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### LOCAL PUBLISHING ON LIBRARY ISSUES

The sharing of information and knowledge is facilitated by the range of technology and devices available today.

In Fiji the average household has at least two mobile phones, and these are complemented with either an ipad, a laptop or a PC or some other device.

How much of the information that we access on these devices is Pacific related? More importantly how much of it is written by our own people?

The Pacific boasts professionals in all spheres of life. On a monthly basis, we read in the local papers of professional meetings - accountants, lawyers, bankers and the like. Papers are presented and these serve as updates of what is happening on the international and national scene.

What are we doing for our profession? Librarians have the skills to locate information and to undertake research. Do Pacific Island librarians know what is happening in our libraries - the highs, the challenges and the solutions therein?

We need to be writing professionally. The Fiji Library Association Journal used to be the main means of communication on library issues relating to Pacific libraries. Locals wrote on local issues and this served our librarians and especially those undertaking library courses. The journal was often the first point of reference for information on developments in regional libraries.

With online publishing the formerly prohibitive costs of printing are no more. All we need now is a committed editor to invite library personnel in the Pacific and those outside of the Pacific, with interests or experience in Pacific libraries to contribute. I am sure the response will be overwhelming.

I challenge the current executive of the Fiji Library Association and other regional library associations to think about this and to act accordingly.

With every good wish!  
*Elizabeth Reade Fong*





# REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

## NATIONAL NEWS BULLETINS OF THE SOLOMON ISLANDS BROADCASTING CORPORATION DIGITIZED



*Thelma Nieng, SIBC Librarian*

In January 2017, twenty eight thousand pages of the Solomon Islands National News Bulletins were digitized through the collaborative efforts of the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau (PMB) and the Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation (SIBC). The copying of the National News Bulletins of the SIBC was initiated by PMB in 2015. Ms Kylie Moloney, Executive Officer then from the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau based in the College of Asia and the Pacific, ANU worked with SIBC staff, Thelma Nieng (SIBC librarian), Jimmy Sa'asi and Salei Rukasi to digitize the SIBC National News Bulletins for the years 1980-1990. Early this year from 10 to 19 January, digitization continued, for the years 1991-1998. These Bulletins were typed on single-sided A4 paper with over 28,000 digital images and processed.

Kylie Moloney reported that in 1998 the Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation moved to News Boss, a database for storing news bulletins. During the Solomon Islands tensions

the News Boss database crashed and because there was no data backup, the National News Bulletins for the period 1998-2008 were not recovered. The National News Bulletins of 2009 – 2016 were extracted from the News Boss database and given to the Bureau electronically. These files will be processed by the Bureau and added to the PMB catalogue.

The National News Bulletins of 1991 to 1998 which transferred from SIBC to the National Archives of Solomon Islands (NASI), were scanned and digitized as TIFF files. The Bulletins contain local news, including reports on events, quotes from government officials, political party statements. Subjects include elections, court matters, education, development plans, health issues, sport, unions, weather events, fishing, cross border activities.



*L-R: Thelma Nieng, Kylie Moloney and Salei Rukasi*

The digital files and listing of over 28,000 pages of SIBC News Bulletins were repatriated to the SIBC at the completion of the project. ■

## OTHER PACIFIC MANUSCRIPTS BUREAU WORK IN HONIARA

Ms Kylie Moloney former Executive Officer PMB, whilst in Solomon Islands working with SIBC, also presented to staff of the National Archives of the Solomon Islands about the Bureau's digitization equipment and use of open-source software ICA-AtoM.

She also met with Hilda Lamani, co-owner of the Solomon Star newspaper, and its editor Ofani Eremae, and agreed for Pacific Manuscripts Bureau to digitize the newspaper. The Bureau will

digitize the microfilms from PMB Doc 428 – Solomon Star newspaper (1982-1987) and then work with the necessary institutions to digitize the issues from 1988 to the present.

