

Celebrating the Pacific, Shaping its Future

# EDITORIAL

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## THE NAURU COMMUNITY LIBRARY AND USP CAMPUS - CONGRATULATIONS NAURU!

Recently opened in Nauru was the Nauru Community Library and the USP Campus as part of a Learning Village concept.

The Nauru Learning Village comprises the Nauru Secondary School, the Nauru Technical and Vocational Education Training centre and the USP Campus and bringing it all together is the Nauru Community Library.

This Pacific approach serves to encourage those who are part of the village's institutions and the many who pass by to value education in a Pacific context.

The best part of the learning village is the Community Library which houses print and electronic resources supporting the USP curriculum, a children's corner and the beginnings of a fiction and non-fiction collection for adults youth, aged, minority communities.

The Nauru Community Library and USP Campus were opened on 21 May, 2018 by His Excellency the Honourable David Adeang, Acting President of Nauru and a USP alumni preceding the USP's 86th Council Meeting.

The Honourable Charmain Scotty, Nauru's Minister for Education said 'the opening of the new Nauru Campus marks a new era of educational development for the people and Government of Nauru who together with the Government of Australia funded the Library and Campus'.

The community library will serve Nauru of 10,000 Nauruans made up of approximately 3,000 students and will assist the Nauru National Sustainable Development Strategy in combating declining literacy and numeracy rates and to improve attendance at school which is free.

The establishment of a new community and academic library at the Campus is essential and timely. It is well placed to complement the implementation of a new Nauruan based curriculum with programmes in life-skills, culture and language, TVET and traditional subject areas of English, Maths and the sciences through appropriate collections and services.

Pacific countries are encouraged to take a leaf out of Nauru's book and plan so that libraries are at the centre of learning.

*Elizabeth C. Reade Fong*

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# REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

## USP LIBRARY FOCUS WEEK: USP 50 YEARS CELEBRATING THE PACIFIC



The Laucala Campus library week event took place from 14 -20 May 2018 to coincide with the official opening of the current Library building on May 20th 1988.

The theme, Celebrating the Pacific, Shaping the Future @ USP Library was highlighted through a series of organized activities targeted at current students and staff, the wider University community and former Library staff.

Notable exhibitions in the Library foyer display space included a model of the twelve 12 USP island countries which showcased the development and growth of library services across the region over the last 50 years. A second display included the contents of the 1997 USP Time Capsule which was opened at the launch of the USP 50th anniversary. Included in the time capsule was a VHS tape that was salvaged and screened in the Library Conference Room on four separate occasions during the week of library-focused celebrations. The video, well received by students, included interviews with prominent USP alumni and staff. A copy is available for viewing from the Pacific Collection and at the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Yuo1HF8Hrk&feature=youtu.be>



*Gracing the wall nearest the library exit are framed photographs of the three Library buildings: the first Library (1968-1972) previously the old RNZAF Officers Mess and now OCACPS Gallery, the second Library (1972-1988) now Communications Building, and the current library (1988 to now)*

In the Pacific Collection, a display depicted the collaborative efforts between USP and the Pacific Manuscripts Bureau (PMB) which is also celebrating its 50th year of existence. Several prominent resources found digitally on PMB are physically available in the Pacific Collection. Memorabilia pencils with the PMB logo were freely available for visitors to the Collection during this period.



The Library hosted several other activities including video interviews with past and present library staff and gifting of library merchandise to the winners of online quizzes etc. The Library Focus Week ended on a high with a Bula dinner for current and former library staff with a “Walk Down Memory Lane” presentation and a guest speech by Esther Williams, past University Librarian and DVC. Against a backdrop collage of library staff photos collected over the past 50 years, attendees to the dinner captured photographs with current and former work colleagues.

## THE USP NAURU CAMPUS COMMUNITY PUBLIC LIBRARY OPENS



# REGIONAL CONNECTIONS



## USP RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICE MARKS INTERNATIONAL ARCHIVES DAY 2018 / BY USP RECORDS MANAGEMENT

The University of the South Pacific's (USP) Records Management Office celebrated International Archives Day 2018 and the University's 50th Anniversary with a display of items and documents from the early years of the University's establishment in 1968 from 8-11 June 2018.

With the display hosted at the Laucala Campus Library foyer, items included the Royal Charter, photographs, documents, and video of the first graduation ceremony as well as the hand-over of the Royal Charter from HM Queen Elizabeth II to our first Pro-Chancellor.

