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2018 GENERAL ELECTION: SPECIAL EDITION



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## Message from the ELECTORAL COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON



Bula Vinaka and warm greetings from the Electoral Commission.

On 18 November, 2018 - exactly 49 days after the Writ of Elections was issued, the Commission returned the Writ to His Excellency the President Major General (Retired) Jioji Konrote.

This marked the end of the electoral process for the 2018 General Election, and the completion of four years of planning and preparations. A proud achievement not only for the Commission but all 10,000 staff of the Fijian Elections Office [FEO] involved in the delivery of the Election.

The 2018 General Election in the view of the Electoral Commission was the most efficient and the most transparent election that Fiji has had. Every effort was made to facilitate political party agents, international observers and the media at almost every stage of the electoral process including voter registration, voter awareness, Candidate Nomination, the National Candidate List Ball Draw, Pre-poll voting, Election Day Voting, Counting and the data entry for provisional and final results.

This level of transparency was unprecedented, even in comparison to the 2014 General Election. The FEO had its own 24 hour live video feed running at the secure warehouse, at the National Results Centre and the National Count Centre which was accessed by people all over the world.

The Commission was present at the National Results Centre throughout the 4 days that pre-poll and postal votes were being counted and data entry was being carried out by the FEO staff.

We are pleased to note the efficiencies and innovations adopted by the FEO in delivering the election to the people of Fiji. Staff were seen to be highly competent and well trained for the task. This was a reflection of the numerous training sessions which the FEO conducted for more than 9000 people.

The Commission also had an opportunity to view polling and counting on Election Day and found Election Officials to be well versed, professional and polite in their engagements with voters.

On behalf of my fellow Commissioners, I would like to congratulate the Supervisor of Elections for exemplary leadership, guidance and support to his team in order to deliver the 2018 General Election. We the Commission have personally witnessed the effort put in by the SoE and commend his dedication and commitment to the Electoral process and democracy.

Credit also must be given to the entire FEO team that worked tirelessly and diligently on ensuring that the 2018 General Election was a success. They have yet again raised the bar for the delivery of elections in Fiji.

The Commission also notes that FEO Results App and the FEO Results Website were a resounding success in ensuring timely and accurate dissemination of election results information to Fijians and indeed to the rest of the world. The Commission is confident that more innovations over the next 3 years in preparations for the 2022 General Election will see improvements in efficiency, service delivery and overall an improvement in the conduct of the next General Election.

We note there were some minor issues such as the rainy weather and flooding in some parts of the country that had an effect on voter turnout however, the achievement of 75% voter turnout is commendable.

The Electoral Commission also feels that the conduct in delivery of the 2018 Election was in line with our theme, "A platform for Fijians to express their Will with Confidence, Security and Freedom" as evidenced by the voter turnout; the low number of invalid votes and the subsequent results when the Final National Results Tally was announced on the afternoon of 18 November, 2018.

I and my fellow Commissioners wish to also thank the President, His Excellency, Major General [Ret'd] Jioji Konrote, for his words of encouragement and commendation delivered at the Return of the Writ.

Finally, I would like to congratulate and thank every voter for exercising their democratic right and turning up to vote in the 2018 General Election. Thank you for having confidence in the Electoral Processes.

The Electoral Commission also congratulates candidates who have been elected as Members of Parliament. We look forward to robust debate and discourse over the next 4 years.

Vinaka Vakalevu.

**Mr Suresh Chandra**  
*Electoral Commission Chairperson*



## Message from the SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS



Bula Vinaka and Welcome to the “2018 General Election” Special Edition of the Lavetiviti Newsletter.

I would like to start by thanking the Almighty for showering his blessings on the Fijian Elections Office [FEO] and for giving us the courage to successfully deliver the General Election.

The 2018 General Election has surpassed most expectations and for this, I would like to thank all the stakeholders of the FEO for being with us every step of the way.

I take my hat off to the staff who worked tirelessly - not just during the Writ period but also in the preceding 12 months when our preparations were in high gear.

The Executive, Operations, Corporate and Communications Directorates functioned as one, collaborating and cooperating on various simultaneous projects which were critical to the Electoral Process.

I would like to thank all the Election Officials for successfully conducting Polling, Counting and Data Entry to the highest level of integrity - all of you deserve a huge pat on the back.

A special thanks to the Commissioner of Police and all the men and women of the Fiji Police Force for their tireless efforts in ensuring the security of all voters, Election Officials and Election Material.

I would like to thank Fiji Independent Commission Against Corruption [FICAC] for their quick action in terms of any election related complaints;

I would also like to thank the chairperson of Media Industry Development Authority [MIDA] for being available 24/7 to ensure section 118 was complied with and any approvals which were required, immediately provided;

The plans and preparation done by the FEO in the past four years were well executed by the respective project owners during the Writ Period. I would like to take this time to congratulate each and every staff of the Fijian Elections Office for a great accomplishment – the 2018 General Election.

I would like to thank the Electoral Commission for their unwavering support for FEO projects. It is such a pleasure to work with such energetic, committed and wise individuals. I thank the Commission for their commitment, dedication and belief in the Fijian Elections Office to conduct 2018 General Election and standing by us as we did so.

Finally, I would like to thank and congratulate each and every voter who braved the weather and battled the conditions to cast their vote on Election Day – you are the real winners for the 2018 General Election. For those voters who have missed out, do not be disappointed, Fiji will witness another election in 2022.

