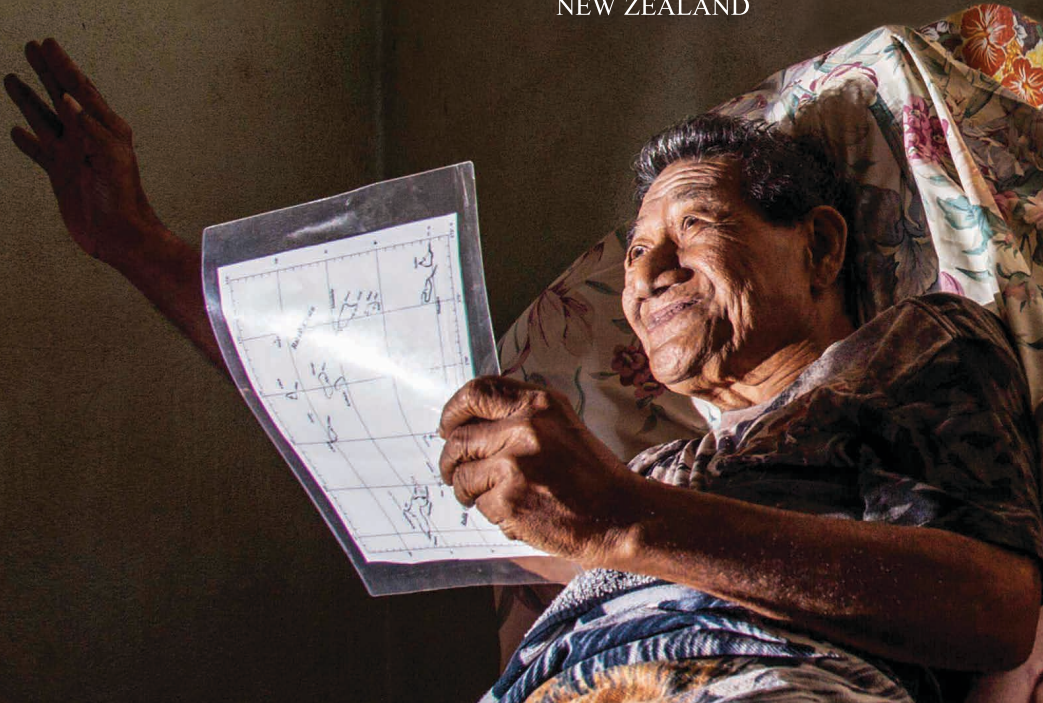


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The Nayacakalou Medal is presented to Associate Professor Judith Hunstman by Professor Michael Reilly (on behalf of The Polynesian Society Council) prior to her medal lecture entitled “The Treasures of Tokelau”.

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The Polynesian Society awards three medals for outstanding achievements in Pacific research: The Nayacakalou Medal, The Elsdon Best Memorial Medal and The Te Rangi Hiroa Medal of the Royal Society of New Zealand. The Nayacakalou Medal honours the late Dr Rusiate Nayacakalou for his outstanding ethnological writing on Fijian and Polynesian society and culture. The Medal is considered (but not necessarily awarded) annually for recent significant publications on Pacific Island research relevant to the aims and purposes of the Polynesian Society, and the interests and concerns of Dr Nayacakalou. The recipient is typically asked to present a paper on the occasion of receiving the Medal, which is subsequently published in the *Journal*. This year the Nayacakalou Medal will be awarded at the May AGM to Associate Professor Judith Hunstman, long-standing Honorary Editor of the *Journal of the Polynesian Society*, retired University of Auckland academic staff and currently Honorary Academic of Anthropology in the School of Social Sciences.

