



## PACIFIC MEDIA CENTRE (PMC)

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# PACIFIC MEDIA WATCH PROJECT



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### PMW contributing editor (HTRA08) – Both semesters, 2018

Pictured is former Pacific Media Watch researcher/reporter/editor **Alistar Kata**, who made a mini-doco *The PMC Project*. Last year's editor was **Kendall Hutt**. The Pacific Media Centre publishes the dynamic award-winning **Pacific Media Watch** digital database as a media monitoring and education resource of excellence on a Drupal platform integrated with the [Pacific Media Centre Online](http://PacificMediaCentreOnline) website at AUT University and the [AsiaPacificReport](http://AsiaPacificReport) partnership with *Evening Report*. The [Pacific Media Watch](http://PacificMediaWatch) database has been established as a project of the PMC to report, research and analyse media ethics, accountability, censorship, freedom and ownership issues in the Asia-Pacific region. This is a part-time position of approximately 10 hours a week and working hours are negotiable. Ideal for an independent current or recent Honours, Masters or Doctoral student with journalism experience and knowledge of Asia-Pacific affairs, or a strong interest in the region. The Centre collaborates with the Paris-based Reporters Sans Frontières and New York-based Freedom House global media freedom agencies.



### The contributing editor is expected to:

- Monitor and research Asia-Pacific media freedom, issues with an emphasis on the South Pacific and on countries or territories that share borders or interests with Pacific nations, such as Indonesia, Philippines, Timor-Leste and West Papua.
- Host our weekly PMC/PMW's **Southern Cross** radio programme with 95bFM.
- Generate new database and news content through regional Pacific quality journalism based on rigorous research, balance, fairness, independence, and robust sourcing and topicality
- Report, edit and upload files to our [Pacific Media Centre Online](http://PacificMediaCentreOnline), [AsiaPacificReport.nz](http://AsiaPacificReport.nz) and Soundcloud websites.

- Research and develop multimedia articles/interviews suitable for publication in our partner website *AsiaPacificReport* where appropriate in consultation with the Pacific Media Centre director.
- Coordinate and supervise collaborative journalism projects such as covering the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) conference with a reporting team from the JOUR801 Asia-Pacific Journalism Studies paper in consultation with the PMC director.
- Assist publication of journalism portfolio outputs from APJS on *Asia Pacific Report* and *PMC Online*.
- Update and develop the guidelines in the PMC Research Databases Operating Manual

Up to 150 hours' self-directed research work and publication is envisaged for this project for each semester. This would involve approximately 10 hours a week during the teaching semesters. Hours, conditions and remuneration in consultation/contract with the Manager of the School of Communication Studies. A postgraduate communication studies student/journalist with experience on the Asia-Pacific Journalism paper and an interest/background in Pacific media affairs is preferred.

**Apply through** the School Postgraduate Administrator [Jessie.hsu@aut.ac.nz](mailto:Jessie.hsu@aut.ac.nz) – cc. to the **Project Director, PMC Director:** [david.robie@aut.ac.nz](mailto:david.robie@aut.ac.nz)

**Deadline: 4pm, Friday, March 2, 2018**

**General skills/attributes preferred:**

- Experience and knowledge of Web 2/3 media strategies
- Professional experience as a journalist and editor
- Experience in Asia-Pacific and media freedom and ethical issues
- Multimedia and/or audio experience and skills ideal
- Postgraduate research and publication experience
- Ability to develop strategic coverage, planning and train any potential successor

**Specific tasks:**

1. Operate, edit and administer the *Pacific Media Watch* and *Asia Pacific Report* websites. [www.pacmediawatch.aut.ac.nz](http://www.pacmediawatch.aut.ac.nz) and [asiapacificreport.nz](http://asiapacificreport.nz)
2. Daily (or regularly) monitor Asia-Pacific freedom coverage and issues in regional matters and post items of relevance and importance for the region with due reference to copyright protocols and the database's policy of Creative Commons <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-nd/3.0/nz/>
3. Plan and report original news and current affairs media content with rigorous research, balance, fairness, independence and topicality.
4. Develop a profile for the PMW news service and database and work towards closer links with Reporters Sans Frontières in accordance with the ideals expressed in the original *PMW* charter. Related to this would be the ongoing development of an operating manual for PMW, editing protocols and a collegial consultative process with other PMC staff and student journalists for addressing media freedom and ethical issues in the region.

**Accountability:**

**Editorial content matters and policy:** To Director of the Pacific Media Centre, Prof David Robie

**Administrative and employment matters:** School Manager, Edelita Clark WG1203

**Starting date:** Week 2, Semester 1, 2018