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## RETIREMENT!

In this issue of Libraries PacFika there is a tribute to Sin Joan Yee who retires on 31 December 2016 after 44 years on this Campus – 4 years as a student and 40 with the University Library. This is no mean feat and the Library staff recognized this in a moving farewell on Friday 2 December, 2016.

In her retirement speech, Joan mentioned that she would be engaged in temporary part-time work with the Confucius Institute at the USP and a host of other activities related to her personal interests and her family. The difference is that these are all of her choice.

The words ‘There is a time for every purpose under heaven...’ brings the issue of retirement into perspective. For many, retirement is seen as an opportunity to take full control of one’s time and to pursue personal interests that might not have been possible when engaged in full-time work. As we have witnessed in situations when retirement is sudden, there comes an element of dread and worry but with the skills that we have this should be but a temporary thing.

As information professionals /paraprofessionals, how are we looking at retirement and planning for it?

There are many opportunities to continue to share our knowledge and skills which can be made available in a voluntary capacity – schools are always on the lookout for such help. Then there are religious, charitable and community groups that need their resources organized or information gathered for research projects.

There is often short-term paid work that one can undertake. Keep your CV updated and share it with your networks and one will be surprised at what might turn up. The great thing is that ‘the choice is yours to make.’

Knowing how to search and locate the most relevant information is a lifelong learning skill that we have acquired. Consider early how you might use it to ensure your mind is kept alert and your retirement fulfilling and rewarding!

Happy retirement Joan.

*Elizabeth C. Reade Fong*

# CONFERENCES

## ALIA CONFERENCE 2017

The ALIA Conference has been held since 1990 and attracts over one thousand influential professionals from all sectors of the library industry. The 2017 will be held at the Hilton Sydney Hotel from 13 to 17 February, with the conference theme “Data | Information | Knowledge”. Registrations close on 30 January 2017 with rates as follows:

Members: Standard - \$1,390; Concession - \$690;  
Day registration - \$600.

Non-member: Standard - \$1,850; Day registration - \$800.

For more information visit <https://informationonline.alia.org.au/registration>.

## LIANZA CONFERENCE 2017

The 2017 LIANZA Conference will be held at the Addington Raceway, Christchurch from 24 to 27 September. Registration dates and rates are yet to be released. For more information visit: <http://www.lianza.org.nz/conferences/lianza-conference-2017-addington-raceway-september-24-27>.

## IFLA WLIC 2018

During the Closing Session of the IFLA World Library and Information Congress in August 2016, IFLA President Donna Scheeder officially announced the host location for the IFLA WLIC, 2018 - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia!

# DEVELOPMENT

## FIJI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION HOLDS DIGITAL LITERACY WORKSHOP AT USP LAUCALA CAMPUS



The Fiji Library Association held a Digital Literacy Workshop on November 12, 2016 for FLA members. Jamie Bloss, Reference Librarian at The University of the South Pacific Library, facilitated the one day workshop with Martin Burrows, Librarian at the Oceania Sports and Information Centre, USP.

The topics included the use of social media sites such as Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Pinterest, and Instagram to market libraries and library collections. Instructions were given on best practices for posting valuable content for library users. In addition, the participants enjoyed hands-on experience using Canva.com to make digital images and flyers, and Pixlr.com to edit photos for use in publications and websites.

The participants included library and information personnel from the Fiji Times, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Fiji National University, The USP Library, as well as USP library students. With more interest generated, the FLA plans to hold another workshop in the future.

## USP LIBRARY HOLDS INFORMATION RESEARCH SKILLS WORKSHOP FOR NON-ACADEMIC STAFF

On Thursday November 17, twelve non-academic staff members from Laucala Campus attended a one-day research skills workshop conducted by USP librarians Vasiti Chambers and Jamie Bloss. This was the first workshop specially designed and coordinated for non-academic staff. Many non-academic staff need these vital skills for their research projects at work and will also assist those who are furthering their education at USP thus making this initiative an important undertaking for the USP library.

