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Commissioners Launch the **“Know Your Election”** Awareness Drive (Story on Page 3)

A Platform for Fijians to Express their will with Confidence, Security & Freedom



NZ Chief Electoral Officer, Alicia Wright (2nd from left)
Hands Over Cardboard Voting Screens

NZ Electoral Commission Hands over Cardboard Voting Screens

The Fijian Elections Office had the pleasure to host Alicia Wright, the Chief Electoral Officer from New Zealand who took time out from her busy schedule to officially hand over the Cardboard Voting Screens to our office.

We have already received 15,015 voting screens properly packed in boxes and protective plastic. Each polling station will receive 1 box which is made up of 4 ‘pizza boxes’ and 1 disability friendly voting screen.

Read more on:



Video available here:

<https://www.feo.org.fj/voting-screen-handover-statement-by-ec-chair-mr-suresh-chandra/>





Commissioner Jenkins and EC Chairperson, Mr Suresh Chandra, during the Awareness at Marist Brothers High School.



EC Chairperson and Commissioner Ratu Paula Halaiwalu in Baulevu

Commissioners Take Lead

The Electoral Commissioners are actively taking the lead role in conducting awareness around the country during the Know Your Election Awareness Drive.

Here is Commissioner Naiduki's feedback:

"We were fortunate to have the SoE with us during the Northern Tour. The visits were well planned and well attended. The presentations made were well presented and lively especially when presenting to rural communities. Those present in the Awareness sessions were appreciative of the training and all the services provided by the Teams"

Here is Commissioner Jenkins feedback:

"The Awareness sessions were a learning programme for the students. There is a need to attract the youths in the community as they can be assets to the drive, in explaining the content of the booklet to the elders because they can easily follow the presentations and in turn explain these to elders in the communities".



MBHS students with their copies of the EIBs

Team FEO Distributes EIBs

The staff of the Fijian Elections Office in all divisions took to the streets on Saturday the 17th of March to distribute the **Election Information Booklet** to the general public as part of the **KYE** Awareness campaign.

In just a few hours, they managed to distribute more than 10,000 booklets in the Lami-Nausori corridor, Lautoka and Labasa.

QUARTERLY
GALLERY



Applicants waiting to sit the Computer Based Test at USP



KYE Awareness Drive

A Nationwide voter Awareness Campaign which will run for six (6) weeks was successfully launched on the 15th of March, 2018. The '**Know Your Election**' campaign will disseminate balanced, non-partisan and objective information on what voters need to know in order to exercise their right to vote.

The Chairperson, Mr Suresh Chandra, said "While we do not know the date of election yet, we need to be prepared ourselves, and we want the voters to be educated and knowledgeable before a date is announced".

At the end of this drive, all Fijians will be able to know: the role of the Fijian Elections Office, the role of the Electoral Commission, the electoral system we use here in Fiji and other electoral matters.

Read more on:

<https://www.feo.org.fj/statement-by-the-chairperson-of-the-electoral-commission-kye-awareness-campaign-launch/>



Aseri handing out the Election Information Booklet

Election Information Booklet

This booklet is developed by the Fijian Elections Office to guide the voters and help them understand the electoral processes used in Fiji and most importantly to know how to mark their Ballot Papers and make their votes count.

At the **KYE Launch**, the Acting Director for Strategic Development and Communications assured everyone that, "through our awareness teams, we will distribute the **Election Information Booklet** in every village, community, settlement and to schools students who are or will be eligible to vote in the 2018 General Election". Taking into consideration the multi-cultural background of Fiji, we have also translated the Election Information Booklet into iTaukei, Hindi, Rotuman, Chinese and Banaban languages.

Read more on:

<https://www.feo.org.fj/know-your-election-awareness-campaign-launch-mr-edwin-nand/>

ELECTION INFORMATION BOOKLET



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Today



<https://www.feo.org.fj/election-information-booklet/>



Packing Team during the Mock Election



Members of the public, after receiving their copies of the EIB



Elesi Nailati conducting awareness at Government House

KYE Awareness Feedback

The Fijian Elections Office has received positive feedback from the general public in acknowledgement of the Awareness that the Voter Awareness Assistants are conducting around the country.

Many have stated that they now better understand the electoral system we use here in Fiji and are aware of their roles and responsibilities. Hence, they are in a better position to make an informed choice.

