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## PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE

Three articles in this issue of Libraries Pacifika focus on the protection of our heritage. The opening of the new Fiji National Archives building and the British Library's Endangered Archives programme and the Asia and Oceania Open Session at the 2009 IFLA World Congress in Milan, Italy are reminders of the need to protect our heritage.

Who is responsible for this? Is it governments, libraries, museums, archives, the previous generation, artists, IT experts, cultural organizations? When looking at the big picture it is unfortunate that more often than not disasters have helped trigger national, regional and international consciences. The positive side is that consciousness for preservations is heightened which has led to individuals, organizations, companies, cultural groups, governments, NGOs etc. coming together and cooperating to preserve national, regional and the world's heritage. Preservation of the written heritage through archives and libraries is being strengthened through large digitization programmes that facilitate both preservation and access. The Memory of the World project of UNESCO is a current leader in this area and many Pacific nations are participating in its programme.

For the Pacific this is even more important given our islands, small populations and vulnerability to the elements. So let us who work in libraries provide leadership in this

area remembering that what we received from the past enables us to understand and analyze the present and to plan for the future. Without a doubt the responsibility lies with every individual.

## THE BRITISH LIBRARY'S ENDANGERED ARCHIVES PROGRAMME

The Endangered Archives Programme is offering a number of research grants every year to individual researchers world-wide to locate vulnerable archival collections, to arrange their transfer wherever possible to a suitable local archival home, and to deliver copies into the international research domain via the British Library. Information is available at <http://www.bl.uk/endangeredarchives> Pacific Island libraries, archives, museums and UNESCO national commissions are encouraged to apply for support from the British Library under its Endangered Archives Programme (EAP).

Instructions on how to apply and programme awards for previous years, 2005-2008 are accessible on the website.

The EAP is highly related to UNESCO's Memory of the World (MOW) Programme: <http://www.unesco.org/webworld/mow>

Information on the EAP may also be obtained from the UNESCO Apia Office: Ph: +685 24276: <http://www.unesco.org/apia>

## OPENING OF NEW BUILDING FOR THE FIJI NATIONAL ARCHIVES

A new building to house Fiji's historical records has been on the nation's drawing board for many years. It was during Prime Minister Qarase's term that the new building was designed and funds assigned. The building was opened on 3 October, 2009 by the Interim Prime Minister Bainimarama, Commodore Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama, Minister for Public Service, Peoples' Charter for Change, Information, Provincial Development and Multi-ethnic Affairs and Indigenous Affairs. The Fiji Daily Post reported



## NEW ARCHIVES CENTRE OPENS

RECORDS provide critical evidence for the nation's primary accountability institutions, such as the Auditor General's Office, the Judiciary, Office of the Ombudsman, internal audit units, and inspection and disciplinary boards says Interim Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama. The new National Archives building, next to its predecessor on Kimberley Street, Suva was officially opened by Bainimarama on Thursday 2nd October 2008. The PM said the completion of the building was indicative of government's commitment not only ensuring the security of the archival heritage but to improve recordkeeping practices in the public service.

"Well managed records are increasingly being accepted as essential to achieving transparency and accountability and allow organizations, communities and governments to make sound informed decision and detect corrupt practices," said Bainimarama.

"The vital role of the National Archives in guaranteeing the future of our collective memory, and supporting our social and economic development, must be acknowledged and supported," he added.

The National Archives also plays a very important role in facilitating and promoting in-depth research for educational and historical purposes which are used by students and researchers at various educational levels. The archive was first established in 1954 as the Central Archives of Fiji and the Western Pacific High Commission. It became the agency for the care of the records of Fiji and those of the Western Pacific states. Plans are in place to refurbish the old National Archives building to expand the services of the department including the enhancement of the existing library.

