

Please register me for Talanoa 2008:

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode _____

Phone () _____ Fax () _____

Email: _____

1. **Sessions:** I will attend all sessions

OR, the following sessions (please circle sessions)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Morning Session	Open'g event + 1 Talanoa	2 Talanoa +1 Elective	2 Talanoa +1 Elective
Afternoon Session	1 Talanoa + 1 Elective	1 Talanoa +1 Elective	1 Talanoa +1 Elective
Night	<i>Free time for Mixing & Talanoa</i>		

2. **Meals:** Book me in for the following meals:
 Tuesday Lunch Wednesday Lunch
 Special dietary needs: _____

3. **Payment:**
 Full registration: \$90
 Discount (unwaged/students): \$75
 Day attendance: \$40/day

I enclose \$ _____ OR Non refundable deposit of \$50 (Please make cheques payable to UTC)

Credit card details: Mastercard Visa

Card No _____

Expiry Date __ / __

Signature _____

Send registration to UTC
 16 Masons Drive
 North Parramatta 2151

Why Talanoa Oceania?

Talanoa Oceania is in response to conditions such as --

1. Pacific Islanders (PIs) are torn between where we live and our home islands, partly because we have not been fully understood (in our new locations) and released (from our island homes)
2. PIs continue to look for direction from our home islands partly because a *sea of talanoa* has not been gathered to root us in our current locations
3. PIs are searching for creative and meaningful ways of continuing to be connected to our island cultures, churches and homes
4. PIs often misunderstand other cultures partly because we are confused about who we are, in our current locations
5. PIs are not homogenous, so we need to embrace our differences and seek for better crosscultural understanding
 -- and so forth ...

The currents of Talanoa Oceania

- o **Border crossing:** Talanoa is for everyone, PI and Palangi or Pakeha, who have interests in the past, present and future realities of PIs
- o **Sharing:** There will be lots of opportunities to interact and share our stories of hope and wealth of experiences
- o **Island style:** The program is designed with some seriousness but the event will be flexible
- o **Space for rebels:** There will be tents and shades with activities for ones who would rather not listen to presentations



**Talanoa Oceania:
 Mana, Vanua, Talanoa**



Time and venue: Sept 29 - Oct 01, 2008 @ Center for Ministry, 16 Masons Drive, North Parramatta, NSW 2151, Australia

A gathering for ones who are interested in Pacific cultures, peoples & imaginations

Presentations at *Talanoa Oceania 2008* will drift around three significant Pacific Island concepts: **Mana, Vanua, Talanoa**. These have multiple meanings in the various language and island groups:

- o **Mana** can mean sacred, magic, courage, power, transformation, creativity, healing, imagination, and so forth
- o **Vanua (fonua, fenua, whenua, etc)** can mean land, womb, home, identity, roots, tradition, and so forth
- o **Talanoa** can mean story, storytelling, conversation, orality, empty-talk, and so forth