Mr Jason Fello, Records Manager said the public's perception of the archives and records is usually one of confusion and as a result impacts on the financial and human resources that responsible managers and administrators dedicate to records and archives operations and/or institutions.

"Archives continue to be perceived as documents for internal use only, which are difficult to access and are of interest only to historians. The perception of records and archives by the public and the organizations that create them is not clear," he explained.

"It is therefore essential to remember that records and archives are documents, created, received and maintained as evidence and information by an organisation or person, in pursuance of legal obligations, or in the transaction of business," he stated.

Mr Fello said archival records are documents preserved by their creators, successors or an appropriate archive institution because of their legal value or enduring historical significance. They constitute a major cultural heritage and information resource.

"The archival heritage is a valuable testimony about the economical, political and social development of humanity. The diversity of archival sources and formats is considerable," he stated.

Furthermore, Mr Fello said that to ensure the preservation of these sources, a comprehensive approach that considers all types and formats of archives, is required and it is not possible to focus solely on one type of record, as other categories of archives also deserve attention.

Through the International Archives Day, the USP Records office can:

- Raise awareness among the public of the importance of records and archives, in order to make it understood that records and archives provide the foundation for their rights and identity;
- Raise the awareness of senior decision makers of the benefits of records management for good governance and development;
- Raise the public, private and public sectors' awareness of the necessity of preserving archives for the long-term, and of providing access to them;
- Promote and bring to the attention of the larger public unique, extraordinary and rare documents preserved in archival institutions; and
- Improve the image of records and archives and enhance their visibility globally.

Mr Jason Fello acknowledged the USP Library and the National Archives of Fiji for their support in not only marking this important week but creating awareness on the importance of archival records.



*USP students celebrating International Archives Day 2018 at the main Laucala Library foyer*

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## KE AU HOU (GENERATIONS OF PACIFIC LIBRARIANSHIP) CONFERENCE

Similar to USP, 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UH-M) Library's Pacific Collection and this was celebrated with a conference jointly hosted by UH-M Library's Hawaiian and Pacific Collections, the Center for Pacific Islands Studies, the Kamakakuokalani Center for Hawaiian Studies, Nā Hawai'i 'Imi Loa, and the University of North Texas' Library Education for the U.S. Affiliated Pacific. Pacific librarians and scholars were invited to reflect on the legacy of our librarian ancestors and consider what legacy we hope to build for the generations of librarians that will follow.

With funding secured from the organisers of the conference and USP's Staff Development Committee, Gwen Rounds attended the conference from 1 – 3 May 2018. From the four conference panels, namely Honoring Our Past, Collection Development and Management, Librarianship in Cultural Context and Ethics in Librarianship, Gwen's presentation titled Promote the Collection to enrich Collection Management was accepted for inclusion in the second panel. This was held on day two of the conference which kick started with a keynote address from Luisa Tora, a Fiji native and Library Assistant at Ōtāhuhu Library in Auckland, an artist, activist and writer who is part of The Veiqia Project, a creative research project and exhibition inspired by Fijian female tattoo.

There were much discussions, networking, and considerations of librarianship in the wider Pacific region and working groups were set up on the final day of the conference to address specific questions related to the future of librarianship in our region. The conference provided an ideal opportunity for Gwen to meet her counterparts from Tuvalu, American Samoa, Mariana Islands, Guam, Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Islands as well as Australia and New Zealand.



L-R: Verenaisi Bavadra (College of the Marshall Islands), Gwen Rounds (USP), Luisa Tora (Auckland Libraries), and Noa Tapumanaia (National Library and Archives of Tuvalu)

Interestingly, she had the opportunity to meet Sharon Dell, Librarian of the University of Otago Library's Hocken Collection, who was the keynote speaker on the first day of the conference. Sharon has had an extensive association with the Pacific beginning in 1971 when she was one of fifteen work-campers from the New Zealand University Students Association (NZUSA) on a five week attachment to the USP Library to process books and gifts donated by the NZUSA which were kindly delivered by the Royal New Zealand Air Force (source: USPL Annual report 1972). From that first library experience, Sharon went on to work with Pacific heritage collections and served as a consultant to the Vanuatu Cultural Centre.



Sharon Dell (middle row, second from right) with other 1971 workcampers



Sharon Dell (standing, forth from left) and Professor John Broughton (kneeling, second from left) with other 1971 workcampers

# REGIONAL CONNECTIONS

## ADVOCACY WORKSHOP AND PACIFIC LIBRARIES SUMMIT

The INELI (International Network of Library Innovators) Oceania Summit is an initiative supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and for Oceania (ALIA/LIANZA/ Public, National, State Libraries Australia) to empower emerging librarians in the Oceania/Pacific region.