[Source: Fiji Daily Post, 3-Oct-2008]

## FIJI LIBRARY ASSOCIATION NEWS

Formed in 1972, the Fiji Library Association (FLA) aims to encourage and foster the development of libraries, librarianship and other associated activities within Fiji and the South Pacific. The objectives of FLA are to:

- unite all persons engaged or interested in library work
- promote better administration of libraries
- improve the position and qualifications of library personnel
- create awareness of the importance of all types of libraries in society

The Officers of the Association for 2008 are as follows:

- Patron - Sir Moti Tikaram  
President - Francis Ali (Reserve Bank of Fiji)  
Vice-President - Sokoveti Tuimoala (Library Services of Fiji)  
Treasurer - Gwen Mar (USP Library)  
Secretary - Loraine Bhan (Munro Leys)  
Council Members: - Sarita Kashyap (Fiji Human Rights Commission)  
- Veniana Rabua (Fiji Prisons Headquarters)  
- Kaveena Gounder (Corpus Christi Teachers' College)  
- Sonny Chandra (Fiji Institute of Technology, Ba)

This year, the council is focusing on increasing its member benefits in terms of providing more value for their subscriptions. The Council is currently working on reviving its publications that includes the newsletters and the FLA Journal.

The council is also working on publishing a 2009 issue of the FLA Directory which would list and provide brief information of all libraries in Fiji. This directory will be an important informational and communication tool for members and all library/information workers in Fiji.

In addition, the Council is working towards keeping the website up to date. All forms and reports can now be downloaded from the website. The web-committee steered by the President is looking at options to further upgrade the website to a fully-fledged site which has features like chat and member blogs for more member interaction and sharing of ideas.

In the meantime, FLA's Listserv continues to serve as a medium of communication and networking for its members. Members are welcome to make contributions toward all FLA publications and should contact the President for more information.

In the coming months, the Council is planning a Host Evening at the new National Archives of Fiji building, a social get-together for members and a fundraiser through a (beer) Barrel Nite. For updates on these events, log on to the FLA website at [www.fla.org.fj](http://www.fla.org.fj) for updates and for members information will be distributed via the FLA Listserv.

## AN INTERVIEW WITH MARGARET APSEY, LIBRARIAN USP CAMPUS, SOLOMON ISLANDS

*What brought you to the Solomon Islands in the first place?*

My husband accepted a job with RAMSI working for the Solomon Island Government as the Commissioner for Correctional Services. I visited during the first year trying to fit in a busy job, a new grand daughter and children at home studying. Last year I had a "year off" and heard about the vacancy at USP.

*You are a librarian by profession. Can you tell us a bit about yourself, how you got into the profession, your qualifications and experiences?*

My first library position was in the Northern Regional Library in Launceston, Tasmania. The Regional Librarian asked me to apply one day when I was in the library - I always suspected my mother put him up to it because I had left nursing vowing never to return and had been happily picking apples with other itinerants at the time.

In those days in Australia you could become a librarian by doing what was called the Registration Papers - a night school or distance ed. course.

Within a few years a degree was also required and library schools developed in most states. Higher education was also free for a decade. I duly acquired a degree and updated my library qualifications in the 1980s with relevant computing courses as I was returning to the library world after 8 years "maternity leave".

Since 1990 I have been employed in many positions in the Library of Flinders University in Adelaide, South Australia. When I resigned last year I was the Sturt

Campus Librarian

*What are your observations of libraries in the Solomon Islands generally?*

They vary greatly. Most are not well resourced but there is a mood to lift the standard and qualified library staff have been appointed to all. Of the few that are well resourced it is notable that online library management systems have been installed and budgets are adequate. Library staff are great.

*What are the main issues facing libraries in the Solomon Islands and how do you think they can best be addressed?*

(i) IT infrastructure and experienced people to install and manage it. Librarians with systems experience would find themselves in great demand. Unfortunately they don't get paid very much. (ii) Preservation of materials. (iii) Relevant information in either print or electronic format (iv) Educating our clients about the many and varied resources held by libraries and how to access them.

*How addressed?*

Government will mainly.

*The Solomon Islands Campus Library was fortunate to have you as Librarian. What were the challenges that you faced there?*

The huge number of students for such a tiny campus.

*What do you think are your main contribution to the Campus?*

(i) Advising on a student operated photocopying and printing system (ii) Cataloguing and more cataloguing (iii) Sorting

out periodical issues - bring on that serials module!!!! (iv) Starting information literacy training (v) Staff recruitment to cover extended leave. Lots of small things really which I hope make a difference.

There is a general feeling amongst the population, and those in management and administration in schools, government, international organizations in Pacific countries that library work can be done by anyone following a short training stint.