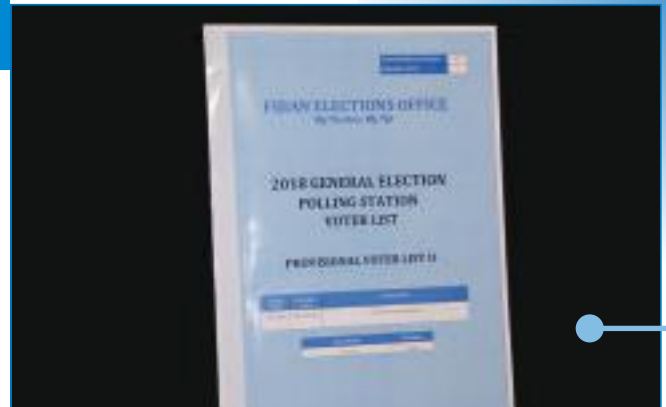
Verification of PVL Commences

From January 31, the Fijian Elections Office commenced the verification of the 2018 General Election Provisional Voter List through the engagement of the District Advisory councilors and the Turaga ni Koro's around Fiji.

"We are still well in time to allow Fijians who may have now changed their residential addresses to apply to have their polling station details amended," the Supervisor of Elections, Mr Mohammed Saneem said.

Read more on:

<https://www.feo.org.fj/verification-of-provisional-voter-list-commences/>



2018 General Election Provisional Voter List II

Election Officials Sign Contract

The Fijian Elections Office witnessed the contract signing of the first batch of Election Officials of two (2) Polling Stations on March 6, 2018.

"The FEO has now successfully allocated Election Officials to 1,312 Polling Stations and we are now in the process of printing contracts and distributing them to the respective Divisional Offices for signing by the applicants," said Director - Cooperate Services.



Read more on:

<https://www.feo.org.fj/election-officials-contract-signing-ceremony/>



Election Officials after signing their contracts in Suva



Loading of the Polling kits during the Mock Election



SoE and staff during the National Candidates List Ball Draw Mock Exercise

A Learning Module for Year 10 Social Science

The Fijian Elections Office has prepared an **'Introduction to Elections: A Learning Module for Year 10 Social Science Students'**. This module substitutes the existing portion of the year 10 social studies curriculum on elections.

To prepare for this exercise the FEO has developed copies of the Students Workbook, a Teachers Manual, a Mock Election Kit and a full time dedicated website for this curriculum. We have linked the website to some social media sites to generate interest.



Read more on:

<https://www.feo.org.fj/a-learning-module-for-year-10-social-science/>



Year 10 students at the launch of the Learning Module



A mock Press Conference at the Vodafone Arena

Mock Election

The Electoral Act 2014 clearly states the various activities FEO is responsible for during an Election. It is therefore imperative that processes and procedures that are developed to carry these activities out effectively, will not only work theoretically but practically as well.

To ensure that the FEO operational functions are ready for the 2018 General Election, the Mock Simulation Exercise achieved its objective and while amendments were made to some internal processes that could have brought about a better outcome, it also brought to light many lessons that the FEO can learn and improve on before Election Day.

Election Planning Workshop

After the Mock Election exercise by the Fijian Elections Office, the Commissioners and the Senior staff met at the Holiday Inn on the 23rd of February to analyse the whole exercise. In this workshop, they identified arrears of improvement that they need to work on before the day of Election. The Supervisor of Elections stressed, "we need to be ready when the Government announces the day of election".



Commissioners, Technical Consultants and senior FEO Staff at the Election Planning Workshop



Industrial Election Coordinator, Aisea Wainiqolo (sitting, middle) with Union members



Litiana Buinimasi giving an EIB to a Voter

Media Workshop

The Fijian Elections Office and the Media Industry Development Authority (MIDA) have collaborated to bring to Fiji an International training for media on elections that is run by International Foundation for Election Systems [IFES].

"This media workshop has been conducted by IFES in various countries previously and I am sure it will have relevance and applicability to Fiji as well," said SoE, Mr Mohammed Saneem.



Video available here:

<https://www.feo.org.fj/media-workshop-2018-speech/>



Organisers and participants at the Media Workshop

Voter Services Expanded

As of today, Voters Services are available at the following locations: Sigatoka, Taveuni, Nabouwalu, Seaqaqa, Tavua, Navua, Ba, Keiyasi, Korovou, Levuka and Kadavu.

