

LEADERSHIP FIJI E-NEWSLETTER

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BIGGEST INTAKE IN 15 YEAR HISTORY FOR LEADERSHIP FIJI PROGRAM

Welcome to Edition 01 of Leadership Fiji's bi-annual 2017 e-Newsletter.

The 2017 Leadership Fiji (LF) program was officially launched on Friday 3rd March at FNU's Tiri Restaurant in Suva, and saw the introduction of 34 new participants, the biggest intake in LF's 16 year history.

As is the case every year, LF2017 consists of top level managers and business heads from around the country that were selected out of numerous qualified applicants and who have successfully undergone an extensive recruitment process.

Chairman of the Leadership Fiji Board of Directors, William Parkinson says he was impressed with this year's record number of applications which led to the LF Secretariat adjusting admin and logistics processes to accommodate more local leaders in the Program.

Chief Guest at the Launch, Mr Ritesh Singh, a graduate of the pioneering LF2002 Program, Managing Director & Chief Operating Officer ANZ Pacific, spoke highly of the achievements of LF2015 who graduated as Fellows of Leadership Fiji at the same occasion.

In his speech to both LF 2015 Graduates, and LF 2017 incumbents, Mr Singh said, "We celebrate the harvest as we have in the last 15 years. Considering the brand that Leadership Fiji has established for itself, we must pay due respect to the vision that sprouted wings and took flight on a



destination for greatness. The individuals graduating today and those that have done so every year since 2002 have in their own ways, lit the beacon of possibilities that is the Leadership Fiji legacy. Every year the quality of leaders that join the Alumni are those, best and brightest, willing and able, to continue the success story, for years to come."

He added, "I am a raving fan of the program and as a leader in my organization, I make sure we provide 2 to 4 applicants to the program every year and make sure that we give back to Leadership Fiji and our communities. Individuals, leaders like me, that have our love for Fiji

ingrained into our hearts. For me personally, I made up my mind upon my graduation that after completing the program, that I would call Fiji my home forever. This commitment transcends the decisions that we make at ANZ. My focus is that I must make relevant, accurate decisions that will help the 700 odd Pacific families across 12 countries, to thrive. As a leadership team we have that common vision with our staff, while our methodologies may not agree, or our actions are sometimes misinterpreted, when a vision is solid, all the pieces will fall into place."

The second edition of our e-Newsletter will be released in November, 2017. **ENDS**



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD CHAIRMAN



William Parkinson

After an action packed 15th year of operation that ended with one great party, the Leadership Fiji (LF) team could be excused for suffering from a bit of a hangover in early 2017 but nothing could be further from the truth.

Energized by all the activity in 2016 we found ourselves swamped by quality applications for the program. The result - a record number of 34 participants in this year's program. This has meant some new logistical challenges for the LF executive team. They have responded by making positive adjustments to how we run the program and I am excited about the way in which this year's participants have reacted to the changes.

Once again, we have a number of firsts planned for 2017.

For the LF program we are all looking forward to our first excursion to the northern division planned for mid-August. This is something we have talked about for some time and this year, it is going to happen.

Leadership Fiji is all about broadening horizons and the northern tour will introduce to our participants, many of whom have never left Viti Levu, the unique challenges faced by the people of Vanua Levu. Needless to say there are plenty of envious Leadership Fiji Alumni who are volunteering to come along.

The LF Alumni also have an active year planned but we are particularly excited by plans that are underway for the LF Alumni Summit in November. Leadership Fiji in partnership with the Ministry of Women, the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre and the Fiji Women's Rights Movement will be hosting children's rights crusader and 2015 Australian of the Year, Rosie Batty to conduct a series of public speaking engagements, workshops and she will be the key note speaker at our LF Alumni Summit. You can find out more about this event in this newsletter. The LF Executive Office is also in discussions to secure another major partner. This is the first of what will be a regular series of events where Leadership Fiji tackles key public issues with the aim to educate and open up public discussion. As part of this program Leadership Fiji has also supported the TEDx Suva events over the last two years. We also acknowledge the excellent work done in this area of Sharon Narayan LF2011 and her Genda Project team.

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We were very proud to see Leadership Fiji Alumni (LFA) recognized at the recent Westpac Women in Business Awards. Cathy Wong LF2008 received special recognition for the leadership she has shown in physiotherapy and more recently in sport as the Chef de Mission to the Rio Olympics. Atelina Muavono LF2010 won the Manager of the Year Award. Atelina is Head of Operations for BSP Life. We've taken the liberty of acknowledging just a few Alumni achievements in this edition but there have been numerous achievements and I grow increasingly encouraged by the direction the LFA is moving and measures taken to ensure that progress is achieved across diverse

sectors of our communities.