Thank you, Vinaka Vakalevu and Happy Holidays.

**Mohammed Saneem**  
*Supervisor of Elections*

14 November, 2018 has entered Fiji's history books as only the second election to be conducted under the Electoral Act 2014.

It marked the culmination of four years of preparation, the last 12 months of which included intense testing and fine tuning of the Fijian Elections Office [FEO] processes and procedures. Various mock exercises were conducted for voting, counting, tabulation of results, postal voting and communications in the build up to the Writ period.

The 2018 General Election has been hailed a success by international observers - the MultiNational Observer Group and other stakeholders.

The Election processes were triggered on 01 October, 2018 when the Chairperson of the Electoral Commission Mr Suresh Chandra received the Writ of Elections from His Excellency the President of the Republic of Fiji Islands, Major General [Ret'd] Jioji Konrote.

This consequently saw the close of voter registration; close of political party registration; opening of postal voting applications and the commencement of candidate nominations.

On 18 October, 2018, the FEO conducted the National Candidates List [NCL] Ball Draw where 235 candidates were allocated their three-digit numbers. This national event was held at the Grand Pacific Hotel witnessed by stakeholders and all Fijians via live coverage on national television and live streaming on facebook.

Pre-Poll commenced on 05 November 2018, marking the beginning of attendance voting in the 2018 General Election. Reports from the field indicated that voters in Pre-poll areas were ready and eager to take part in the voting process. Pre-poll voting is covered in more detail on Pages 12 and 13 of Lavetiviti.

On Election Day, more than 9000 Election Officials were deployed nationwide to conduct polling. Voting was carried out in a calm, safe environment with most voters expressing satisfaction in how polling stations were set up and the professionalism of staff.



Voters show their marked finger after casting their votes in the 2018 General Election

## PHOTO GALLERY



Supervisor of Elections Mr Mohammed Saneem greeted by the Fiji Police during his visit to Polling Venues on Election morning



Voters wait outside Samabula Primary School to cast their votes despite the drizzle



First voters in Mataso arriving at their Polling Station to vote





Chairperson of the Electoral Commission, Mr Suresh Chandra receives the Writ for the 2018 General Election from H.E. the President of the Republic of Fiji Islands, Major General [Ret'd] Jioji Konrote. Picture Source: Parliament of the Republic of Fiji

At the close of polling on Election Day, counting and results entry for the 2018 General Election began at the National Count Centre and National Results Centre respectively. This was done from the FMF Gymnasium in Laucala Bay, Suva.

An innovation for this year's General Election was the FEO Results App which was available for download on all smart phones and other handheld smart devices. The App provided periodic updates of the Provisional Results from when counting began. Once the official result entry began, the App was able to provide regular updates to users.

At the end of counting and results entry on 18 November, 2018, the results were as follows:

- FijiFirst - 227 241
- Social Democratic iberal Party - 181 072

- National Federation Party - 33515
- Unity Fiji - 6896
- Humanity Oppertunity Prosperity Equality - 2811
- Fiji Labour Party - 2800

The Electoral Commission was also able to return the Writ of Elections to His Excellency, Jioji Konrote the same afternoon, thus concluding the Electoral process for the 2018 General Election.

The interim report of the Multi-National Observer Group [MOG] stated that the 2018 General Election processes were transparent and credible, that Fijians were able to exercise their right to vote freely and that the outcome was on track to reflect the will of Fijian voters.

## PHOTO GALLERY



The President of the Republic of Fiji [right] H.E. Major General [Ret'd] Jioji Konrote with the Electoral Commission Chairperson Mr Suresh Chandra. Source: Parliament of the Republic of Fiji



Supervisor of Elections, Deputy Supervisor of Elections, with FEO Directors with the Writ for the 2018 General Election



Chairperson of the Electoral Commission conducts a press conference on Writ day at the FEO Media Centre, Toorak, Suva



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# POSTAL VOTING



Project Owner:  
Salaoetau Yavaca  
Elections Coordinator

Supervisor of Elections, Mr Mohammed Saneem explains the Postal Voting Process to members of the Multi-National Observer Group

The Fijian Elections Office opened Postal Voting Applications for the 2018 General Election on 1 October, 2018 following the issue of the Writ of Elections. After the opening of Postal Voting Applications, the Fijian Elections Office advertised extensively with the daily newspapers, radio, television, online media, magazines, billboards, the FEO website and the FEO Facebook Pages. This was to ensure that voters get ample time to fill and send in their Postal Voting Applications to the FEO in order to vote in the 2018 General Election.

Postal Voting Application for the 2018 General Election was open for registered voters who were living outside of Fiji; those who would be outside of Fiji on Election Day; voters who were unable to travel to their Polling Station due to serious illness or infirmity; voters who were under pre-trial detention or sentence of imprisonment; voters who were precluded from attending the Polling Station due to religious belief or would be

away from their usual place of residence; and voters who would not be able to attend their polling venue due to work commitment. In order to apply, voters had to complete the Postal Voting Application Form which was available on the FEO website [www.feo.org.fj](http://www.feo.org.fj), FEO Facebook Pages and in the Election Information Booklet.