*Did you get this impression in the Solomon Islands and if you did, how do you think this view can be changed?*

Yes - the usual total lack of awareness that somehow those books and periodicals have got to be organized and loaned and cared for! And now there are online resources that need an intermediary if they are to be accessed effectively by all.

*How to change the view?*

Promotion and more promotion. I saw one of my roles was to make sure that those in senior places received an excellent library service and at every opportunity to be made aware of what the collections consist of and wherever possible how they could be put to best use.

*Any other comments on reading in Solomon Islands, IT access etc?*

Some students and staff read voraciously, others do not - just like in Australia. Reading widely around a topic is not popular even though some courses require it. However, it can only happen if there are adequate, well resourced libraries for stu-

dents to conduct their research in and enough computers to access online resources and in our case - enough seats or floor space to sit on to study.

We don't have either at present but a start has been made and one day we will have a bigger library and more computers and study desks and then all courses can include resource based learning - and we'll be very busy!

In conclusion it has been an enormous privilege to work at the Solomon Islands campus and I would have liked a longer stay in order to get the next IT stage implemented. However that was dependent on a lot more than me being available to see it through but I am happy to say Solomon Islands library is ready for it. We have a very hard working team, 3 of whom have, or are working towards, library qualifications. I have learnt a lot about libraries and library services in Honiara from Ellen and our other library colleagues in the different libraries and appreciate the team Ellen Pua, Lucy Bobota, Tina Afegau, Betty and John for their hard work, cheerfulness, their wisdom and patience.



Margaret Apsey,  
Librarian August 2008  
USP Campus, Solomon Islands.

## SUVA CELEBRATES LIBRARY MILESTONE



*Marching orders ... the Methodist Youth Band marches past the Suva City Carnegie Library during its 100th anniversary in Suva yesterday hundreds gathered at the Suva City Carnegie Library celebration on Monday 1st September to commemorate its 100th anniversary.*

Cakes, sandwiches and traditional dances spiced the occasion that people from all walks of life attended. School children, diplomats, government officials and members of the public took advantage of the abundant food at yesterday's re-opening.

With about 15,000 books, the library was reopened after renovations were done to mark the occasion. The new look that boasts cushioned couches for readers to relax and new computers to help with research.

Chief Guest William Thomson the great grandson of the founder Andrew Carnegie said the Suva library was one of the earlier libraries out of the 2500 his grandfather funded.

Mr. Thomson said it was built in 1907, and is one of the two Carnegie libraries in the Pacific. The other in Honolulu was founded in 1914.

Mr. Thomson is the chairman of the Carnegie Trust Dunfermline which maintains Andrew Carnegie's legacy. The Suva City Council managed to establish contact with him in Scotland and invited him to Fiji as Chief Guest for the function.

"A third reason why the library is special is that being one of the earlier ones, the decision to fund it would have been taken by Carnegie himself."

"This may sound rather obvious but in fact after 1911 he handed over the administration of the library to Carnegie Corporation of New York," said Mr. Thomson.

Mr. Thomson said that prior to this his grandfather dealt with all requests himself and took interest in the designs details of the buildings.

He said his grandfather's formal education had been curtailed at the age of 12, but made good use of libraries and managed to broaden his mind particularly in literature, politics, economics and philosophy.

Mr. Thomson said Carnegie's interest was not in the layout of the building alone but also on opportunities that libraries offered man and women of all ages for knowledge and understanding.

[Source: Fiji Times, Tuesday, September 02, 2008]

## FIJI NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 2008: LIBRARIES: OASES OF DISCOVERY

EDUCATION can be used as a tool for our children to learn to preserve our rich and unique culture.

Speaking at the launch of National Library week, with the theme; 'Libraries: Oases of Discovery' Mr. Filipe Jitoko, Deputy Secretary for Education and Administration said that the next few days would be an opportune time to gain new ideas and reinforce basic concepts and principles.

"Here in Fiji, the development of the written word as we have come to know it, can be traced to the arrival of the missionaries."

"They also brought with them the idea of a printing press and the beginnings of publishing, and they also established small book collections," Mr. Jitoko said

He added that ever since this first contact with written material, there had been numerous attempts to establish libraries which later led to the establishment of the Library Service of Fiji in 1964.

Programmes initiated to encourage libraries included The Book Flood and DEAR (Drop Everything and Read).