I am delighted to report that driven by the enthusiasm and energy of a board that is now largely LF Alumni, Leadership Fiji continues to grow and develop. Recently we welcomed new sponsors Credit Corporation Fiji, Westpac and Tradewinds Marine Limited who increased their sponsorship to a three year commitment. Active plans are underway to set up a LF Foundation to support ongoing community action programs.

Expect exciting news as this new initiative progresses. And expect to discover a lot more in the next edition of this newsletter. ENDS



Women In Business Awards Winners 17/05/17 in Suva. Far right, Cathy Wong (LF2008), Distinguished National Achievement Award, 4th from right, Atelina Muavono (LF2010), Manager of the Year Award.



3rd from right, Sharon Narayan LF2011 at the GendaDISRUPT #IndustryTalk 18/03/17 in Nadi.



Photos from TedXSuva, 06/05/17 at USP's Performance Space. Above L-R: Tamara Smith (LF2013), Alex Elbourne (LF2012), Sufi Dean & William Parkinson (LF Directors), Avaneesh Raman, at the back (LF2012). Below: Volunteers Team of TedX Suva.



INDUCTION OF 2015 GRADUATES INTO FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

22 participants of the LF2015 Program were inducted as Fellows of Leadership Fiji after immersing themselves in various community projects since graduation and delivering assistance across different communities in the past year.

In order to be inducted into Leadership Fiji's Fellowship, each year group, upon graduating within their Program years, commit themselves and must successfully complete a year-long community project or a few projects if they choose, before their induction.

LF2015's community projects include:

- Rukuruku village, Sigatoka - , development of School playground, rugby posts, rugby balls and netball rings
- St Vincent's Kitchen painting and stove donation
- Sawani Village Kindergarten Book Drive
- Curtains for RSPCA, Suva
- Buretu School - library book-drive, development of School playground, rugby posts and rugby balls, waste management system
- Sandalwood planting

The Leadership Fiji Alumni (LFA) and the LF Secretariat and Board of Directors is proud of its Fellows and continue to marvel at the achievements of these hard-working leaders in their efforts to improve livelihoods within their respective communities.

Congratulations LF2015. ENDS



Photos from the Launch of the LF2017 Program and LF2015 Fellowship Induction, taken 03/03/17, Tiri Restaurant, Suva.



THE OPENING RETREAT

By Tamara Smith (LF2013), LF Executive Officer

The 2017 Opening Retreat moved further West this year, from its usual spot in Pacific Harbour, to the Yatule Resort on Natadola Beach, thanks to FNPF and the Yatule Resort management's generous support of a competitive package rate for our larger-than-usual group. Yatule proved to be the perfect spot for an opening retreat, as the beautiful ocean views, fresh air, meals and activities, right on the beach, set the scene for a productive and enlightening two days.

The first day of the retreat, in which the group got introduced to their group syndicates and buddy's, saw an introduction by Chairman, William Parkinson, to the ideals and values of 'leadership' and got them exploring some of their own thoughts and perspectives on the basic principles of what it takes to be a leader, which they effectively shared in some stimulating and vocal sessions.

The group also partook in many challenging but fun, team building activities that resulted in the participants coming out of their comfort zones, which in turn started them on the mental preparation required, for what the rest of the year will have in store for them. In an evening session, the group was introduced to Leadership Fiji's values and pledge, and was taken through an informative presentation of the history of the LF program, and where we are strategically heading after 15 years by Executive Director Sharyne Fong (LF2005).



On day two, after an invigorating group early morning run on the beach, the participants got down to the intense work of developing their group Vision for Fiji in 2037. This was no easy task, as other LF Alumni will attest to! Their group Vision encapsulated hours of discussions, and role plays, to determine one joint statement to sum up their passion to work as a diverse group, towards the betterment of Fiji's future. It was a fantastic effort with well-earned taps on the backs, at the end of the session, culminating in a hearty lunch being served, before returning to Suva.

All in all, the Opening Retreat was a great success, and set the pace for a very productive 2017, considering that for the first time in the history of the program, a 5th group syndicate was incorporated, due to the record number of participants. *ENDS*



SESSION REPORTS

The following are activity reports, in summary, of the various sessions, site visitations and group retreats that have taken place, so far, this year. Traditionally, working groups are assigned to these reports, and the 5 Teams of Tui Tui, Tabua, Tagimoucia, Taura-Tale and Tilapia have shared in the responsibilities of tracking and evaluating these activities.