Ms Kylie Moloney is now the Curator of Manuscripts at the National Library of Australia. She resigned as the Executive Officer of the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau in April after 8.5 years of service. ■

## OPETA ALEFAIO ON NURTURE OUR KNOWLEDGE: TEDxSUVATALK



Opeta Alefaio, Director of the National Archives of Fiji, and a Pacific islander of Tuvaluan (Nukufetau & Vaitupu) and Fijian (Rewa & Cakaudrove) descent was one of the speakers in the TEDxSuva talk event held and recorded live on May 6 2017.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n58Kyqon64I>

Opeta speaks about his long-held passion for nurturing knowledge and history, and the challenge that knowing our past is important

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for an informed present and a resilient future. He stresses our need to prioritise our knowledge. The ability of society to secure, sustain and share its memory, information, data knowledge that has direct impact of that society's ability to travel and to progress.

Unfortunately, in the Pacific, we so often undermine and consider our knowledge trivial. Opeta argues that peoples of the Pacific need to put in a lot of investment, effort and layers of systems to begin to nurture our knowledge. Every government in the Pacific region needs a robust records management regime in place because governments need to have evidence or record of their business. RM (Records Management) supports all arms of governance; quality of decision-making is based on quality of information the institution has. When the information is questionable, results

and decisions are also questionable. Opeta stresses that accurate authenticate and accessible records are the bed-rock that enables all arms of governance to provide effective government services. Permanently valuable information are transmitted and kept in archival repositories. Opeta talks about information products of research and in-depth analysis of academics and professionals that are published in variant formats – books, journals, articles and eResources which are available in libraries. The libraries are safe public spaces that draw people to come together and harvest knowledge. Libraries are spaces to collaborate, use, share and to create new knowledge. He reiterates RM, Archives and Libraries are the three layers of systems that need be put in place to nurture knowledge in all echelons of governance. ■

## USP MARSHALL ISLANDS LIBRARY NEW LOOK



The newly constructed campus building located at Long Islands formerly Long Island Hotel was officially opened on 23rd May by The Right Honourable Henry Pua, Cook Islands Prime Minister and also the Chancellor of the University of the South Pacific.

The campus complex include three buildings comprising (i) the library which is centred and surrounded by five tutorial rooms, a computer lab and wet and dry laboratories; (ii) the conference hall and coffee bar; (iii) the USP Lodge.

There is a learning commons adjacent to the library which has separate entry and exit points. In the library there is also a learning support service space for students to prepare projects, print, bound assignments and receive

tutorial assistance from tutors and lecturers.

Setting up the new library is a strenuous and stressful task which requires good planning and organizing. The work requires trained and experienced library personnel to: manage the logistics of packing, labelling and unpacking catalogued print resources; arrange and label shelves according to the classification system adopted by the library, i.e. dewey classification; shelf catalogued books in an orderly manner.

Taufa Domona, a trained paraprofessional and Senior Library Assistant at USP campus Marshall Islands managed the move of the library collection of 5,000 print resources to the new building. Taufa was not

only the think tank behind the physical move, she was fully engaged in packing, unpacking and shelving the 5,000 print resources, moving and arranging furniture including tables, chairs, setting up sections and collections namely reference, general stacks, periodicals, reserve, Marshall islands and audio & visual. Considering that Taufa is the sole library staff, I asked if she had a team of helpers in setting up the new library. "To be honest, I did it all, initially with one helper, a Fijian teacher who also work and lives in Majuro," she replied. The USP security officer, a

sort then shelve," she said. In the nine days, Taufa started as early as 7am and finished late in the evening at 9pm. Taufa's contributions to Marshall Islands campus is commendable, it is an outstanding show of competence and commitment and having a sense of ownership in her role as trained paraprofessional in charge of a campus library.

The library opening hours are: Mon to Fri 8-6pm, Saturdays 9-7pm, Sunday & Public Holiday –closed.