The workshop was held in Teaching Lab 3 in the Japan ICT building so participants could experience the databases and searching other resources hands-on. A welcome to the attendees was given by Deputy University Librarian Elizabeth Fong.

USP non-academic staff participants learned how to better search the library catalogue and access their library accounts online and how to use databases such as Proquest and Ebrary and JStor to find electronic library resources. The bibliographic citation software EndNote X7 was demonstrated to enable staff to track their citations and the articles they are using to write up their research. The software then works in conjunction with Microsoft Word to insert references right into the document.

Participants were very pleased to learn how to do their research in a faster, more efficient way. Some participants are also working as student learning specialists, so will be able to pass these skills on to their students as well.

Due to the success of this workshop for non-academic staff this is now an activity in the calendar of the Library's Information Research Skills (IRS) programme.

## PACIFIC WORKSHOP ON THE HAGUE CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF CULTURAL PROPERTY IN THE EVENT OF ARMED CONFLICTS AND ITS TWO PROTOCOLS (8-10 NOVEMBER 2016, SUVA, FIJI)

A three day Pacific Workshop on the Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the event of Armed Conflicts and its Two Protocols was organized in November in Fiji by UNESCO (Apia), Blue Shield International, and Blue Shield Pasifika. Participants included country delegates from Fiji, Federated States of Micronesia, Niue, Marshall Islands, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu as well as observers from the National Archives of Fiji, the Library Services, the USP Library, and the Fiji Police Force.

The objectives of the workshop were to provide knowledge of The Hague Convention and its Protocols and their benefits and implications for state parties, to develop an action plan with a view to strengthening the protection of cultural heritage and institutions in the Pacific, and to increase ratification of The Hague Convention and its Protocols by Pacific states.

**What is the “1954 Hague Convention on the protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflict (Hague Convention) and its two protocols of 1954 (the First Protocol) and 1999 (The Second Protocol) and its relevance to Libraries, Archives and Museums.**

The Hague Convention was introduced following the massive destruction during the Second World War. It provides for a system of general and special protection of cultural property, in situations of international and non-international armed conflict. Parties to the Convention are required to respect both cultural property situated within their own territory and cultural property within the territory of other parties, by refraining from using it, or its immediate surroundings, for purposes which are likely to expose it to destruction or damage in the event of armed conflict, and by refraining from committing any hostile act against the property.

- The First Protocol, however, did not contain adequate criminal sanctions, the meaning of many terms was imprecise, and the special protection regime that it proposed was considered too political.
- In 1991, the Government of the Netherlands and UNESCO conducted a review of the working of the Convention and the Protocol. This led to the adoption of the Second Protocol in 1999. This Protocol set out clear criminal sanctions, defined



important terms and replaced the special protection regime with the enhanced protection regime.

The Hague Convention defines cultural property as:

- movable or immovable property of great importance to the cultural heritage of every people, such as monuments of architecture, art or history, whether religious or secular; archaeological sites; groups of buildings which, as a whole, are of historical or artistic interest; works of art; manuscripts, books and other objects of artistic, historical or archaeological interest; as well as scientific collections and important collections of books or archives or of reproductions of the property defined above;
- buildings whose main and effective purpose is to preserve or exhibit the movable cultural property [...] such as museums, large libraries and depositories of archives, and refuges intended to shelter, in the event of armed conflict, the movable cultural property [...];
- centres containing a large amount of cultural property [...] to be known as ‘centres containing monuments’.

During peace, the States that are party to the Convention and the two Protocols should:

- prepare for the safeguarding of cultural property situated within their own territory, including preparation of inventories; the planning of emergency measures for protection against fire or structural collapse; the preparation for the removal of movable cultural property or the provision for adequate in situ protection of such property; and the designation of competent authorities responsible for the safeguarding of cultural property.
- consider placing the most important immovable cultural properties on the “International Register of Cultural Property under Special Protection” meriting “enhanced protection” as per the Second Protocol, assuming it meets the Convention conditions.
- consider the use of the distinctive Blue Shield emblem to facilitate identification of cultural property.
- plan or establish services or specialist personnel

within their armed forces whose purpose will be to secure respect for cultural property and to co-operate with the civilian authorities.