Supervisor of Elections and Director Operations with their Postal Voting Packages

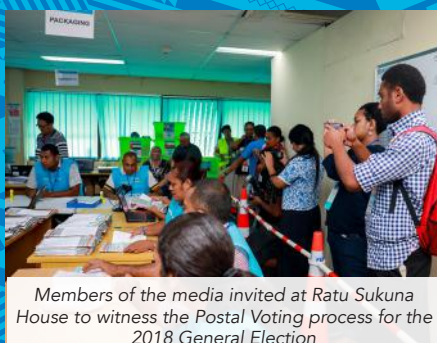
At the end of the receipt of Postal Voting Application, the FEO began to send out Postal Voting Packages to voters. The FEO sent out 11, 227 Postal Voting Packages of which 10272 were returned. The returned envelopes were then verified by the The total number of valid Postal Votes for the 2018 General Election was 9180. Counting of Postal Votes were done at the National Count Centre, FMF Gymnasium, Suva.

Read more: <https://www.feo.org.fj/speeches-updated/#1541619876021-7264c38c-aa18>

## PHOTO GALLERY



Postal Voting team packing postal ballots



Members of the media invited at Ratu Sukuna House to witness the Postal Voting process for the 2018 General Election



Polling Agents and members of the Multi-National Observer Group at Ratu Sukuna House to witness the Postal Voting Process



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## CANDIDATE NOMINATION



Project Owner:  
Mesake Dawai  
Review & Compliance  
Officer

Upon receipt of the Writ of Elections, the nominations process for the 2018 General Election commenced on 02 October, 2018 and closed at 12pm on 15 October 2018.

During the period of nominations, the FEO received nominations from 6 registered political parties: FijiFirst, Social Democratic Liberal Party, National Federation Party, Unity Fiji, Humanity Opportunity Prosperity and Equality and Fiji Labour Party.

After receiving the completed nomination forms, the details of each Candidate was verified with the Chief Registrar's Office, Crime Records Office, Department of

Immigration and the Official Receiver's Office before accepting the Candidates' Nomination.

The FEO received a total of 237 nominations out of which 9 [nine] were rejected and was replaced by 7 [seven] nominations. At the end of the nominations period, the FEO had approved 235 candidates for the 2018 General Election.

Read more: <https://www.feo.org.fj/speeches-updated/#1539059126183-9820c9fc-fd26>



Unity Fiji Party candidate Ligavatu Gukisuvu meets the Supervisor of Elections during Candidate Nominations at the FEO Headquarters, Suva



H.O.P.E Party Roko Tupou Takaiwai Senirewa Draunidalo at the FEO Headquarters during Candidate Nomination



Supervisor of Elections Mr Mohammed Saneem and the Candidate Nomination Team with the FijiFirst General Secretary Aiyaz Sayed Khaiyum during the Candidate Nomination period for the 2018 General Election



Candidates from National Federation Party at the FEO Headquarters during Candidate Nomination

## PHOTO GALLERY



Supervisor of Elections announces the Close of Candidate Nomination for the 2018 General Election



Chairperson of the Electoral Commission announces the Close of Objections and Appeals Period



Supervisor of Elections [second from the left] and Deputy Supervisor of Elections [fourth from the left] with members of the Australian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade



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# NATIONAL CANDIDATES LIST BALL DRAW

Following months of planning and several mock exercises, the big day for the National Candidates List Ball Draw team had finally arrived.

On 18 October, 2018, Fiji witnessed the National Candidates List Ball Draw for the 2018 General Election where 235 candidates were assigned their three-digit number.

The National Candidates Ball Draw is done to choose how candidates will appear in the National Candidates List. According to Section 36 of the Electoral Act 2014,

the Supervisor of Elections has to list all nominated candidates alphabetically in the National Candidates List.

The National Candidates List is created after conducting a National Candidates Ball Draw where the Supervisor of Elections places balls of equal size and weight into a large container. These balls are equal to the number of nominated candidates. These balls must be able to move around freely inside the container when it is rotated; each ball is marked with a three-digit number.

During the container rotation, any person who is present



*Political Party Representatives [close to camera] and other relevant stakeholders at the National Candidates List Ball Draw*



*Electoral Commission members present during the National Candidates List Ball Draw at Grand Pacific Hotel Suva*



*FEO Staff at the NCL Ball Draw – this project was led by Manager Command Centre Mereseini Vosa [middle]*

## PHOTO GALLERY



*Supervisor of Elections Mr Mohammed Saneem creates voter awareness at Westpac*



*FEO staff Arieta Ranadinivanua conducting Fiji Teachers Association election on 26 October, 2018*



*Supervisor of Elections Mr Mohammed Saneem conducts a press conference on the Release of Provisional Voter List*





Project Owner:  
Mereseini Vosa  
Divisional Manager - HQ &  
Command Centre

is allowed to rotate the container with the balls inside. After this is done, a blindfolded person picks out a ball and assigns the number on that ball to a name on the list - this number is announced by the Supervisor of Elections. This continues until all the balls are picked.

Once all the candidates have received their number through the ball draw, the National Candidates List is prepared starting from the person with the lowest number.



Political Party Representative spinning the barrel with 3-digit number balls



Political Party Representative spins the barrel before it was opened



FEO staff pastes the names of candidates on the National Candidates List



A blindfolded person [Nikhil Prasad] handing a random ball with three-digit number to the Supervisor of Elections



Supervisor of Elections signs off on the National Candidates List for the 2018 General Election



## PHOTO GALLERY



Political Party Representatives checking the candidate draw balls



Acting Director Strategic Development and Communications Mr Edwin Nand conducts a press conference on Pre-Poll Awareness



Voters looking at the first standee placed at the Ivi Triangle, Suva





The 2018 General Election was a successful event; upon the issuance of the Writ of Elections, the Fijian Elections Office [FEO] began all its logistical work to ensure that everything was completed within the timeline.