Approximately 400 students are enrolled in academic programmes that range from



student and IT officer helped in loading boxes of books at the old site into the USP bus, while Taufa unloaded the boxes at the new site and carried these into the library. "I did the library move in nine days, pack, transport, off load,

preliminary, undergraduate and post graduate which mainly include MBA and PhD. ■



# DEVELOPMENTS

## UNIVERSITY DIRECTION FOR OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OER)



Academics and professional staff represented from the three Faculties (FALE, FBE & FSTE) and Learning Support Services (CFL, ICT & Library) together discussed and mapped out a draft policy framework on Open Educational Resources.

Acting University Librarian, Ms Elizabeth Fong, Senior Librarian (Customer Services), Ms Ela Qica and Librarian Regional, Ms Vilimaina Vakaciwa were part of the working group at the

OER (Open Educational Resources) Institutional Policy Development Workshop held in USP on 25th – 26th May, 2017. The workshop was coordinated by USP Centre for Flexible Learning (CFL) with Commonwealth of Learning (C.O.L).

The objective of the policy is to provide direction to the use of open educational resources (OER) to increase access to and support high quality of learning and teaching throughout USP.

OER are educational materials including curriculum maps, course materials, textbooks, streaming videos, multimedia applications, podcasts and any other materials that have been designed for use in teaching and learning. These are openly available to educators and students without licensing or use fees. Some characteristics of OER include

availability in the public domain and open licenses that allow using, repurposing, or redistributing the material.

Textbook prices are sky rocketing and OER have the potential to help address such challenge. Also, help transform teaching and learning as OER enable faculty to create a curriculum all their own, as opposed to working from commercial textbook curriculums.

Faculty Liaison Librarians expertise in managing and promoting access to collections will encourage faculty to submit their publications in the institutional repository. This is one way the library can help students reduce costs by making supplementary materials freely available whilst also promoting their faculty's work. OER are to play an impactful role in learning and teaching, and librarians have potential to be a valuable contributor to OER movement. ■

## NAMARA DISTRICT SCHOOL LIBRARY REFURBISHED



The refurbishment of the school library in Namara Tailevu was made possible through the collaborative effort between a library attendant of USP library, Jone Batiwale and the school management and members of the school community.

Jone Batiwale who resides in Naisausau village in Namara where the district school is located, volunteered to upgrade and refurbish the school library which had been left neglected for 30 odd years. The idea to engage in the library project came about during a kava session with the school manager and a few teachers, “grogging in that very spot the library back in early 2015,” says Jone. He added, “the fact that I live in my mother’s village, the fact that I work in USP library with 23 years library experience, I felt I had the duty to offer my service, to give it back to the community.”

The work began in 2015 with the physical cleaning of the library and weeding the collection of everything and anything ranging from ripped books, newspapers, infested encyclopedias, old calendars, boxes etc. Followed by tiling, painting, building of doubled faced wooden shelvings, bench tables and bench seats and electrical rewiring and lighting, Jone worked on the project part-time after his shift work at USP library and in the weekends. Jone sought assistance from

skilled village carpenters, joiners and licensed electricians who freely offered their service. School leavers at Forms 6 and 7 levels flocked in to help with the project which was successfully completed before the end of 2016.

The library has no trained officer but a clerk typist that provides the basic library services of issuing and re-shelving books and cleaning the library. The books collection is organized and divided according to classes reading levels of 1&2; 3&4; 5&6; 7&8. There is a separate Reference collection and a Leisure reading corner which both need developing.

Jone is coordinating a book drive which is a major part of the school library collection development initiative. In addition, the library services is extended to include the entire community and secondary school students who can use the space to study in the evenings, for reading, storytelling to children and joint school and village community meetings.