"Researches conducted locally, by Jane Ricketts (1982) and Elley and Manguhai (1981) have shown the numerous positive results that can

be derived from exposing children to books," the Deputy Secretary said.

"Books can cheer and enlighten us, they may inspire us and delight us, and indeed if we use them rightly, they will make us all the more wiser and better.

He reiterated that this year's theme looks to emphasize the concept of libraries as store houses of knowledge and information and the important role that they play in supporting reading and literacy.

[http://www.fiji.gov.fj/publish/page\\_12785.shtml](http://www.fiji.gov.fj/publish/page_12785.shtml)

## LIBRARY SERVICE FOR FIJI RURAL SCHOOLS

Libraries will be set up in schools in Lau and Kadavu over the next week. Two teams from the Education Ministry's Library Service left the capital last night to set up libraries, provide school furniture and assess the need for library books.

A team bound for Lau aboard the MV Iloilovatu will visit Yasayasa Moala Secondary School on Moala and Ratu Finau Junior Secondary School on Lakeba.

They will deliver library books whilst assessing 36 schools in the province. The assessment exercise will ensure the schools are using library facilities correctly.

Later in the year a team will audit schools that have been assisted with library books and furniture to ensure the facilities are being used to their full potential.

An Education Ministry statement said books would add broader dimensions to the world of learning for the students in these maritime schools.

The teams will deliver library furniture to Yasayasa Moala Secondary, Ratu Finau Junior, Ratu Mara College and Matuatabu Primary School.

The Kadavu team was scheduled to leave aboard the MV Sinu-i-Wasa last night for Vunisea Secondary and Namara District School.

After visiting Lau and Kadavu, the Library Services of Fiji teams will then travel on to the Yasawas, Lomaiviti and Rotuma.

[Source: The Fiji Times, Thursday, October 02, 2008]

## LIBRARY COMES OF AGE



*Library members: Filipo Seru (sitting) - a Class Three student at Veiuto Primary School and Vani Serevi - a Class Six student at Holy Trinity in Suva*

Libraries are a great source of information and although there are different kinds of libraries in Fiji, the main purpose is to provide sourced and reliable information for the general public.

In memory of the role libraries play in our daily educated lives, a special celebration through the streets of Suva on September 1 marked 100 years of the Suva City Carnegie Library.

There is always this invisible pull whenever one goes past a library and the centennial celebrations was all that was needed to remind people of the importance of libraries.

### Brief history

- In 1904, a small scale library service was set up in the Victoria Memorial Hall. The Suva Town Board decided to maintain the library and a reading room for the public.
- A prominent Suva citizen by the name of Henry Marks donated 400 books to the library on the condition it be kept open to the public free of charge.
- A few years later on December 13, 1907, Scottish man Andrew Carnegie gave a grant of 1500 pounds to build a free public library building for Suva. The only provision for the grant was for authorities to make available a suitable site for the building.
- In 1908, government provided the site for the library in Victoria Parade between the Victoria Memorial Hall and former Suva Boys Grammar School.

- After completion of the library in 1909, the building was known as Carnegie library and was officially opened on November 20, 1909.

### Ownership status

- In 1952, Suva was announced a city and this also marked the official change in status of the Suva Town Board to Suva City Council.
- A year later in 1953, the council passed a resolution that the Carnegie Library be called Suva City Library due to the fact that financing of the library was entirely the responsibility of the council.
- In late 1974, the name was changed to Suva City Library.
- With the approval from government, the name was changed to Suva City Carnegie Library and gazetted on January 8 this year.

### Centennial celebrations

- To honour the auspicious occasion, the Suva City Council organized a three-day celebration which included the cutting of the centennial cake by chief guest CDE William Thomson.
- Mr. Thomson is the great grandson of the founder of the Suva City Carnegie Library Andrew Carnegie.
- Apart from the cutting of the cake, there were parades through the city streets and various library activities to keep the young and old busy.

According to Mr. Thomson, his great grandfather funded over 2500 new libraries and the library in Suva was just one of the many.

“The Library at Suva is rather special. It was built in 1907 so it is one of the earlier libraries Carnegie funded,” he said.

“For another, it is one of only two Carnegie libraries in the Pacific. The other in Honolulu was founded much later in 1914.

“The third reason the library is special is that being one of the earlier ones the decision to fund it would have been taken by Carnegie himself.