- remove, as far as possible, movable cultural property from the vicinity of military objectives, and avoid locating military objectives near cultural property.

During armed conflict, the States that are party to the Convention and the two Protocols should:

- respect cultural property situated within their own territory and the respective territories of other Parties by refraining from directing any act of hostility directed against such property.
- protect cultural property situated in occupied territory and, particularly, as far as possible, take the necessary measures for its preservation, including prohibiting and preventing all theft, pillage, illicit export, removal or transfer of cultural property as well as any misappropriation or acts of vandalism directed against cultural property.
- refrain from directing any act of reprisals against cultural property.
- take all necessary steps to prosecute and impose penal or disciplinary sanctions upon those persons who commit or order to be committed a breach of the Convention.

## LIBRARIES IMPROVING LIVES IN ASIA AND OCEANIA: HELPING PEOPLE CREATE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES GLOBALLY

The takeaway from the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions' (IFLA) Asia and Oceania Section presentation on August 15 2016 was how libraries in many countries—from highly industrialized economies to fragile island states, from the Middle East to French Polynesia—can help people find the information they need to create sustainable communities.

Section Chair Jayshree Mamtora said that the problems these countries face—relations with indigenous peoples, developing economies, immigration, climate change, multilingual populations, and communication over vast distances—are all being addressed by libraries that are experimenting with new ways of contributing to the social and economic development of the communities they serve.

Keynote speaker Loida Garcia-Febo, a library consultant with international expertise and a member of the IFLA governing board, said, “Libraries have the capacity to organize knowledge in ways that can help people to increase their quality of life and promote lifelong learning opportunities. Libraries are using their powers to do good. Library efforts

have a cascading effect from impacting our local areas, to the city, country, region, and the world. When it comes to connecting people with information librarians do it better.” Since libraries are essential to global development, IFLA was instrumental in getting access to information included as part of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations to be achieved by 2030. Sustainable Development Target 16.10 is to “Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements.” The 2030 Agenda is a global plan of action for people, the planet, and prosperity. She added, “We hope these initiatives encourage associations, national libraries, and librarians in general to advocate for the inclusion of libraries in national government agendas.”

Opeta Alefaio of the National Archives of Fiji was unable to attend the IFLA conference, but Paul Nielsen, a colleague from Australia, read his paper. In 2014 the archives embarked on a program to bring relevant historic and cultural documents and photos to the remote islands of this Pacific nation. As a result of this “government roadshow,” Fijians for the first time saw documentary proof of their oral traditions and, in some cases, sons and daughters saw photos of their parents and grandparents for the first time. As an example, see the YouTube video, “Eparama Finds Priceless Photograph of His Father at Archives Outreach in Namosi.” The archives also made use of Facebook to publish historic photos that Fijians could add information to and share with their friends and relations on remote islands. One photo, for example, of Beqa villagers participating in a fish drive in 1947 was viewed more than 7,000 times and garnered dozens of comments.

<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/blogs/the-scoop/libraries-improving-lives-asia-oceania/>

## FIRE AT THE USP LAUTOKA CAMPUS

USP Lautoka Campus suffered some damage due to a fire on Friday evening and Saturday morning, 25 and 26 November 2016. No one was injured in the incident as the Campus was closed. The University expressed its gratitude to the authorities, first responders and the building owners for their swift action to save the premises. However, due to the incident, Campus operations were adjusted to allow investigators to complete their assessments and reports. Campus administration and student services are being offered from the Roman Catholic Parish Hall opposite the current Campus from Monday 28 November 2016 with summer classes taking place at Tilak High School from Tuesday, 29 November 2016.

# REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

Reports received from Library staff indicate that Reserve collection items comprising mainly prescribed texts were water damaged. A preliminary assessment is underway to which the Library and the University will respond to in due course.