What a privilege to get a first-hand opportunity in discussing 'leadership' with all speakers, in relation to their respective histories, their current professions and their challenges, and further recognizing skills and knowledge that can be utilized by us for the alignment and achievement of our Vision for LF 2017 work in the community and beyond. *ENDS*

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An Overview Of Fiji's History

The first session of the 2017 Program was hosted by the Fiji Museum and FNU Tiri Restaurant in Suva. Session objectives were geared towards an understanding of various aspects of Fijian history with regards to settlement, introduction of new ethnic groups, cultures and religion, racial segregation during pre-independence and how we've progressed since then. This also included Fiji's post-independence era and the country's future possibilities in light of all developments.

Riveting presentations were conducted by all speakers including Dr. Robert Nicole, Professor Sudesh Mishra, Professor Vijay Naidu, Sitiveni Rabuka, USP's Associate Professor Sandra Tarte and Professor Jon Fraenkel who Skyped in from Victoria University of Wellington to discuss electoral systems and various Constitutions around the Pacific and the world.



Human Rights & The Media

Human Rights 101. Albert Seluka, a Senior Human Rights advisor at the Pacific Community's Regional Rights Resource Team (RRRT) discussed various aspects of Human Rights, their origins, basic principles, the types and sources of human rights and comparing individual rights with collective rights.

Ashwin Raj, Director of Fiji Human Rights and Anti-Discrimination Commission and the Director of the Media Industry Development Authority discussed the importance of understanding rights. He encouraged us to be knowledgeable about our rights and to learn new laws and principles guarding our rights to safeguard ourselves regardless of our background. In this regard, Mr Raj also delved into stereotyping and discrimination.

Savaira Tinai, a project officer with Fiji Disabled Peoples Federation talked on the Rights of people living with disabilities. She explained to the group that 'disability' is an evolving concept, resulting from the interaction between persons with impairment and attitudinal barriers that hinders full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others.

Kris Prasad, an activist and the founder of Drodrolagi movement talked about LGBTIQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Queer) Rights in Fiji and how their movement is working towards an aim to create and celebrate a culture of equality, respect, dignity and pride for the LGBTIQ community in Fiji. He also touched on their constitutional rights and how Fiji is taking the lead in the Pacific on protecting the rights of the LGBTIQ community.

Nalini Singh, Executive Director of Fiji Women's Rights Movement discussed the works of FWRM in balancing the gender scales. Ms Singh briefed the group on constitutional rights and the 2014 Fiji National Gender Policy. She also touched on the regional and International responses such as the UN Convention with regards to current initiatives towards the elimination of violence against women and girls. *ENDS*



Government Machinery & Law and Order

Objectives of this session were to identify and understand the functions and mechanics of a parliamentary system, and of an elected government. The session started off with Joji Kotobalavu and Hon. Prem Singh speaking on the mechanics of government. They shared their views on what constitutes a system of democracy and how that applied locally.

Prominent lawyer Richard Naidu from Munro Leys spoke on Understanding the Rule of Law. He elaborated on impartiality and encouraged consultation within the government.

From understanding the rule of law, we then moved onto Isireli Dausiga (LF2008), Director of Rehabilitation and Yellow Ribbon Project (Corrections) who spoke on their role in the government. The challenges that are being faced, and the reality depicted by figures presented by Mr Dausiga.

LF2017 had the opportunity to listen to Commander Rear Admiral Viliame Naupoto, Commander of the RFMF who spoke on humility and that strength is not everything. He wrapped up the lunch session with an engaging Q & A session.

From Military point of things we then moved on to Understanding the Judiciary where Chief Justice Anthony Gates graced us with he's presence to outline the roles and responsibilities of the judiciary and how vital it is to remain impartial and neutral with he's Lordships role in upholding the rule of law. The session ended with a site visit to the Suva Court House which provided an overview of the working of the Suva Court House. This provided further understanding of the legal system in our country. *ENDS*



Alternative Agriculture



We had site visits and were introduced to some very interesting business leaders engaged in alternative agriculture and discussed challenges and opportunities. We had the opportunity to learn from Malti at Commercial Honey Supplies in Nausori who explained processes involved to ensure the production of premium quality honey. Then it was Ben's Trading Ltd, awarded Exporter Of The Year in 2007 and 2013, employing close to 200 people, most of whom are sole bread winners in their respective families.