Supervisor of Elections, Mr Mohammed Saneem said the initiative is a bid to provide services in areas where the FEO does not have Divisional Offices or Voter Services Centres.



Read more on:

<https://www.feo.org.fj/3787-2/>



Rakiraki Voter Services Centre

FEO Launches Publications

The 18th of January marked a significant milestone achievement for the Fijian Elections Office as it launched a few essential compilations heading to the 2018 General Election.

The Electoral Commission launched the Candidates Handbook, Media Handbook, the Provisional List of Polling Venues and the first (1st) Provisional Voter list for the 2018 General Election.

Read more on:

<https://www.feo.org.fj/publications-launch-event-by-the-electoral-commission-and-the-fijian-elections-office/>



Commissioners Launch Publications



Voter Awareness Assistants attend training in Labasa



A future Voter earnestly reading the EIB



Alicia Wright and the ladies of FEO

FEO Honours Women

The Fijian Elections Office, being an equal opportunity employer, took time out on International Women's Day (March 8) to honour the contribution of its female employees.

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender parity.



VAA Training

The Voter Awareness Assistants (VAAs) who are currently conducting Nationwide Awareness sessions had gone through a one week extensive training in all the four (4) divisions to prepare them for the important task which they now shoulder. At the completion of their training, all the participants were ready and eager to go out and make sure that all Fijians have a better understanding of the electoral process and are better prepared for the upcoming election.



Voter Awareness Assistants Attend Training in Suva

DAV Girls College Prefects Induction

Mr Mohammed Saneem, was honoured to be the Chief Guest of this joyous and important occasion.

He stressed, "This badge that prefects will receive today is not just an ornament for your school uniform. It is a responsibility that you will carry for the rest of the year. The responsibility that you have as a leader, you will carry with you for a lifetime".

Read more on:

<https://www.feo.org.fj/3644-2/>



DAV Girls College Prefects Induction



Teachers familiarise themselves with the Year 10 Teacher's Manual



Trade Union representatives try out the new TVS machine



Recruitment Assistant assists applicants during the Recruitment Drive at FNU in Nasinu

Last Callout for EO Applicants

During the final round of Election Officials recruitment drive, the FEO called out to applicants who have already applied but have not attended the half day training to contact the Fijian Elections Office.

“We are moving ahead with our election preparations and can’t afford to be held back” said Director Cooperate Services, Mr Sanjeswar Ram.

Read more on:

<https://www.feo.org.fj/last-callout-for-election-official-applicants/>

PO's Training Launched

“On the date of polling, you all will be the most senior election officials on the ground and in-charge of the polling places. This is a tremendous responsibility and we believe that each of you has proven on merit that you are capable of the task”. These were the words of the Supervisor of Elections to the Trainees at the Presiding Officer’s Training Launch which was held at the FNCDP Complex in Brown Street on the 7th of February, 2018.

Read more on:

<https://www.feo.org.fj/presiding-officers-training-launch-statement-by-the-supervisor-of-elections/>



Election Officials attend PO Training



Technical Consultants, SoE, Directors, Divisional Managers and Area Officers

Area Officers Trained

The Area Officers training was held from the 19th to the 23rd of March 2018. In his opening speech the Supervisor of Elections emphasized on the importance of the role of an Area Officer and how vital communication is for them.

The training was held for a week to train the Area Officers on the how to manage the office, how to execute an election plan, how to manage election materials and practical sessions on the EMS system on the logistic modules.



FEO Staff distribute EIBs to the public



Packing Team practise packing during the Mock Election

Know Your Election Video Competition

Grab your free copy of the Election Information Booklet and send us a copy of yourself with your EIB, explaining what you have learnt from the booklet.

Be creative and your creativity might just earn you a Samsung Galaxy S9. For details of the competition, please log onto:

Read more on:
<http://fijielects2018.org.fj/know-your-election/>



Know Your Election Video Competition

WIN ONE OF 4
SMARTPHONES
 with your Election Information Booklet!



FNA President, Salanieta Adikawa try out the new TVS machine

Trade Unions Awareness Sessions

In February, the Industrial Elections Department conducted awareness sessions to all trade unions in Fiji on the trade union elections guidelines and processes. It was an opportunity for trade unions to raise queries and or provide recommendations to the current election processes in place.