One of the logistical work was printing of Ballot Papers. The Ballot Paper printing process was to incorporate processes and guidelines which are in line with international standards and practices.

As such, printing of Ballot Paper was tendered to a commercial printer and the successful tenderer organized with the FEO management to instill three (3) security features in all the Ballot Papers.

Ballot Paper printing was done over nine (9) days and a total of 764,850 Ballot Papers were printed. 20,000 Ballot Papers were machine folded for use in Postal

Voting whilst the remaining 744,850 were bound into books of fifty (50) after each Ballot Paper stub was numbered. Each book was also serially numbered for tracking.

Additional 8900 Ballot Papers were printed for the 22 polling venues where polling was adjourned due to heavy rain and flooding. These Ballot Papers were bound into 178 books.

During the printing and transportation of Ballot Papers, the Fiji Police Force provided maximum security - from the printery to the FEO Warehouse. Party Agents were also given a tour of the printing process; they also followed the Ballot Paper transfers. The FEO had assigned designated areas in the Printery for Party Agents and Observers to observe the production of Ballot Papers.

There were no reports of tampering or attempted fraud with Ballot Papers.

**Rangeet Chand**  
*Ballot Paper Production Manager*



Ballot Papers being printed at Star Printery, Suva



Supervisor of Elections showing a printed Ballot Paper during the printing of Ballot Paper

## PHOTO GALLERY



Ballot Paper Production Manager with the Electoral Commissioners at Star Printery



Ballot Papers going through the Quality Assurance process



Police Officer recording the number of Ballot Papers (in boxes) before loading





Ballot Paper Production Manager, Rangeet Chand explains the Ballot Paper Production process to the members of the Electoral Commission



Ballot Paper Quality Assurance carrying out quality control mechanism for the complete book



BPP Manager shows the shredded Ballot Papers



The shredded Ballot Papers are placed into bale bags and stored in a shipping container

## PHOTO GALLERY



Police escorts the Ballot Papers to the FEO Warehouse



FEO Staff unloading Ballot Papers at the FEO Warehouse, Laucala Beach



FEO's Operations Officer Vetina Maiteci Locks the



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## PRE-POLL LAUNCH



(L-R) Electoral Commissioner Ratu Paula Halaiwalu, Electoral Commission Chairperson Mr Suresh Chandra, Deputy Supervisor of Elections Ms Karyl Winter & Electoral Commissioner Simone Naiduki during the Pre-Poll Launch at Nalidi Community Hall, Ra

Monday 5 November, 2018 marked the beginning of Pre-Polling for the 2018 General Election. Teams from the Fijian Elections Office visited 582 communities in rural remote areas and in the maritime zone to conduct polling. Electoral Commission Chairperson Mr Suresh Chandra launched Pre-polling at Nalidi Village in the interior of the Ra province. He was accompanied by Electoral Commissioner Ratu Paula Halaiwai, Mr Simone Naiduki and Deputy Supervisor of Elections Ms Karyl Winter.

Pre-poll voting was conducted at 582 around Fiji over five days. Teams travelled to locations such as the Lau Group, Rotuma, the Yasawa Group and the interior of Viti Levu and Vanua Levu to reach voters who would otherwise not be able to vote on Election Day.

The Fijian Elections Office went to the extent of hiring helicopters and using government shipping vessels to

ensure that communities weren't missed out in Pre-polling. Prior to the commencement of Pre-Polling, an awareness program informed voters of the dates and times when pre-polling would be conducted at various locations. 44,708 Fijians voted during Pre-polling in the 2018 General Election.

Read more:

<https://www.feo.org.fj/speeches-updated/#1541381282796-303a1c92-4b34>



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Venue & Pre Poll

<https://www.feo.org.fj/speeches-updated/#1541361398824-1a12693f-463d>



A picture of Nalidi Village



An elderly Voter shows his finger after Pre-Polling



Voters line up outside Nalidi Community Hall

## PHOTO GALLERY



Pre-Poll Preview press conference at the FEO Media Centre, Suva



Ladies from Baidamadamu village, Kadavu after casting their vote



Election Officials head off to Narocivo Village, Nayau, Lau



# PRE-POLL EXPERIENCES

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“Visiting each and every village, the villagers and those nearby that are registered, came out in numbers in their best *Bula* attire to cast their votes. When the Election News team arrived with the Pre-Polling team, villagers would eagerly come out of their homes and wait nearby as the team set up the venue.”

*Kitiana Nakalevu [Northern Division]*



“A common sight was carriers bringing voters from villages to the Polling Venues. The community spirit was alive; younger people helped older voters to the polling stations who had smiles on their faces to vote after four years. We could also feel the excitement amongst first time voters waiting patiently in line with their VoterCards.”

*Darren Hickes [Eastern Division- Rotuma]*



“Voters in the Lomaiviti Province were happy to meet the election team. Upon arrival at the villages, village headmen would greet and usher us into the village hall. At the start of polling, voters would arrive on time and quietly wait in line - out in the hot sun - eager to cast their vote. At the conclusion of polling, their faces showed happiness and contentment. We would hear them singing and laughing outside the polling venue.”