Ronnie Hyer, of Southern Solutions saw potential in supplying fresh fish to the food-making and tourism industry in Fiji and has since set up shop and machinery in which he packages fresh fish produce. In talking about his challenges, Ronnie explains that he'd welcome any policy assistance to assist with reducing costs of supply. Ronnie also

mentioned how he and other similar business owners are concerned with machinery problems caused by infrequent electricity supply.

We visited the Sigatoka Research Station and then Devesh Bharos & Farms. Devesh, the sole proprietor of the farm, nurses seedlings of high-cost crops as well as vegetable shoots to local farmers and exports regularly to various enterprises and associations. Our next stop was Vuda Piggery, where we toured under the assistance of Simon Cole who educated LF2017 on the biological and scientific components to breeding mechanisms, the challenges and benefits of maintaining the piggery.

Our last stop was at FRIENDS Fiji's headquarters in Tuvu, founded by Sashi Kiran in 2001 with the aim to work with under-developed and marginalized communities through integrated development efforts to alleviate poverty, tackle social, economic and health challenges in their own communities. The program is funded by EU, and often needs to forego sponsors whose assistance is conditional to the provision of programs that contradicts the core principles of the enterprise. Their biggest success story is "Local is Possible" where they proved that products that are exported can be produced locally. Their research into traditional farming methods are shared with the farmers to help boost sustainable farming efforts. *ENDS*



Poverty & Social Welfare

to poverty alleviation and a sustainable and inclusive economic growth strategy were some solutions identified for the future.

Lynnie Roche enlightened the group on the functions of Homes of Hope and details of their facilities. Ms. Roche also provided the group with insights into the issues that their target group presents to them and approaches they take to address them.

Marnorma Chandra, from Bayley Trust Fund provided an overview of charitable non-profit organisation created to assist under privileged citizens of Fiji. She highlighted the initiatives in addressing poverty and social welfare schemes provided to assist the people with groceries pack door to door delivery. A major challenge they face is in dealing with stigma.

Semiti Qaloiwasa of the People's Community Network provided the group with the strategies that they had in place to address poverty amongst squatter settlements. In this regard, his organization provided afforded dwellings for families from squatter settlements. This was made possible through negotiations that they had with government and constantly dialoguing with government which saw the housing project coming to fruition.

Tessa Price, ANZ's Pacific Regional Executive, encouraged participants to get out of comfort zones and then discussed the key issues and challenges she faced when developing her professional career and inspired everyone to believe in our own abilities and convictions to achieve what we set our minds to.

Director Poverty of the Ministry of Women, Children & Poverty Alleviation, Saleszni Naidu, provided the group with an overview of government strategies and initiative that are in place to assist the disadvantaged. In this regard, along with her colleague, Thomas Bali, they were able to clarify issues relating to the minimum wage and the forms of assistance that were being offered by government as articulated in the Government Development Plan. *ENDS*



Dr.Neelesh Gounder presented a statistical analysis of Fiji's economy relative to poverty in the country and possible root causes. The session highlighted areas statistically identified as poor, how economic policies influenced the level of poverty per sector and contributing factors. Convention approaches

Environment

Professor John Lecky of NASA's Langley Research Center presented on NASA's work around global climate and its impact on small island states. He stated that works published by NASA is a vital tool for island countries and stakeholders of climate change, to gauge the effects (past, current and future) of global warming and its impacts on our environment and on the social, economic and political sphere of every country and reminded LF2017 about positive changes in human behavior to render positive changes in our environment.

For institutional responses to environmental issues, we heard from four different speakers. Ifiremi Dau from the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) talked about the need to be more sustainable in our developments, and highlighted what IUCN was implementing around the pacific region. Vilisite Tamani from Worldwide Fund (WWF) for Nature discussed their efforts in the preservation of The Great Sea Reef, their engagement with villages that had fishing rights over the reef and its marine life. Ms. Tamani is adamant that by raising awareness, they will be able to save some marine species which have been slowly reducing in numbers due to over fishing.

