, social enterprises, civil societies, and businesses. Faumuina is available for interviews. Please email faumuina@pacificislandfoodrevolution.com.

## **Digital Innovator**

CG Design is our digital innovator. Led by Chris Parnell, his team tackles a steady stream of innovation requests as we weave together all the digital parts of the Revolution into our website and social media. Chris' team are also developing new digital innovations to help spread the Revolution.

#### **Behavioural Economics Partners**

Busara Center for Behavioural Economics are one of our partners in our Theory of Change, and Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning for the Revolution. Senior Research Associate Mark Millrine leads the dynamic and innovative Busara team. Paired with Busara is Ana Laqeretabua, Principal Consultant at SALT Communications and Development Agency in Fiji. Ana has a background in gender analysis and strategic communications and provides support to Busara for their work in the Pacific.

#### **Donor Partners**

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