*Keresi Samuta [Eastern Division- Lomaiviti]*



“Pre-Poll voting in the Central Division brought great excitement among voters. As we went to launch Pre-Poll in Nalidi Village, voters greeted us with *Bula* smiles. This was the scenario in all the villages that I went to. One of the common comments I got to hear while covering Pre-Polling was “I’m so lucky to be voting in advance...” Voters seemed to be confident and comfortable with the process.”

*Shaheem Ali [Central Division]*

## PHOTO GALLERY



Naboro Corrections Centre officers line up to vote during Pre-Poll



Voters outside Nayarabale Village (North) Pre-Polling



Pre-Poll voters lined up outside Juju Community Hall, Rotuma





The Election Visitor Program [EVP] was a 4-day event, held in Suva from Monday, 12 November to Thursday, 15 November.

The Fijian Elections Office [FEO] had put together a team of 3 staff who formed the Election Visitor Program Secretariat [EVP Secretariat] to facilitate the Program.

The EVP Secretariat was comprised of the International Relations Officer, Admin Assistant and a Photographer.

The FEO hosted a total of 13 participants from 7 countries – Australia, Fiji, Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, and Tokelau, as well as 1 participant from the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance [International IDEA]. A total of 15 participants had confirmed attendance, however, due to logistical issues - 2 of the regional participants (from Kiribati and Federated States of Micronesia) were unable to attend.

Selection of the local participants was based on the submission of Expressions of Interest [EoIs] to the FEO, which were screened based on merit, interest and the outcomes the participant wishes to achieve from the Program.

On Election Day, the EVP Participants visited 3 Polling Stations (Vashisht Muni Memorial Primary School in Navua, Fiji National Council of Disabled Persons Complex in Suva, and the FEO Ground Shed at the USP Statham Campus in Suva), the FEO Call Centre based at the Vodafone Headquarters in Tamavua, FEO Command Centre based at the FEO Headquarters in Toorak, as well as the FEO Media Centre, Count Centre and Results Centre based at the National Gymnasium in Suva.

Whilst the Program was compact, it allowed for ample networking opportunities as well as facilitation of exchange of ideas between the interested Fijians, regional electoral practitioners, FEO Senior Management and the Electoral Commission. These were reflected through the positive comments and feedback of the participants, that were shared during the Debrief Session.

The Election Visitor Program was concluded on a high note as the Program was well received by both - the participants as well as the Fijian Elections Office and the Electoral Commission. The EVP contributed to an increased understanding, for the regional and local participants, of the Fijian Electoral and Legal Frameworks as well as the election operations and election management in the country. The EVP also encouraged networking opportunities between the participants and the FEO Senior Management - through which experiences, knowledge and election best practices were shared.

**Natasha Verma**  
*International Relations Officer*



EVP Participants at welcome dinner hosted by SoE



EVP Participants witnessing the opening of a Polling Station



## PHOTO GALLERY



EVP Participants outside one of the Polling Stations



EVP Secretariat pointing out the disability friendly features of the Polling Station to the participants



Participants at the Uprising Beach Resort





“One of the aspects which I found interesting was the logistics in preparation for a General Election. The workshop gave us lot of information on the various departments of the Fijian Elections Office - including the Election Management System, Operation, Corporate Affairs, Command Centre, Count Centre, Result Centre, Strategic Directions and Communications, Ballot Paper Production and the Accreditation Process.

The EVP allowed me to network with local and regional participants which created a platform for us to share ideas on how the electoral process in other countries are. This was a good learning experience for us, and I am pleased to know that Fiji is really ahead in its elections process and its an exemplar to other regional countries.”

**Mr Dennis Sen - IT Training Coordinator, USP Pacific TAFE**

“The last polling station we visited was the FEO shed built at USP Statham Campus Ground, Vatuwaqa, Suva. This for me was definitely one to remember as the Election Officials present assisted a man with impaired vision; judging from the way they assisted him, I could honestly see that they were prepared for such circumstances as necessary tools were at the Polling Station to aid him while voting. At this Polling Station, we also witnessed the closing along with the Ballot Papers secured in a Ballot Box ready to be taken to the Count Centre.

I was thinking to myself....”Is this for real?... With many speaking in hushed whispers, counting individual votes hurriedly with polling agents looming over them to add on to the pressure that the team was going through. Next up was the Media Centre flooded with journalists from TV, Radio, Newspaper both local and abroad all itching to get as much information as possible from the Supervisor of Elections, Mr Mohammed Saneem regarding the election results.

If you are reading this, take heed of my advice - when another Election Visitor Program does arise in the future, seize the opportunity to satisfy your curiosity - just like I did.” **Ms Sainimere Kurumaira - Student, St Joseph Secondary School**



The Manager Command Centre briefing the EVP Participants



EVP Participants being briefed by the Acting Director SDC at the FEO Announcement Area.



EVP Participants submitting their Feedback Forms

## PHOTO GALLERY



EVP Participants with the Electoral Commission and the FEO Senior Management and TAs at the Election Night Cocktail



EVP Participants at the Fijian Elections Office headquarters in Toorak, Suva



EVP Participants visit the National Results Centre





The Results Management Information System was the application software used by the FEO to capture the data contained in the Protocol of Results forms and consolidated these results into the National Results tally for progressive display of results. RMiS also provided the consolidated results to the Supervisor of Elections and the Electoral

Commission to prepare the Final National Results Tally.