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Jone continues to liaise with the Namara District School Board and committee for the development of the school library. Jone concluded, that the experience and knowledge gained in working at USP library, needs to be put to use and shared with our people and our community. By doing this the people will know the value and importance of our work in contributing to an educated community. “Make the library a source for learning and knowing, and vinaka vakalevu to the help and professional advice given by my work colleagues, Jade, Susie and Judith,” Jone said. ■

## ASSESSMENT OF ELECTRONIC RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AT USP

Yawen Kang, Librarian (Electronic Resources) at the USP Library was the guest speaker at the Fiji Library Association 2nd Host Evening held on Wednesday 24th May in the Pacific TAFE meeting room Communications Building USP. Yawen spoke on the “Assessment of Electronic Resources Management at USP”.

“The electronic resources at USP are growing and the demand for access is on the rise, but there is still a lack of structure in how ER is implemented”. The life cycle of Electronic Resources from Investigation to Preservation was discussed. One recurring theme in the presentation and stages of ER lifecycle is Teamwork. All staff play a part in the lifecycle of ERM, no one is excluded.

Some ER ongoing initiatives include: implementation of better communication



*Yawen Kang, Librarian (Electronic Resources), USP Library*

channel in troubleshooting ER access issues; maximize the visibility of ER resources by adding eBooks into library OPAC making them searchable and accessible through the most obvious search engine; and providing more in-

house instructional training on library databases. Yawen stressed the need to empower USP staff with the relevant knowledge, competencies and tools to better service USP users. ■

## LIBRARY SYSTEMS FROM HUNDREDS TO 700 + MILLION

The first Apple Macintosh microcomputer at the University of the South Pacific Library did not have a hard drive, instead it had the new 3 ½ inch floppy drive. You would insert programs via 3 ½ inch floppy drive and ‘load’ them into memory; and then you could load more programs by removing floppy diskettes and inserting new floppy diskettes. After the computer was turned-off, then everything you loaded was gone. A second Apple computer called a Lisa had a 10 Mbyte hard drive and more could be done with this



*Daniel Fidel Ferrer.  
Library Systems Manager,  
USP Library*

computer. Bibliographies of a few hundred citations were created with microcomputer. A program was developed like EndNote for creating and printing bibliographies.

The first Integrated Library System (ILS) at the University of the South Pacific in 1989, was URICA which ran on the PICK operating system. URICA was the beginning of Civica's Spyds of which version 8.6.4 is currently used. The use of networking applications was widespread globally. Telnet was employed to access other

libraries catalogues; this was first terminal based. Terminals were used before microcomputers to access mainframe computers and then mini-computers. Next came a Telnet like menu program called Gopher developed by University of Minnesota to access libraries' catalogues. Within months in the fall of 1994, the multimedia World-Wide-Web came out using browsers like Netscape, followed by Yahoo and Google searching and not to mention the many other steps in-between.



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Next the subscription databases started out as indexes to publications, now full text of articles and books are readily accessible. Some of these databases started out as CD-ROMs which were readable via local computers. In 2005, USP Library implemented a proxy server called EZproxy to provide access to our subscription e-resources anywhere in the world through the internet.

One step on the way to provide access to many databases at one time was the use of Federated search fairly an old technology now being replaced by advanced Discovery application layer products. Examples are: Summon, EBSCO Discovery Service, Primo, and WorldCat Discovery Services.

Most Discovery Products have a familiar looking interface

somewhat like Google. Library patron starts with a single search box. Instead of searching different databases (e.g. ProQuest) with their own indexes, the Discovery Products have created a single central or main index. So the library patron does not use the ProQuest indexes. Thus, a library patron is searching indexes created by the Discovery Products.

Discovery Products can greatly increase the use of expensive library subscription resources; for example, one study of 24 libraries, looked at over 9,000 journals, found increases as high as 40% after the implementation of a Discovery product. Some Discovery Products include numbers like: 9,000 publishers, 100,000 journals and periodicals, and 1 billion records are included in the central or main index. One

of the largest Summon, has another unique approach. Because of cost and what Summon sees as the real needs of patron, it has cut out the middle part of providing information to library patrons. Instead of contracting with different database providers (ABI/INFORM, ProQuest Pharma Collection, MEDLINE/PubMed, ScienceDirect Journals, or JSTOR), Summon has gone directly to journal publishers and information providers.