Through IFLA funding and support an Advocacy Workshop and Libraries Summit was organized May 31 - June 1 2018 at the Pearl Resort to bring together key stakeholders, Pacific library practitioners and INELI Oceania innovators from the Pacific to: (i) train and equip practitioners in the UN2030 SDGs (ii) equip practitioners with advocacy skills for libraries and their contribution to SDGs (iii)advocate the role of public libraries and librarians in society to inspire a vision and agreement for collaborative and sustainable development of library services in the region.

Presentations on Libraries and the sustainable development goals,

contextualizing the issues of advocacy to the Pacific, noting the power of community in advocacy work through the READ Nepal project, inclusivity for access to information, working together through connections reflected on the importance of partnership and collaborative work so that our collective voice for the pacific is heard by those in positions of influence and decision-making.

At the conclusion of the Summit, participants had put together a document for action with 8 goals under a statement of intent to 'Strengthen the impact of Pacific Libraries to better support the needs of Pacific communities through collaborative networking and advocacy'. 62 participants committed as individuals to do what they could to achieve the agreed goals and a working group of 6 to drive the document for action forward.

Prior to the Summit library visits for participants were organized which included the USP Library on Wednesday May 30.



*Participants to the Advocacy Workshop and Pacific Libraries Summit held May 31 – June 1 at The Pearl Resort, Pacific Harbour Fiji*



*Participants visit to the USP Library prior to the Summit*

# DEVELOPMENTS & FEATURES

## GOLDEN TALANOA SESSIONS: USP ALUMNI CELEBRATING THE PACIFIC



As USP celebrates its Golden Jubilee, Libraries PaCfika interviewed Sikeli Tuinamuana, recipient of the 1983 Outstanding Accounting Graduate Award which changed to Gold Medalist in the Bachelor of Arts in Accounting in 1985. Sikeli is renowned in

the Accountancy field in Fiji and the region. Libraries PaCfika acknowledges his willingness to share his insights on USP library as a University student in the early 80s and a professional chartered Accountant and Partner today.

### *Tell us a bit about yourself?*

My name is Sikeli Tuinamuana and I am currently a Partner with Ernst & Young Fiji, an international chartered accounting firm providing financial services (audit/assurance, tax, business advisory) in Fiji and the Pacific region. I graduated from USP with a Bachelor of Arts (Accounting) degree in 1983 and a Master of Commerce from the University of New South Wales in Sydney in 1986. I have worked for three chartered accounting firms in my career – Price Waterhouse, Arthur Andersen (G Lal & Co) and Ernst & Young. I am currently a Council member of the Fiji Institute of Accountants, chairing its Standards Committee.

### *What prompted you to come or be sent to USP for further studies?*

While at secondary school, I had decided to study accounting when I entered university. The only way for me to achieve that was through a Fiji Government scholarship. I had to work hard to meet the academic requirements and was successful in being granted a scholarship to study accounting at USP.

*The first USP Library was located in the present Oceania Centre gallery building. The one after was the library building you would remember in your student years. Did you frequent the library? Please share with us any anecdotes of your time spent in the library studying/completing assignments or borrowing books.*

I lived on campus during my four years at USP. So I only used the library when I needed a quiet space to concentrate and study. This was usually during study week and during the exam period each semester. I also used the library to access reference materials prescribed by our courses, which were not part of our textbook lists. My enduring memories of the USP library are rifling through the many physical index cards to locate the books that I needed and hearing the large hand-held bell at 9.45pm at night, signaling that the library was about to close and that

everyone was required to leave the building immediately.

*How was the USP Library different from your secondary school library if it did have one during your time?*

The USP library was a lot bigger than my school library and contained a lot more texts and materials. The USP library also has the world renowned Pacific Collection, which I used a lot in my first couple of years at USP. Our school library had very limited resources allocated to it, so the books were not regularly changed, whereas the USP library is quite the opposite.

*Looking back at the services, resources and facilities provided by the library then, how would you assess these in terms of meeting your research needs?*

There was good coordination between our course facilitators and the USP library, so the library had the texts and materials that we needed when we needed it.

### *Did you pursue a Post graduate degree? Where?*

Yes, a Master of Commerce at the University of New South Wales in Sydney. I started in 1985 and completed it in 1986.