“After 1911, he handed over the administration of the library program to Carnegie Corporation of New York.

“So the Suva library is a very original and unique example of a Carnegie library.”

Mr. Thomson said Carnegie libraries offered books, newspapers, periodicals and magazines.

He said the library became a distribution centre for knowledge, information, news and current thinking on all manner of topics.

In a new book written by Isimeli Cerelala and Frances Pene titled 100th Anniversary of the Library, Mr. Thomson said the formidable obstacles highlighted in the book which had to be overcome to keep the library going were remarkable stories that Carnegie would have admired.

Lord Mayor, Ratu Peni Volavola said the event was an important milestone in the history of Suva. The centennial celebrations coincided with National Library Week and highlighted the library’s contribution to development over the years.

“We mark this occasion with events to highlight the city library’s contribution to the general public and school children over the years in the field of education, literacy, culture, art and craft,” he said.

## NEW, IMPROVED SUVA CITY CARNEGIE LIBRARY

From the outside, the library shines with a new paint job. On the inside are new changes with much needed renovations to make the library more inviting.

As soon as you walk in, there is a refurbished booth for the library assistants, a new staircase that leads to a common room for children, new books and shelves, a renovated balcony to cater for new computers donated by director of the Bernheim Library in New Caledonia Christophe Augias, improved reading room with chairs and tables.

These are a few of the new and exciting features of the Suva City Carnegie Library. The only challenge now is to maintain this important structure and promote literacy and education in Fiji.

[Source: Fiji Times, Sunday 14 September 2008]

<http://www.fjitimes.com/story.aspx?id=100629>

## 75th IFLA GENERAL CONFERENCE AND COUNCIL, WORLD LIBRARY AND INFORMATION CONGRESS. MILAN, ITALY, 23-27 AUGUST 2009.

Asia & Oceania open session: call for papers

Session theme: preserving the past - creating the future

The five sub-regions of IFLA's Asia-Oceania Section encompass ethnic groups and cultures whose rich histories are embodied within written, pictorial and oral traditions that date back to the beginnings of human civilisation.

The Asia-Oceania Open Session at Milan focuses on the critical role being played by libraries and other information organisations in Asia-Oceania in preserving the richness of the past so that their peoples can create a future that is linked to the past.

The theme encompasses both the practicalities of cultural heritage preservation work to ensure the survival of the past and the efforts involved in services that focus on helping individuals and groups make use of those cultural heritage resources to understand the past to create a better future.

Dedicated to the theme, 'Preserving the past - creating the future', this session therefore aims to highlight the work of libraries and other information organisations in Asia-Oceania that contributes to the creation of better futures by preserving the past.

In keeping with the conference's overall theme, 'Libraries create futures: Building on cultural heritage', the suggested topics for this Session include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Utilising the preservation of materials to develop future-oriented, contextually-based information services in memory institutions

- Understanding how heritage awareness through preserved artefacts can lead to better understanding of possible future developments in proactive memory institution services
- Preserving or providing access to images or oral histories that capture the memories of the participants in unique events of a community's past and cultural heritage
- Preserving significant cultural heritage resources and providing unified approaches to making them accessible through the collaborative efforts of libraries, archives and museums
- Promoting the use of or creation of resources that document the contributions of minority groups to the development of a community's social, political, cultural or economic life.

The deadline for submitting a detailed, abstract (500 words) and full author details is 15 December 2008. Selection of papers is based on the abstract, and presenters will be notified by mid-February 2009 at the latest whether they have been successful.

The full paper is due on 1 May 2009 and must be an original submission not published elsewhere.

Papers should be of 20 pages maximum, double spaced and written in English

For full details and information go to: <http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla75/call-asia-en.htm>

Abstract should reach one of the below-mentioned by 15 December 2008 to:

Ms Premila Gamage, RSCAO Chair  
E-mail: [premilagamage@gmail.com](mailto:premilagamage@gmail.com) OR  
M. Al Mamun, RSCAO Secretary  
E-mail: [almamun@icddrb.org](mailto:almamun@icddrb.org)

## ALIA 2008

The 2008 ALIA Biennial Conference, dreaming08, was held in Alice Springs, NT from 2-5 September.

By all accounts it was a huge success, from the satellite events to the main conference program, to the social events.