#### RMiS used two (2) modes to progressively display the results:

- **Provisional Mode** - The mode of operation of RMiS where the Results of Count for each Candidate from each polling station is called into the Results Center and entered into the RMiS for immediate publication. The provisional mode only operated on election night or until 70% of polling stations have been called in.
- **Official Mode** - The comprehensive information from the original Protocol of Results, including all reconciliation fields, are entered into RMiS. Official data is entered using double blind data entry, data validation and is subject to audit mechanisms prior to release into the Final National Results Tally. The Official mode was used to produce the official results of the election.

RMiS used the same roles as 2014 but additional roles were included to ensure a more accurate data and transparent process.

- Double blind entry of results from the official Protocol of Results received from each Polling Station. This involved the results being entered into the database by one operator and then being independently re-entered by another operator;
- Supervisor checks the data entry for any mismatches and allocates the work to the operators as required;
- Audit checks (if an audit is triggered) are undertaken when any data discrepancies are identified;
- Audit Manager checks and obtains Supervisor of Elections decision on any issues with the POR;
- Quality Control is a new role that assures that each POR data is the same as the corresponding data in the system;
- Results Center Manager signs-off on each processed results by doing a final QA on e-copy of the POR with the physical copy;
- Political Party Officer who looks after the political party agents gives the e-copy of the POR with the copy of the POR.

**Sadie G. Tunaulu**  
*Manager EMiS*



Chairperson of the Electoral Commission, Mr Suresh Chandra presents an award to Manager EMiS, Sadie G. Tunaulu



FEO's Analyst Programmer, Amendra Chand at the National Results Centre, Suva

## PHOTO GALLERY



Chairperson of the Electoral Commission flushes the first set of results



FEO Programmer Trishaal Khatri entering data at the National Results Centre



Electoral Commissioners at the National Results Centre, FMF Gymnasium, Suva



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## FEO RESULTS APP



The Fijian Elections Office launched a Results App for the 2018 General Election earlier this year. The App was developed to provide voters and public direct access to the 2018 General Elections results. It was developed in-house without any vendor collaboration. The App enables users to download it on their mobile devices (Android and IOS) and be able to view results in real time with notifications on when results were being updated.

The Results App features allows users to view results information by Party, by Candidates, and by Venues; to view the breakdown of results by candidates for each venues and for each venue, and be able to view number of votes per candidate. The App also provides voters with statistical information of total votes by parties as a pie chart and voter turnout as a bar graph.

The FEO Results App has 65.49k Android downloads and 11,000 IOS downloads with an average rating of 4.23 stars.

**Vijendra Singh**  
*Manager ICT*



Chairperson of the Electoral Commission, Mr Suresh Chandra with the Blue Man



Chairperson of the Electoral Commission, Mr Suresh launches the FEO Results App

## PHOTO GALLERY



Manager IT recieved an award for the development of the FEO Results App



FEO's Programmer, Nathienial Raju recieves an award for the development of the FEO Results Website



Members of the Diplomatic Corp, FHRADC Director, Electoral Commission Chairperson and Supervisor of Elections at the launch of the FEO Results App



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## SEAT ALLOCATION

The 2018 General Election Seat Allocation process was carried out by the Electoral Commission [in accordance to Section 3 of the Electoral Act, 2014] after the Supervisor of Elections handed over the Final National Results Tally to the Chairperson of the Commission.

The Final National Results Tally contains the total number of valid and invalid votes; the number of votes received by each candidate (descending order) under their respective parties and the number of votes received by each Political Party.

In order to qualify for a seat in parliament, a Political Party or an independent candidate needs to receive at least 5% of the total number of votes cast [also known as 5% threshold]. In order to obtain the 5% threshold, the Electoral Commission calculates the total number of votes cast [total number of valid and invalid votes are added] from the Final National Results Tally. To calculate the total votes cast, the Electoral Commission adds the total number of votes [valid and invalid] received by each political party and independent candidate after which they determine what constitutes 5% of the total votes cast.

If a party receives less than 5% threshold, they are eliminated and are not entitled to any seat in the parliament. The Commission then moves onto seat allocation using the D'Hondt method. The Electoral Commission writes the name of all the Political Parties with the total number of votes they each have received on top of the Candidate Allocation Form, however, the party candidate that did not receive 5% threshold will not be included. The total votes received by each party is then divided by one and the quotient of this division is recorded under the name of each qualified party.

Following this, the Electoral Commission then

divides the total votes received by each party only [independent candidates not included] with successive series of numbers beginning from two to the number of candidates nominated by that party in order to ascertain quotients of each successive division. At the completion of the calculation of each successive division for all the qualified parties the quotients are compared and circles are drawn around the highest 51 quotients (51 seats in parliament).

The number of circles from each party is added and recorded in the bottom of Candidate Allocation Form. The Electoral Commission then determines which candidates of each party are to occupy seats which they have won. This is done by looking back at the Final National Results Tally. The candidates which have received the top most votes of a party will get seats in parliament depending on the number of seats won.

The Electoral Commission then declares elected candidates and writes their names in the Writ which is then returned to the President of the Republic of Fiji Islands.

A copy of the Final National Results Tally and the number of seats won by Political Parties is attached in this newsletter.