Catherine Morgan from Save the Bay - Draunibota discussed the challenges her group encounters in persevering for the preservation of the bay, that has been ear marked for several projects. We learnt of various other environment-activists doing their parts in the preservation of natural habitats and could only marvel at their efforts in continuously pushing for policy reform and accountability from those that endangered natural environments & livelihoods. Mere Leba Senibulu from the Department of Environment's Waste Management highlighted key areas and requirements in the disposal of waste



materials. She talked about laws and policies in place and also delved into the challenges faced with enforcement. We also had the opportunity to hear from Vilisi Naivelulevu (Coping with Climate Change in the Pacific Islands Region (CCCPIR) Programme, SPC/GIZ) who discussed coping mechanisms for climate change in the 21st century.

This session ended with i-Taukei elders of Korova Village on the outskirts of Suva, presenting LF2017 with some knowledge on traditional practices that utilized nature's gifts, as opposed to damaging them. They shared some insights on their heritage and their value for the environment which led to the preservation of their culture. Despite the changing times, Korova villagers have been able to preserve traditional heritage which allows them to be minimal in waste disposal and highly active in using natural resources for daily means like travelling in wind-powered traditional sailing canoes.

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Mid-year Retreat



Held mid-way between the central and western divisions of Viti Levu, LF2017's Mid-year Retreat had all 34 Program participants converge on the Coral Coast, where they spent two days of reflection and re-evaluation. A big requirement of the group at this session was the formulation of their community projects with a fundamental focus on "Leadership in Action". Aided by the facilitation of leadership-development expert Greig Caigou of New Zealand and the assistance of Board Members, Sharyne Fong and Tamara Smith, the activities of this retreat allowed all participants to actively re-engage and enhance their teamwork and community leadership skills. The duty team for this session was Tilapia and this is what the group had to report about their two-day experience:

"We were fortunate to have Greig Caigou facilitate our mid-year retreat. He fired things up from the get go with energiser activities and getting us out of our comfort zones. We were reminded of group dynamics and having individual rituals to get by. There were a lot of team activities and Mr Caigou spoke a lot about managing our personal energy; and how important it is to recognise and improve on it.

The first day ended with a discussion on our Leadership Reading from the short story by Ursula K. Le Guin "The Ones Who walk away from Omelas". This was facilitated by Sharyne Fong who encouraged insightful contributions from everyone, each with their own reflections of the story.

The second day, Mr Caigou introduced "The Apprentices"- a team challenge to practice the Task of Achievement, where everyone participated, and teams were judged and given awards. More team building activities were done including the LF Pledge competition.

Character strengths were portrayed literally on everyone; and that finalised the two-day retreat. LF2017 finished off as a stronger group with barriers being broken down and kinship further emboldened."

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Leadership Fiji is grateful to the superb hospitality of the Management and staff of the Warwick Fiji Resort in making this mid-year retreat a productive and memorable one.

Celebrating Successes

In every issue of the Leadership Fiji (LF) Newsletter, we will celebrate significant achievements of the Leadership Fiji Program, the works of the LF Alumni and notable works of venerated LF Fellows and Graduates in Fiji and abroad.

Do you have great news to share with us? Please email tamara@leadershipfiji.org.fj

Various members of the Leadership Fiji Alumni (LFA) awarded special appointments this year



Leadership Fiji would like to acknowledge the perseverance and diligence of the above pictured Alumni members, after having being appointed to special positions within their organisations locally and regionally.

From left to right: Congratulations Akhtar Ali (LF2010) on your appointment as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Nausori Town Council. Charles Taylor (LF2006) on your new appointment as PNG FM General Manager. Vanessa Kilner (LF2007) and Cathy Wong (LF2008) on your appointments as Vice Presidents for the Fiji Association of Sports and National Olympic Committee (FASANOC). Ritesh Singh (LF2002) on being successfully admitted as a Commissioner of Oaths.

Great to see our LFA making an impact in our communities and the organizations they serve.



NEWS FROM THE ALUMNI EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



LFA West Dinner

Members of the Alumni gathered at Awesome Grill, in Wailoaloa Beach, Nadi in January this year, for catch-up dinner, drinks and hearty laughs.

LF 2005's Sharyne Fong said, "It was so nice catching up with West Alumni and their spouses. We reminisced on our respective LF days and had a good laugh going over the fun times we each had." Sharyne, who is LF's Executive Director also shared LF strategies and plans for the year.

Alumni Collaborate for Computer Drive

The LF Alumni is grateful to one of our own, Linesh Kumar (LF2013) for his generous donation of 40 computers which were sent to Fiji from Australia.

Teuila Dumaru (LF2013) provided vital support as her newly established freight company, Maximum Logistics and Freight Services Ltd facilitated the importation of

these computers from Sydney to Suva and their storage.