Jayshree Mamtora, former USP staff member (1989-2001) and FLA President (1993) served on the Executive Committee as well as being Program Convenor of the 2008 Conference.

Jayshree said chairing the program committee was a challenging task with members scattered over Australia from Darwin to Alice Springs to Adelaide.

As well the committee had to come up with a wide ranging program that had something for everyone as well as a focus on indigenous themes.

This was done successfully with excellent feedback coming in from both delegates as well as exhibitors.

Jayshree took the opportunity to involve former friends and colleagues from the Pacific in the Conference by asking them to chair conference sessions: Chris Nelson, Gillian Terry and Peter Walton.

Chris chaired the International session while Gill chaired the Space session and Peter the Special one.

The Conference website can be viewed at [www.alia2008.com](http://www.alia2008.com), and the conference papers are already available at: <http://conferences.alia.org.au/alia2008/>.



*Chris Nelson with Jayshree Mamtora at the opening of the ALIA 2008 Biennial Conference.*

## IAMSLIC CONFERENCE, USP, 2008

The 34th Annual Conference of IAMSLIC was held in Suva at USP (Lower Campus) on September 15-18, 2008.

IAMSLIC, the International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers (IAMSLIC) is an association of individuals and organizations interested in library and information science relating to the recording, retrieval and dissemination of knowledge and information in the aquatic and marine sciences and their allied disciplines.

The association provides a forum for exchange and exploration of ideas and issues of mutual concern. The theme of the conference was Sustainability in a Changing Climate. The conference brought together around 70 participants, invited guests and exhibitors.

Conference delegates included librarians and information specialists from Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Canada, Belgium, Italy and many Pacific countries. The conference was opened on Monday

morning, 15 September, at 9.00am in the Marine Studies Lecture Theatre with a traditional Fijian ceremony of welcome.

The Opening Address was presented by Pro Vice-Chancellor of the University of the South Pacific Dr. Eci Nabalarua.

This was followed by keynote presentation given by Dr. Patrick Nunn, Professor of Oceanic Geoscience, USP speaking on Climate Change: a Janus-faced challenge for our times.

Other speakers from USP included Dr. Randy Thaman who spoke about Sinking Islands Arks:

The need to protect island biodiversity for sustainable island life and Dr. Rikki Dunsmore who spoke about the State of the Nations Marine Protected Areas.

Library personnel from Suva who gave presentations included Chris Hammond-Thrasher, Maria Kalenchits from USP and Doreen Naidu from SOPAC.

Association president Barb Butler from the

Oregon Institute of Marine Biology led the business conducted at the meeting.

Elizabeth Winiarz from the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth was the conference convener and assisted by a Local Conference Organizing Committee made up of (Maria Kalenchits (PIMRIS), Sin Joan Yee (USPL), Vilimaina Vakaciwa (USPL), Vina Ram-Bidesi (School of Marine Studies, USP), Dorene Naidu (SOPAC) and Verena Babbit (SPC, Suva).

The conference provided an opportunity for networking and possible future collaboration between libraries and information centres in the marine and aquatic sciences.

(Press Release prepared by Jane Barnwell and Elizabeth Winiarz, updated by Maria Kalenchits)



34th IAMSLIC Annual Conference participants, USP Lower Campus, Suva, Fiji.



2008 IAMSLIC Organising Committee



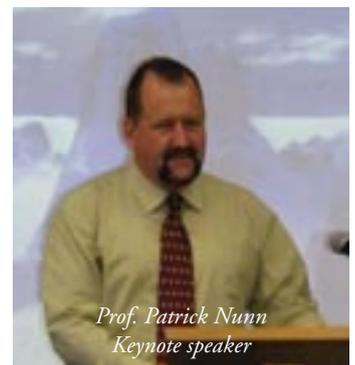
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Barb Butler  
President IAMSLIC 2008



Dr. Eci Nabalarua  
Pro VC USP



Prof. Patrick Nunn  
Keynote speaker

# RECENT PUBLICATIONS

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## A PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE: THE SPEECHES OF JONI MADRAIWIWI



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Price: \$30.00  
Author: Wendy Tubman(Ed)  
Country: Fiji Islands  
Date Published: 2008  
Publisher: Institute of Pacific Studies  
Pages: 287  
Paperback: Yes