## PACIFIC MANUSCRIPTS BUREAU ONLINE CATALOGUE UPGRADE

The Pacific Manuscripts Bureau recently upgraded its online catalogue to version 2.3 of the AtoM software. The new version of AtoM includes predictive text in the search field, the ability to browse by collections and a new accession register which the Bureau may make use of. Anyone with Internet access can search the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau catalogue, however only customers of member libraries can access the full text digital collections (.jpgs of images and .pdfs of manuscripts). The catalogue is available at:

<http://asiapacific.anu.edu.au/pambul/catalogue/>

## ALAFUA CAMPUS LIBRARY – 2016 IN A NUTSHELL

Talofa and warm greetings from the Alafua Campus Library.

2016 has been a busy and challenging year for the Alafua library staff. With increasing enrollment numbers at the Alafua Campus, the Library staff were kept very busy attending to the various needs of the students. The Library acquired new resources from its allocated budget and acknowledges the Regional Libraries section at Laucala for sending required texts in a timely manner.

Sadly, we bid farewell to our Savaii Centre Library colleague, Temukisa Puliko, who has ventured to much greener pastures. Hence, the Alafua Library staff were assigned to

work in Savaii during the study and exam weeks.

The Library was an important contributor to the success of the 2017 USP Open Day and were proud to receive the second best display award.

The Library staff at Alafua acknowledge the contribution of the University Librarian, Sin Joan Yee to Alafua library development and wish her well in her retirement echoed in the statement 'Thank you so much for your contribution to the staff in Alafua and we treasure all the good works you had done for the USP library services.'



The staff at Alafua wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

## DIWALI – CELEBRATING THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHT AT LAUCALA CAMPUS

The Laucala Library Hindu staff celebrated Diwali with all library staff on 26th of October, 2016 with a Diwali message followed by a luncheon. Hindu and other staff dressed up for the occasion. Ela Qica, Acting University Librarian said 'On behalf of all non-Hindu library staff, I wish to thank all our Hindu brothers and sisters for the Diwali lunch programme today. The message was beautifully delivered, the lunch was so tasty and your team effort taken to prepare the displays and food was great. Thank you for sharing with us, your library family. Our wishes are that you all also enjoy this Diwali with your family and loved ones at home. Vinaka vakalevu.'



## DAN DORNER, SENIOR LECTURER, RETIRING FROM VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON (VUW)

*By: Jennifer Campbell-Meier, Lecturer, School of Information Management, Victoria University of Wellington*

Dan Dorner, Senior Lecturer, is retiring from Victoria University of Wellington (VUW) in December. A staff member of the School of Information Management for 20 years, Dan has helped shape the careers of many information professionals in New Zealand and he has done considerable work training librarians in Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Laos and Bangladesh. Dan was awarded a LIANZA Fellowship for his contributions to the profession in 2010.

An active researcher, Dan has authored numerous articles with colleagues and students covering a diverse range of topics such as cultural aspects of information literacy education, and factors affecting readiness for digital preservation management. He has recently co-authored a book on information needs analysis with Philip Calvert and the late Gary Gorman. Dan has supervised many master's level research projects and doctoral dissertations during his career at VUW.



Prior to becoming an academic, Dan held a variety of professional positions in libraries and information services in Canada and New Zealand. He is a long-time member of LIANZA, and has been an active member of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) having been Chair of the Regional Standing Committee for Asia and Oceania, Chair of Division V (The Regions) and a member of IFLA's Governing Board.

Dan is very grateful that during his career he has been very fortunate to have worked in many different roles, in many interesting locations, and with a huge number of wonderful people. Dan plans to continue researching, consulting, teaching and training as opportunities appear. And he recently said he still believes that "there has never been a more interesting time in our profession than right now."