It was also crucial for the FEO to conduct an awareness on the use of TVS machines which have been recently introduced for the upcoming Trade Union Elections.

Fiji Hosts AWEB

The Fijian Elections Office has won the bid to host the next Executive Board Meeting of the Association of World Election Bodies (AWEB). AWEB is a global organisation of Election Management Bodies (EMBs) and it is the largest affiliation of EMBs in the world. It is critical for the FEO to invest into such large scale events to showcase that Fiji is one of the best hosts to host major international events under the AWEB.



Commissioners and AWEB members meet in Nadi



EDAWG members meet with the Commissioners



Divisional Managers meet with Roko Tuis

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*Procurement staff with the late Susau
at the bottom right*



*Manager Procurement, Riaz Hanif,
with the Executive ladies*



PO Training Launch at FNCDP



Media Personnel attend Training



TRIBUTE TO SUSAU

FEO was profoundly saddened at the death of Susau Finiasi, FEO's Procurement Coordinator. Susau passed away in Suva on February 6.

Affectionately known as Su, he had a positive impact when he joined the FEO team in 2014. He was a popular and highly engaged Coordinator, always ready to provide advice and perspective and of course logistics help on pretty much any FEO event.

For most FEO staff, on a personal level, he will be missed terribly.

To pay tribute to a valuable member of our FEO family, the Lavetiviti Editorial Team asked 2 staff members to share their recollections of Su.

A recollection by Cegu Babana

"When I met him I felt like we had already known each other for a long time. He was like a cut between a big brother and uncle to me".

A recollection by Vishal Prasad

"At first I was scared of him but I came to know how humble, dedicated and welcoming he was. Never had he told me off or made me feel little, he was a great mentor and taught me work in relation to Inventory and Asset Management".



WE MISS YOU



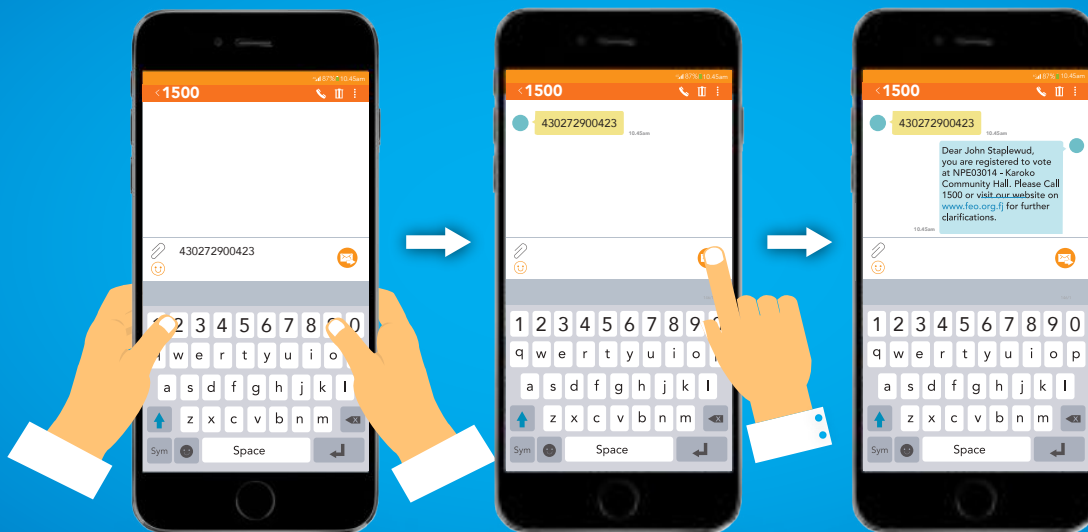
Election Officials wait to sign their contracts in Lautoka



SoE signs his name on the Voter List during the Social Club Committee election

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FIND YOUR POLLING VENUE



STEP 1
Text your
Voter Registration
Number to
1500.

STEP 2
Click send.

STEP 3
You will receive
a instant text message
informing you of your
Polling venue.

It's that Simple !



<https://youtu.be/LdoHI9iVZSU> - Election officials Contract Signing

e-news



<https://youtu.be/n8dl8s1M1C8> - 1500 SMS App



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