Joni Madraiwiwi, Roko Tui Bau, former High Court Judge, ex-Vice-President of Fiji and highly respected as a public speaker, whose deeply considered, often provocative, yet always engaging addresses seek to build bridges, challenge stereotypes and “encourage his audience to reflect on the issues as part of the process of the nation-building”. In this first compilation of his speeches, Joni Madraiwiwi offers a personal perspective on issues as varied as electoral systems, regionalism, HIV/AIDS, human rights, reconciliation, corruption, teaching-training, the environment, industrial relations, spirituality, wage levels and poetry; and eulogize some of those that he regards as heroes of our time.

## 1987; FIJI TWENTY YEARS ON



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Author: Brij V Lal, Ganesh Chand, Vijay Naidu (eds)  
Country: Fiji Islands  
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Publisher: Fiji Institute of Applied Studies (FIAS)  
Pages: 230  
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This handbook, Reflecting on Social Justice: A Process for Change, is written to accompany the ECREA report Social Justice in Fiji: Christian Perspectives which was carried out in Fiji in 2006. It is offered to the Christian churches as a resource to promote dialogue and commitment to social justice in parishes and churches. According to ECREA's report, a large number of people believe the churches are not responding to issues of social justice in a consistent and effective manner. Even with charitable works, people feel some churches use them for proselytizing purposes. Many feel alienated and or frustrated by their churches' lack of presence and visibility. Some have changed religion on account of never having received a visit from their minister, pastor or priest. Others, while expressing strong allegiance to their own churches, find fault with them because of their lack engagement with 'structural' issues such as land, poverty and racial discrimination. Some even believe churches have become irrelevant to peoples' lives while others feel burdened by them

## LEGENDS, TRADITIONS & TALES OF NAURU



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Illustrated: Yes

In a fast globalizing world, group histories, traditions and memories, especially of smaller countries, are at risk of being lost. In 1938, Head Chief Timothy Detudamo had the foresight to transcribe and then translate, a series of lectures relating to the legends, customs and tales of Nauru, delivered by what he termed 'native teachers'. Seventy years later, in line with its aim of ensuring that the historic and contemporary 'voices' of the Pacific is heard on the world stage, IPS Publications is pleased to make them more widely available in this, Legends, 'Traditions and 'Tales of Nauru. This is the fourth book in a series funded by the Government of Nauru. Earlier titles were: Nauru 100 years Ago: Fishing; Games & Sport; Nauru 100 years Ago: Pandanus.

## GUJARATIS IN FIJI ISLANDS: PERSONAL GLIMPSES



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Illustrated: Yes  
Colour: Yes

This book focuses on the early history and arrival of Gujaratis. The book is divided into three parts. The first deals with the early history and arrival of Gujaratis; the socio-cultural aspects of Gujaratis; and the photographic history of Gujaratis grouped into family, business, social, community and sporting categories. There is a special section on two leading Gujarati women of Fiji. Other chapters deal with Gujarati contribution in law, politics, education, business and sports. One chapter is a case study of the rise of a Gujarati family. It is the story of the Parshotam family, he said. The second part deals with personal histories and biographies. The family history of the Narseys is dealt with extensively. Some photographs are almost 100 years old, he said. From hawkers to million dollar duty-free shops, from small grocery stores to giant supermarkets, from a small retail store to a conglomerate of industries, from a tailor's shop to a giant garment manufacturing concern, young men and women with basic education to doctors, lawyers, and accountants, the journey of Gujaratis in the Fiji Islands spans a 100 years of growth. Jinna said this book portrays elements of these various journeys, showing determination, persistence and resilience, captured in various chapters, photographs and personal biographies. He said all the articles in the book but one have been written by Gujarati authors who were born, lived or have a strong connection with Fiji. The only chapter written by a non-Gujarati is a research article on the Gujarati Language in Fiji by France Mugler. It has been adopted from the original which France Mugler wrote with Jayshree Mamtara of the University of the South Pacific. The editors Kanti Jinna and Francis Mangubhai have completed this final publication in a trilogy that recorded the first hundred years of Gujaratis in Fiji initiated by the Lautoka Gujarat Samaj, continued by the Suva and Fiji Gujarat Samaj and concluded by Gujarati contributors outside of Fiji.

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