Chairperson of the Electoral Commission returns the Writ to the President of the Republic of Fiji Islands

## THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION



(l-r): Ratu Paula Halaiwalu, Margot Jenkins, Grahame Southwick, Suresh Chandra, Jawahar Lal, Kavita Raniga & Simone Naiduki





The 2018 General Elections had a Quality Assurance (QA) team setup to assess and evaluate the electoral processes led by 8 staff. The objective for the formation of the QA team was to conduct assessment on the pre-election, election and post-election environment.

The Fijian Elections Office Electoral Act, policies & procedures, manuals and

2013 Constitution were used as a guide to evaluate whether all electoral procedures were followed for the election areas. Internal QA checklist was also developed to guide the team members on the scope of each election area.

From 01 October 2018 to 18 November 2018, the team did QA on all procedures; some of which include printing of ballot papers at the printery, packing of election materials at the Warehouse, Count Centre operations and Result Centre operations.

During the Pre-Election and Election Day period, QA attended the following range of electoral and election related events including:

- Receiving of Postal Voting Applications, data entry, scanning, QA process, barcoding to filing process;
- Receiving of nomination forms from various registered party and close of nominations;
- National Candidates List Ball Draw and publication of candidate names in newspapers;
- Publication of Polling Venues;
- Pre Poll training;
- Logistics training;
- Hub Leader training;
- Results Management training;
- Count Centre training;
- Media publications such as election related advertisements in newspapers, radio, Facebook and media conferences;
- Printing of ballot papers;
- Packing of election materials;
- Checking of election materials by Presiding Officers at the hub offices;
- Verification of postal voting;
- Opening of polls, closing of polls, counting at polling stations and transmission of results from polling stations;
- Counting of pre poll and postal votes at National Count Centre;
- Data entry of results from Protocol of results, scanning and filing of Protocol of results at National Result Centre;

**Neelam Mani**  
*Internal Auditor*



*Fijian Elections Office's Quality Assurance team led by Neelam Mani [middle standing], [standing left-right] Vatiseva Cavuru, Lanieta Qaravancolo, Manisha Kumari, Arishma Naikar, [sitting left-right] Praneel Singh, Luisa Suliasi and Shivneel Nand at the FEO Headquarters, Toorak, Suva*

## PHOTO GALLERY



Containers being offloaded at the FEO Warehouse at the conclusion of the 2018 General Election



FEO staff Vandhana Wati and Neelam Mani at the NCL Ball Draw



FEO staff Evelyn Ram at the packing of Election Materials at FEO Warehouse, Suva





The Fijian Electoral Education Centre [FEEC] is the training arm of the Fijian Elections Office [FEO]. In the lead up to the 2018 General Election, FEEC organized and conducted several operational and corporate trainings.

Trainings were conducted by 58 field trainers who had been shortlisted and selected in May 2017 via three training of trainers [ToTs] workshops. All trainers were found to have exceptional delivery skills. Interactions between voters and polling day workers are a critical element in ensuring free and fair elections as most eligible Fijians cast their votes at a polling stations on Election Day. It is only fitting that Fijians themselves are given the responsibility to deliver the Election as Election Officials.

FEEC's main objective was to ensure all Polling Day Workers [PDWs] received adequate training before the 2018 General Elections. FEEC in collaboration with Technical Advisors [TAs] from New Zealand developed training manuals, vetted each training package, sought approval from the Deputy Supervisor of Elections [DSOE] and/or the Supervisor of Elections [SoE] before delivery to Election Officials.

All training session involved the following:

1. Group presentations
2. Hands-on use of voting equipment
3. Written Tests (open book test)
4. Role playing (scenario based)



Deputy Supervisor of Elections Ms Karyl Winter addresses Election Officials at the APO/PO Refresher training



Logistics Training at FEO Warehouse 16 October, 2018



Hub leader Training at Fiji Nursing Association 4 October, 2018

## PHOTO GALLERY



FEO's Technical Advisor, Mr Robin Boyd at the Hub Leader Training



Training of Election Officials in Nausori, 2018



Election Official training at Patel Samaj Hall in preparation for the 2018 General Election





5. Reading from hand-outs/ manual sections
6. Video on 2018 electoral processes
7. Comprehensive training manuals
8. Evaluation of training sessions

Experience with the voting equipment was important as some officials worked for the FEO for the first time. To assess training effectiveness, all trainees were asked to fill out an evaluation of their training session. Election Officials training commenced on 29th August 2017 and was completed on 24th June 2018. A total of 14,141 PDWs were trained over 777 half-day sessions.

Presiding and Assistant presiding officers were trained from early this year [ 8 Feb till 28 April]. A total of 244 full day sessions were run and FEEC managed to trained 4929 POs and APOs. This training called on the leadership skills of individuals as they were required to operate a polling station on poll day.