*And if you were to compare the two academic libraries in USP and University of New South Wales what were some of the research support developments you would think that USP library could possibly adopt then and perhaps now?*

The main difference again between the USP and UNSW libraries at that time was size and resources. The UNSW library catered for a much larger student population with a wider range of study fields. For instance, the UNSW library had an extensive law library, which contained statutes, laws and legal cases from around the world. That was very useful in my area of postgraduate study. Also, at that time, UNSW library was using technology that was not available at the USP library, such as microfiche of many historical documents.

### *After your postgraduate studies, what did you go on to do?*

I returned to Fiji in 1986 and decided to work in the accounting profession rather than pursue any further studies and/or an academic career. I re-joined Price Waterhouse as a Graduate Accountant in Suva in late 1986 (I had worked for them in 1984 before I left for Sydney). I progressed over my years there to Manager. In 1998, I joined Arthur Andersen (G Lal & Co) as a Partner and then Ernst & Young in 2002 as a Partner as well. I have worked in and contributed to the accounting profession in Fiji now for 33 years.

*If you were to walk into the USP Library today, what are your expectations?*

My main expectation would be that the USP library would provide services to its users through various forms of flexible and relevant technology. Information availability now has advanced to a lot more than just physical books. The internet is now the

# DEVELOPMENTS & FEATURES

main source of publicly available information and, in addition, the library should be able to provide access to important subscriber-only websites that are needed by library users. Of course, the reliability of information from the internet is an on-going issue and verification by the user may be necessary. I think that users should be able to use their own devices (laptops, tablets, smartphones) to connect and access these important sites provided by the library. Enabling the users to use their own

devices would be of great benefit to the users, especially if it was easy and seamless.

My other expectation would be that the USP library should encourage users to enter it and use its facilities, by providing a welcoming and safe environment for users. For example, having comfortable and informal seating, in addition to desks/tables and chairs. I would survey users and especially non-users, to see what sort of physical library environment would attract them.

## IFLA FOR GLOBAL VISION ACTION PLANS DEVELOPMENT



IFLA is creating the biggest idea store for actions, a source of inspiration for all librarians and for IFLA in planning for the future. Series of workshops and an online platform are planned to encapsulate ideas from librarians from all over the world and to identify how all regions and library types can play their part in progressing through and achieving the sustainable development goals (SDGs) global agenda.

Following the Global Vision kick-off workshop in Barcelona, a second series of high-level meetings is being organised for 2018. From April to July, six global regional workshops will take place in Latin America and the Caribbean, North America, Middle East and North Africa (MENA), Europe, Asia Oceania, and Africa.

IFLA is continuing its new series of regional workshops in Hanoi, Vietnam, from 23 - 25 May 2018 at the National Library of Vietnam. The workshops are a part of a larger initiative, IFLA Global Vision discussion, which is engaging the library community in the development of a global vision for the future of libraries. Now in its second phase, the library field is encouraged to build a vibrant 'ideas store' and explore how ideas are transformed into actions.

The interactive Asia Oceania workshop held in Hanoi, Vietnam hosted by IFLA President Glòria Pérez-Salmerón and Secretary General Gerald Leitner brought together senior representatives from all types of libraries in the Asia Oceania region. The core purpose of the workshop to explore the future of libraries and develop ways to tackle the challenges and opportunities that the library field will face. Participants will continue engagement by taking the discussion back to their own library communities.

Regional workshops will continue worldwide, with its next stop in Africa.

With the plethora of ideas, IFLA will create a strategy and action plans that will turn our vision into reality: a strong and united library field powering literate, informed and participative societies.

## 100% WIFI COVERAGE AND SMART CLASSROOM FOR TUVALU CAMPUS

A fully-fledged wireless network that now allows for a 100% WiFi coverage for the whole Tuvalu campus was recently installed. The USP WiFi allows for special secure wireless services provided through Network Access Control (NAC) technology for users to connect seamlessly from multiple devices to USP online resources. Also a new spacious SMART Classroom which incorporates high end audio visual technology to provide optimal interactive experience for users of the facility was installed.

Video conferencing services are also upgraded to allow users of the SMART Classroom (and similarly equipped rooms) to interact with online participants in other USP regional campuses and across the world using tools like REACT, ZOOM and Big Blue Button.

PC desktop infrastructure and N-Computing nodes are upgraded to allow for more efficient desktop services to staff and students.

## TONGA CAMPUS

The increased capacity on the fiber from 100Mbps to 200Mbps will maximize the use of telecommunications and technologies to enhance and boost education development in Tonga. A submarine cable which connects the other two main islands; Vava'u and Ha'apai will also strengthen communications and connections between the two USP centres situated on the islands.

# CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

## IFLA GENERAL CONFERENCE AND ASSEMBLY

The 84th IFLA General Conference and Assembly will be held from 24 – 30 August, 2018 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia with the theme Transform Libraries, Transform Societies. It offers great opportunities for networking, professional development and brings together thousands of participants from across the globe to its international trade exhibition.

Visit <https://2018.ifla.org/> for more information.

## ASIA-PACIFIC LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CONFERENCE 2018

ALIA, Library and Information Association of New Zealand Aotearoa (LIANZA), and Library Association of Singapore (LAS) are delighted to announce their first joint conference between the

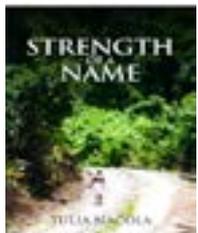
three associations. The event will take place 30 July - 2 August 2018 at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre, Queensland.

The 2018 conference will be the fourth in a series which began more than 30 years ago. The first joint Australia-New Zealand conference was held in Christchurch in 1981; the second in Brisbane in 1984, and the third in Wellington in 1994. This will be the first time that ALIA and LIANZA are joined by LAS. A further joint conference is proposed for November 2021 in New Zealand.

## 28TH PIALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Pacific Islands Association of Libraries, Archives and Museum 28th Annual Conference is hosted this year by Kosrae Library Association, Kosrae, Federated States of Micronesia. The conference will be held from 26-30 November 2018. The venue for the conference is to be arranged.

# PUBLICATIONS

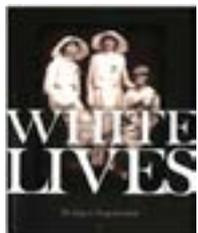


### STRENGTH OF A NAME

/ Tulia Nacola. Suva, Fiji : Tulia Nacola, 2018.

ISBN: 9789829818614 172 p. F\$28.00

“The book captures the stories that were told to me by my parents, in the hope that the generations that come after will know and appreciate their ancestors. Nacola wrote this book to keep the stories and the characters alive. They will live forever in these words and the message of love and understanding will continue to exist and be passed on generation after generation.”

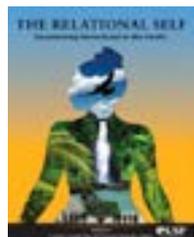


### WHITE LIVES

/ Bridget Sojourner. 2nd ed., Suva, Fiji : Quality Print Limited, 2018. ISBN: 9789829818812 84 p. F\$30.00

“Bridget Sojourner – one of the Fabulous Fashionistas from the UK Television documentary – has recounted the lives of white women residing in Fiji straddling a period over two countries.

Living and working as a health educator in many countries throughout the world, Fiji has been one consistently re-visited since work in the 1970's, providing research. Friendships, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Bridget in her 80th year lives in London, cycling to work as a gardener and is actively involved in her local community.”



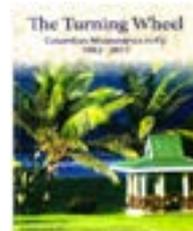
### THE RELATIONAL SELF : DECOLONISING PERSONHOOD IN THE PACIFIC

/ Upolu Luma Vaai & Unaisi Nabobo-Baba. Suva,

Fiji : The University of the South Pacific and Pacific Theological College, 2017. ISBN: 97898201096781 302 p. F\$35.00

“This book celebrates without apology the fact that indigenous spirituality lives and breathes in our Pacific person and personhood. In so doing, it celebrates what is core to indigeneity in the Pacific: our names and our naming; our knowing, being and seeing; and our identities and sense of belonging. It exposes how our grip on our own search for how we should understand the many dimensions of our

Pacific-ness is slipping, and it offers a thoughtful conversation on how we can get better traction on it and really own it.” - Tui Atua Tupua Tamasese Ta'isi Efi, Former Head of State of Samoa.”



### THE TURNING WHEEL : COLUMBAN MISSIONARIES IN FIJI 1952-2017

/ Fr Frank Hoare SCC.

Suva, Fiji: Missionary Society of St Columban, 2018.

ISBN: 9789821990059 308 p. F\$14.95

The Turning Wheel is a book based on the history of Columban missionaries in Fiji from 1952 to 2017. Father Frank Hoare, who is the author, said the name of the book was derived from churches of Asia and Pacific that were now the mission sending churches.”Young churches of Asia and Pacific are now the mission sending churches, that is the reason for the name of the book — the wheel is turning, those who were the subjects of missions are now the missionaries.”

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