With the kind assistance of Bondwell's General Manager, Jeetesh Kumar (LF2011), computers were updated and appropriately formatted before being donated to special-needs schools, kindergartens, Valelevu HART, Monfort Boys Town and WOWS Kids Fiji to name a few.



The LFA would like to call out for any pre-loved computer or laptop that can be donated and refurbished to assist with the education of less-fortunate children around the country. Please contact Thalofaki@bsp.com.fj and the LFA thanks you in advance for your generosity.

Lunch and Learn March 2017

The LF Alumni (LFA) hosted its first Lunch & Learn event in March this year and was a great success. Guest speaker was Avi Raju, a very successful Fiji born businessman recently returning to Fiji whose fitting topic was "Fiji's returning diaspora". Mr Raju's personal experiences and thoughts inspired those who attended the event on his journey abroad from a very young age with his parents and siblings to his current status as one of the many "returning Fijian diaspora" giving back to our beloved country in the "Health and specialised medical services sector" only available in developed countries like India and Australia to name a few. The event was well attended by more than 30 LF alumni members and friends of the Alumni, with positive feedback apart from a great opportunity to network.



Mangroves Restoration Project

Rajesh Kumar, Priya Chand, Christine Zhang and James Pridgeon of LF2016 set off to work on their Mangroves Restoration Project in Malake Village, quite aptly, on World Oceans Day - 8th June. Thank you LF2016.



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ▼

A core element of Leadership Fiji's Values is 'action' and this year, in November, with the assistance of the LF Alumni and the LF Executive team, we're happy to announce an Event Partnership with the Luke Batty Foundation of Australia. The Power of Rosie – Creating a Movement of Change with Leadership Fiji.

Rosie Batty is an Australian domestic violence campaigner and the 2015 Australian of the Year. Her role as a campaigner began in 2014 after her 11 year old son Luke Batty was murdered by his father Greg Anderson. As a campaigner, she has spoken publicly about her experiences as a survivor of domestic violence in order to raise public awareness and advocate for changes in police responses, the delivery of support services and government engagement. Batty is considered to have had a significant influence on national public attitudes, donations and allocations of funding, government initiatives, and police and legal procedures related to domestic violence in Australia.

The Luke Batty Foundation was established in memory of Luke.

Rosie is now totally committed to making a difference and has the support of many men and women who also want change and who are prepared to help support her to turn things around and demand a society that offers compassion, understanding and effective support to those affected by family violence.



UPCOMING EVENTS



July

- Wed 5: LF2017 Session - Fiji's Economy & Infrastructure
- Fri/Sat 21-22: LF2017 Session - Sugar and Mining Industries (WEST)

August

- Wed 9: LF2017 Session - Health
- Thurs/Fri 24-25: LF2017 Session - Look North (NORTH)

September

- Wed 6: LF2017 Session - Fiji and the World
- Wed 6: Etiquette Dinner
- Thurs/Fri 21-22: LF2017 Session - Tourism (WEST)

October

- Wed 4: LF2017 Session - Participants Choice
- Fri/Sat 27-28: LF2017 Session - CLOSING RETREAT

November

- Thurs 2: LF2017 Vision & 2016 Project Presentation
- Fri 3: LF2017 Graduation
- Thurs/Sat 16-18: The Power of Rosie - Creating a Movement of Change: Leadership Seminar

**For details on Leadership Fiji events, or information on other activities, please contact tamara@leadershipfiji.org.fj*

The Inaugural Event will achieve the following objectives:

- To utilize the Leadership Fiji platform as a conduit to advocate for awareness of important issues and consequential change at various levels from national leadership to local households.
- To expose the Leadership Fiji Alumni to a proven agent of change, in an effort to re-energize and motivate a consistent movement within the Alumni, that will have long-term impact on the wider community. Our focus in the LF session will be on creating a movement for change that can relate to the Alumni or to individuals from the Alumni seeking to push their personal causes.
- To provide a space for partners, stakeholders, and people close to Family Violence issues, to engage with a renowned advocate of the issue in our region, and to draw inspiration and ideas from her exceptional achievements at national level in her own country.
- To enhance efforts of partners and stakeholders in creating awareness at various levels, on the issue of Family Violence.
- To raise funds towards the issue. The recipients of funds raised will be decided amongst Partners, and will be the driver of PR and Sales for a fundraising dinner event.

Leadership Fiji will gladly share more details of the event once logistics have been finalized and we look forward to your support. *ENDS*

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