This new approach means that traditional role of librarians helping patrons determine which subject databases (e.g. ABI/INFORM) to use for their research – is no longer needed. The new challenge is help library patrons do searching and find the relevant information for their needs. Remember these are called Discovery products.

Their purpose is to Discover all research on a topic. Librarians help to locate and find what the patrons need. Example, searching on the topic of Fiji <<http://cornell.summon.serialssolutions.com>> gives 1,194,862 results sorted by relevance. This term “relevance” is where library systems and technology come together. These Discovery Products are configured by Systems Librarians for relevance and to enhance the user interface experience.

The role of the Systems Librarians and Library Systems is the same as in the past: to use technology to support information seekers to find the relevant information for their research and learning needs. ■

## CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS

### IFLA Global Vision Regional Workshop: Asia Oceania Together we create the future!

The regional workshop is held in the National Library of Singapore from 28 – 29 June 2017. IFLA extends invitation to the President of the Fiji Libraries Association, Ms Ela Qica to attend. The Vice President will attend on behalf of the President and FLA.

### LIANZA Conference 2017 in Christchurch NZ

LIANZA (Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa) extends invitation to FLA (Fiji Library Association) to attend the LIANZA Annual Conference which will be held at Addington Raceway in Christchurch from September 24 to 27, 2017.

LIANZA will cover the full registration fees for conference including the conference dinner. Travel and accommodation would be met by invited attendees. FLA Council will meet to discuss and to formalize expressions of interest. FLA members will be advised.

### 27th PIALA Annual Conference. Hosted by LAMP (Libraries Archives and Museums of Pohnpei) Association Pohnpei, FSM

It will be held in November 13-17, 2017 in the Pohnpei State Governor's Conference Room and address the theme *“Innovating Together: Enabling Libraries, Archives, and Museums for Sustainable Development”*

### PARBICA 17, 4-7 September 2017, Suva, Fiji

17th Conference of the Pacific Regional Branch of the International Council on Archives (PARBICA) in Suva, Fiji from 4-7 September 2017.

The conference, entitled Archives Engaged: Personal, professional, political, will focus on how we, as record keepers and archivists of the Pacific region, must face outward and engage with external parties to generate growth and increase sustainability for our sector.

Registering to attend The PARBICA 17 Brochure and Registration Form are attached. Please check the PARBICA website [www.parbica.org](http://www.parbica.org) regularly for information updates and forms.

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However, specific enquiries about the programme, registration process, or funding arrangements can be directed to: PARBICA Secretary General (Talei Masters) p: +64 4 894 6079 e: [parbica.secretariat@dia.govt.nz](mailto:parbica.secretariat@dia.govt.nz)

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## PEOPLE

### Elisabeth Leekley



Elisabeth was appointed in April to the position Librarian USP Emalus Campus, Vanuatu. She holds a Masters of Arts in Library and Information Science at the University of South Florida and previously worked as a records management specialist at the United States Environmental Protection Agency in Boston, Massachusetts. Elisabeth's experience includes public and academic libraries, with a special interest in humanities research and information literacy.

### Fifita Lolohea

Fifita was appointed to the position Library Officer at USP Tonga Campus.

### Savelina Molitika

Savelina was appointed to the position Library Attendant at USP Tonga Campus.