Information Studies alumni and colleagues note that Dan will be missed at VUW:

*"I enjoyed having Dan as a teacher and supervisor because he was always approachable and encouraging. He has a great sense of humour and working with him was fun. Happy retirement, Dan!"*

- Glenn Davidson, Libraries Outreach Services Team Leader, Whangarei District Council

*"I've had the honour of crossing paths with Dan many times over the years, ...he has always been exceptionally generous with his time, and he has a genuine interest in the life pathways and choices of others. He is a loyal and empathetic friend, and somehow has always known exactly the right time to get in touch, to chat through life's latest curve ball! He is the consummate global citizen, and shares so joyously his wide ranging experience of the world, and its different societies and cultures. Go well, Dan, for life's next exciting chapter - you will be sorely missed from this corner of Aotearoa!"*

- Kat Cuttriss, Associate Director of Library Resource Services, Victoria University Libraries.

## PICTORIAL OF JOAN OVER THE YEARS AT THE USP LIBRARY





## SIN JOAN YEE, UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN, RETIRING FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC

On December 2, 2016, the USP Main Library staff together with invited guests presented a formal traditional farewell to the University Librarian, Sin Joan Yee who retires after faithfully serving the university for 40 years.

Joan holds a BA S.Pac., PGDipLib N.Lond., and MBIT RMIT. After graduating from USP with a Bachelor of Arts (History and Geography) in 1973, she joined YWCA where her passion for women's rights developed. She joined the Library on May 24, 1976 as a graduate trainee. Thereafter, she travelled to UK and later to Australia to pursue professional qualifications in librarianship.

Joan was appointed University Librarian in 2006. Joan is a technical librarian and a cataloguer at heart. Her achievements for the library will resonate even after her retirement with the new upcoming developments such as the reconfiguration

of Level A at the Main Library and the implementation of a new Library Integrated System.

In her farewell speech, the Deputy University Librarian, Elizabeth Fong, described Joan as a gentle and sympathetic leader but with a strong sense of right and wrong.

Joan's contribution to the University should also be noted. Joan has been a member of the numerous university committees. In 2012, she undertook the responsibilities as the Local Director of the Confucius Institute at the USP. She has also been an active member of the USP's Gender and Mainstreaming Advisory Committee.

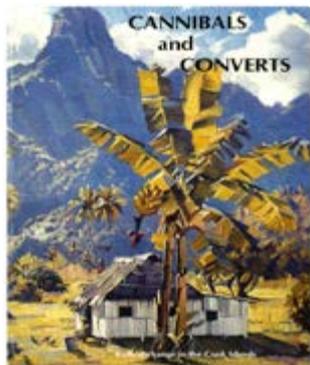
Joan's dedication for community development is also noteworthy. She is an important member of the Fiji Chinese community and participates in education through the Yet Sen School.

Lavenia Sau, Senior Library Assistant, in her farewell speech described Joan not only as a very humble boss, but also as a mentor, teacher, guide, mother and friend. Lavenia quoted examples of Joan's remarkable leadership. "You were never late - a lesson to us. When we rush in to sign you were already there, and when we leave, you were still in the office. This shows us that you were committed to the call." Lavenia also expressed the staff's appreciation for Joan's open door policy. "When we want to see you, you will never say no, your doors were never closed. You will always welcome us in and listen to all kinds of problems and issues that we have."

The Library wishes Joan well in her retirement knowing that with her energy and commitment she will continue to contribute to Fiji and the Region. Thank you, Joan, for your humble and exemplary leadership. We will miss you.



# PUBLICATIONS



## CANNIBALS AND CONVERTS : RADICAL CHANGE IN COOK ISLANDS

/ by Maretu ; translated, annotated and edited by Marjorie Tuainekore Crocombe Suva, Fiji ; Rarotonga Cook Islands : IPS, USP : Ministry of Education, 1983. ISBN: 2770000002103 223p. F\$13.00

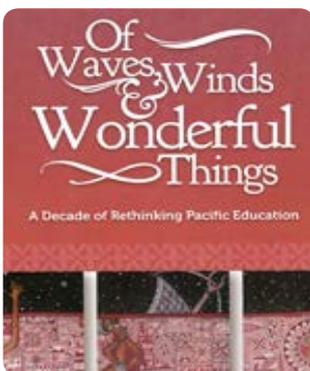
“The amazing story of life in the Cook Islands before the coming of Europeans, the subsequent wars and intrigues over women and power, the destruction of gods and churches, the agonizing deaths in epidemics, the break-up of polygamous families, the radical changes in custom and culture.”



