PACIFIC EDITOR

**Department** | Editorial
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**Reports to** | International news editor, deputy editor
**Normal location** | Sydney or Melbourne
**Terms and conditions** | Full-time, 12-month term contract working a seven-day roster with early starts and/or late finishes
**Purpose of role** | To report on the Pacific by establishing a network of independent journalists and to undertake and commission/edit major investigations into Pacific issues

**Key responsibilities and accountabilities**

- Lead Pacific news coverage and set the news agenda on Pacific news, with a focus on critical strategic, social, environmental, crime and business stories
- Monitor Pacific news in close collaboration with Sydney international team
- Establish and maintain a network of trusted and independent indigenous Pacific journalists for news collaborations and commission stories from them
- Commission Guardian reporters and freelance contributors to undertake Pacific investigations
- Generate interesting original content and cover stories in innovative ways including social, video and interactive reports
- Work on collaborative projects with news editors, reporters, data specialists and multimedia journalists from across the Guardian’s team
- Collaborate with other Australian media organisations on some major investigations
- Be open to challenge and correction
Use social media as part of our commitment to open journalism and engagement with our audience

**Key contacts and relationships**

Guardian Australia news desk and Asia-Pacific international desk, production desk, multimedia, audience development

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**PERSON SPECIFICATION**

### Knowledge and experience

- Specialist knowledge of the Pacific and Australia’s immediate neighbourhood
- Contacts in the Pacific or a clearly demonstrated ability to get rapidly up to speed in a specialist area/region
- Solid journalistic experience on a news publication
- Enthusiasm for collaborating on video, audio, interactive and new forms of content for the web and mobile
- Understanding of media law/legal compliances/potential legal problems
- Familiarity with the Guardian’s editorial code and values

### Skills / behaviours

- Ability to develop expertise in a specialist area with enthusiasm and authority but without losing sight of the big picture
- Instincts in digital journalism, from the social web to mobile
- Enthusiasm for working under pressure and with multiple priorities
- Strong critical judgement
- High attention to detail
- Ability to closely manage budgets
- Ability to manage a team of correspondents across multiple time zones
- Self-starter
- Calm under pressure and resilient
- Tactful
This job description is a guide to the work you will initially be required to undertake. It summarises the main aspects of the job but does not cover all the duties that the job holder may have to perform. It may be changed from time to time to meet changing circumstances. It does not form part of your contract of employment and as your experience grows, you will be expected to broaden your tasks, suggest improvements, solve problems and enhance the effectiveness of the role.