### Opeta Alefaio



Opeta is the Director of the National Archives of Fiji, and a Pacific Islander of Tuvaluan (Nukufetau & Vaitupu) and Fijian (Rewa & Cakaudrove) descent who was 'bitten' by the history bug at a young age. He received most of his education in Fiji where he read History, Politics, and Journalism at the University of the South Pacific, before spending two eye-opening years at Monash University in Melbourne where he was the joint recipient of the 2011 Australian Society of Archivists Margaret Jennings Award. After 8 .....years in the private sector and a brief stint at Fiji's Ministry of Information, he joined the National Archives of Fiji where he has spent the last 14 years, seeing himself as part of a passionate team working hard to improve access to heritage. Opeta is currently President of the Pacific Regional Branch of the International Council on Archives, and is an Executive Board member of the International Council on Archives.

### Shirley Devi

Shirley was appointed to the position Librarian USP Alafua Campus, Samoa.

### Liviana Tabalala USP Pacific TAFE Head of College of Arts & Humanities



Liviana Tabalala has worked at The University of the South Pacific Library as a librarian and educator in library studies. She assisted with the coordination of the Library/Information studies (LIS) programmes that were moved from the School of Education (SOE) to Pacific TAFE. Liviana had a progressive career in Library for 23 years and as an academic for 18 years. Prior to joining USP library as a graduate trainee, she was a secondary school teacher for 5 years. With these experiences, she is the right appointment to manage and lead pre-degree and sub-degree programmes of Pacific TAFE.

She comes with significant balance of senior administrative and teaching experience, a mandatory requirement for the position.

Her qualifications include a Bachelor of Arts degree (Management and Literature/Language) plus a Graduate Certificate in Tertiary Education from USP, post-graduate diploma in Library/Information Studies and a Master in Library and Information Science from Victoria University of Wellington, NZ.

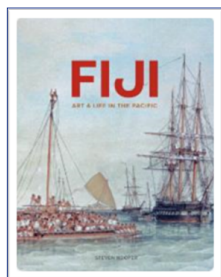
She is currently the Vice-President of the Fiji Library Association (FLA) and has been part of an FLA Council that organizes workshops for the profession, so as submissions to policymakers for the upgrade of libraries. She is passionate about teaching library users how to get information from libraries/information centres. Apart from revising course materials, Liviana has written a number of articles/chapters related to information literacy and LIS in Fiji and the Pacific and also translated to Fijian titles in the Participation Series" for the Ministry of Education, published by Learning Media, NZ.

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# RECENT PUBLICATIONS

## "FIJI : ART AND LIFE IN THE PACIFIC / Steven Hooper.

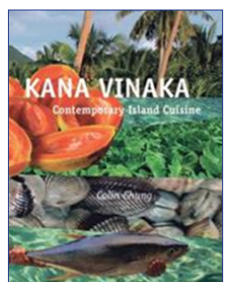
Norwich [England] : Sainsbury Research Unit for the Arts of Africa, Oceania & the Americas, University of East Anglia, 2016. ISBN: 97880946009701 288 p. USD20.00



"The artworks presented in Fiji: Art & Life in the Pacific include items from breastplates to skirts, bark cloths to figures, bowls to weapons from 18th century. Constance Gordon-Cumming's paintings display great artistic

sensibility as well as an imaginative capacity for innovation and creative adaptability."

## BEING KANA VINAKA : CONTEMPORARY ISLAND CUISINE / Colin Chung.



Raglan, New Zealand : Pacific Islands Resort Consultants, 2017. ISBN: 9780473390044 (hbk) 127 p. USD20.00

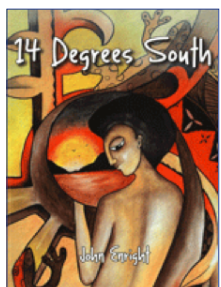
"This cook book offers a practical and tasty approach

to using local sustainable produce rather than imported products. All will benefit from this amazing collection of recipes, and visitors to Fiji will greatly appreciate sampling these foods that are special to our islands."