## LIFE OF A WARRIOR TREE

/ Aswak Mohammed Mustapha. Suva, Fiji :Govt Printery, 2016. ISBN: 9789829813916 95 p. F\$35.00

“The life of the Warrior tree is story of a mangrove seed that is washed away by a tsunami and travels the Fiji waters. As it floats across the ocean it befriends different sea creatures and tells the story of ocean degradation. The aim of this book is to educate on the importance of mangroves, marine exploitation, ocean degradation and climate change through a narrative character. Wai is the story of the lone mangrove tree on the Nasese sea wall.”

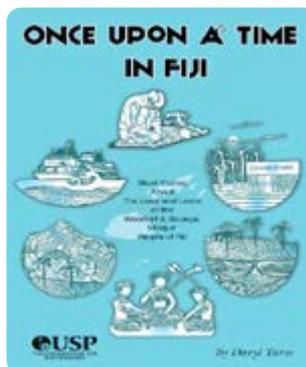


## OF WAVES WINDS & WONDERFUL THINGS

/ Mo'ale 'Otonuku, Unaisi Nabobo-Baba and Seu'ula Johansson Fua . Suva, Fiji :USP Press, 2014. ISBN: 9789820109063 212 p. F\$30.00

“The Rethinking Pacific Education Initiative by Pacific Peoples for Pacific Peoples (RPEIPP) began as an idea during the inaugural symposium on Researching the Delivery of Aid to Pacific

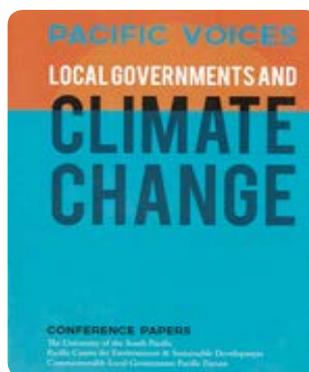
Education at the University of Auckland in December 2000. The first activity of the Initiative was a meeting of selected Pacific educators, which was held at USP and hosted by the Institute of Education in April 2001.”



## ONCE UPON A TIME IN FIJI : SHORT STORIES ABOUT THE LIVES AND LOVES OF THE WONDERFUL, STRANGE, UNIQUE PEOPLE OF FIJI

/ Daryl Tarte. Suva, Fiji : USP Press , 2016. ISBN: 9789820109537 192 p. F\$18.95

“Fiji is a very unique island nation with a fascinating diversity of people. Daryl Tarte has worked and lived amongst many Fijian, Indian, Chinese, European, Pacific Islanders and people of mixed race. Over the years, in his capacity as a fourth generation copra planter from Taveuni, a sugar industry executive, a civil society activist and a prominent writer, Daryl has encountered many extra ordinary situations over his lifetime. Fortunately, the writer had the foresight to record many of these and have blended these incidents and Characters into this collection of short stories.”



## PACIFIC VOICES : LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

/ Ropate Qalo. Suva, Fiji : USP Press, 2014. ISBN: 9789820109148 220 p. F\$19.95

“This book is a compilation of the presentations by leaders, academics, country coordinators, an panelists attending an international and regional conference on Local Government and Climate Change in July 2012 at The University of the South Pacific. As the Pacific Island countries are influenced by globalization, and with ongoing developments in Information and Communication Technologies, it becomes particularly important that decisions regarding decentralization and local government be made against the backdrop of global trends to decentralize decision making and improve local government capacity for better outcomes. The discussion presented in this book addresses these issues directly and point towards solutions and strategies the reality of climate change in the Pacific.

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