## 14 DEGREES SOUTH : SELECTED POEMS : AMERICAN SAMOA 1981 – 2006 / John Enright

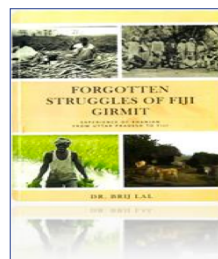
Suva, Fiji : USP Press, 2012. 121 p. USD15.00

"This collection stands tall in the first rank of Pacific literature and for many years will set the standard for books of its kind. An absolute must read for those seeking the island soul." Joseph Kennedy, author of The Tropical Frontier: America's South Seas Colony.



## FORGOTTEN STRUGGLES OF FIJI GIRMIT : EXPERIENCE OF KHANJAN FROM UTTAR PRADESH TO FIJI / Brij Lal

Suva : Fiji. ISBN: 9789829816115 180 p. USD\$15.00

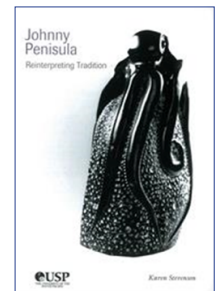


"The book contains historical information about Fiji, the history of Girit in Fiji, the start of formal education in Fiji and our status today in Fiji. The book is full of memories of Girit and contains a lot of statistics on events,

activities and happenings. Readers will like the content, will appreciate the information about our family and that someone will later take up the challenge to update this book with current statistics, information and family backgrounds. "

## JOHNNY PENISULA : REINTERPRETING TRADITION / Karen Stevenson.

Suva, Fiji : USP Press, 2016. ISBN: 9789820109568 131 p. USD15.00



"Johnny Penisula reinterpreting tradition focuses on Johnny's artistic practice as well as the themes and issues that are its foundation. Born in Samoa and currently residing in New Zealand Johnny has been practicing artist for the last 45 years. Over this time

he has been walking with a variety of mediums but "stone", has been his preference. This is the first book written about Johnny and it addresses the ways in which he draws upon memories and cultural traditions in the creation of his artwork. It demonstrates the diversity of a long lasting and highly regarded career. Most importantly however, is its focus on Johnny's desire to extend knowledge about Samoan cultural traditions to a new generation not only in New Zealand, but across the globe. The book has been edited by Karen Stevenson, former Director of OCAPS, USP. Her writings and research has focused on the politics and institutionalization of culture art and identity."

## REGULATING FIJI'S COASTAL FISHERIES POLICY AND LAW DISCUSSION PAPER / Fiji Environmental Law Association and EDO NSW.

Suva, Fiji : USP Press, 2017. ISBN: 9789820109575 (pbk) 22 p. USD15.00

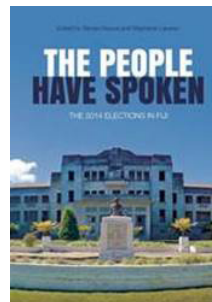


"Fiji is taking a lead role in international forum to promote a shift of Pacific Island Countries and Small Island Developing States towards a blue-green economy development model. This

lead role has Fiji presiding the United Nations' National Assembly, participating in the united and growing voice of small island developing states in international climate change diplomacy, and Fiji co-hosting (with Sweden) in June of this year in New York the inaugural UN Ocean Conference, to bring support to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goal 14 of the UN 2030 Agenda on oceans, seas and marine resources."

## The people have spoken: the 2014 elections in Fiji / edited by Steven Ratuva & Stephanie Lawson

Acton, A.C.T. : ANU Press, 2016. ISBN: 9781760460013 282 p. USD40.00



"The September 2014 elections in Fiji was one of the most anticipated in the history of the country, coming after eight years of military rule and under a radically new constitution that introduced a system of proportional representative (PR) and without any

reserved communal seats. The election was won overwhelmingly by FijiFirst, a party formed by 2006 coup leader Frank Bainimarama. This book explores these and other issues surrounding the 2014 Fiji elections in a collection of articles written from varied political, intellectual and ideological positions.

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LIBRARIES PA-C-FIKA REPLACES CENTRE LIBRARIES UPDATE AND PIC NEWS.

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