Other trainings conducted by FEEC

- RA refresher
- RO refresher
- VAA training
- Fire warden training
- Induction training
- Nominations data entry team training
- VIB printing- QA training
- VIB distribution training
- Logistics training
- Results Management Information System (RMIS) training

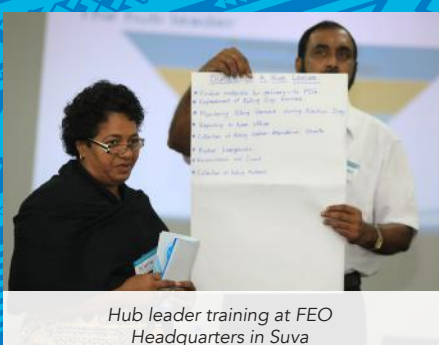


**Ravleen K. Singh**  
*Training Coordinator*



*Pre-Poll Training at Kshatriya Hall 12 October, 2018*

## PHOTO GALLERY



*Hub leader training at FEO Headquarters in Suva*



*Logistics Coordinator, Petero Pagkale during the logistics training at the FEO Warehouse*



*Deputy Supervisor of Elections, Ms Karyl Winter sealing the ballot box during election material packing*



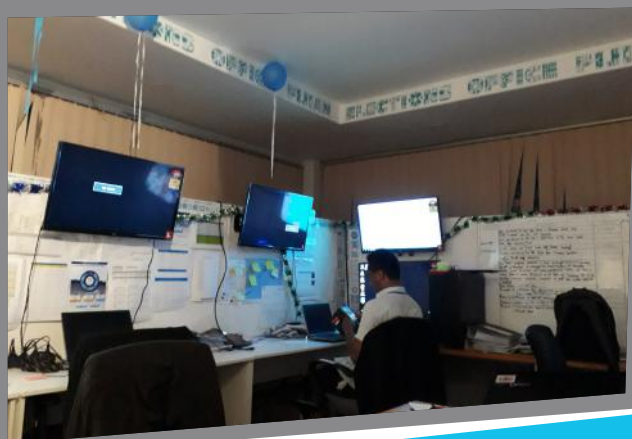
# FEO CENTRES

## COMMAND CENTRE

**Head (s):** Mereseini Vosa

**Team:** 14 staff

**Function:** Monitoring all projects from start to completion; updating the Election Risk Registry for the Fijian Elections Office; Weekly polling venue update; Data recording of Postal, Pre-Poll and Election Day; Gathering data backups and reports on issues; Addressing any issues from the communities or service vendors; Monitoring mock exercises; assisting operations department; tasked as **Call Centre** as well for receiving and dealing with any queries from the public (via the 1500 platform) and escalating and following through to ensure that the query has been handled by the respective directorate.



## MEDIA CENTRE

**Head (s):** Shivika Mala

**Team:** 5 staff

**Function:** Press Conferences, Media Events, In-house LIVE Talkback shows, Recordings



## NATIONAL COUNT CENTRE

**Head (s):** Salatau George

**Team:** 564 staff

**Function:** Dispatch of ballot boxes [Pre Poll & Postal] from Logistics team to Distribution team [Count Centre]; Dispatch of ballot boxes from Distribution team to Count teams[60 teams]; Return of TEES from Count teams to Administration team [Count Centre]; Display of pink Protocol of Results on notice board; Dispatch of original Protocol of Results to Result Centre; Receiving of Election Day TEE; Dispatch of Election Day original Protocol of Results to Result Centre; Filing of Presiding Officers record book [cabinets by polling station].



## NATIONAL RESULTS CENTRE

**Head (s):** Sadie Tunaulu and Litia Sema

**Team:** xxx

**Function:** Receipt of the results 'phoned in' from the Election Day Polling Stations for tabulation of provisional results and tabulation of Final Results Tally



## PHOTO GALLERY



Members of the media in a press conference at the FEO Media Centre, Toorak



FEO Operations and IT staff at the National Count Centre, FMF Gymnasium, Suva



Manager Command Centre [middle] with FEO staff the National Results Centre, Suva



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## MULTI-NATIONAL OBSERVER GROUP



Project Owner:  
Ana Mataiciwa  
Legal Compliance  
Coordinator

The Fijian Elections Office [FEO] invited the Multinational Observer Group [MOG], co-led by Australia, India and Indonesia to observe Fiji's General Election which was held on 14 November, 2018.

The FEO had accredited 77 members of the Multinational Observer Group who came to assess the outcome of the 2018 General Election; to assess the practices carried out by the Fijian Elections Office in accordance with international standards; and to assess whether the FEO had represented the will of the voters.

During the election period, the MOG participated in a range of election related activities such as voter registration; candidate nomination; objections and appeals, processes relating to transportation of election materials; printing, collation and transportation of Ballot Papers; packing of Postal Ballots; training of Election Officials; packing of Pre-Poll and Polling Day materials; and Election Day related activities.

The MOG were also present in major announcements such as: Issuance of Writ by the President; Notice of Poll and Pre-Poll announcement by Electoral Commission; National Candidates List Ball Draw by the Supervisor of Elections; Final National Results Tally and Seat Allocation by the Electoral Commission.

Read more about the Multinational Observer Group on: <https://www.mog.org.fj/>



Political Party Representatives, Members of the Multi-National Observer Group and Supervisor of Elections at the Election Logistics Workshop for Political Parties



Members of the Multi-National Observer Group during the MOG Accreditation at the FEO Headquarters in Toorak, Suva

## PHOTO GALLERY



Technical Advisors [left] with members of the Multi-National Observer Group



MOG Observer Coordinator, Ms Alice Cawte at the Political Party Logistics Workshop



International Observer, Toby Sharpe at the National Count Centre, Suva



## POLITICAL PARTY LOGISTICS TRAINING

The Fijian Elections Office conducted the final Logistics Workshop for Political Parties following the announcement of the 2018 General Election.

Nominations for candidates commenced on 2nd October, 2018 and on 3rd October, 2018, the Supervisor of Elections, Mr Mohammed Saneem conducted a workshop which was attended by Political Party representatives and observers from the Multi-National Observer Group at the Grand Pacific Hotel.

Participants of the workshop were presented the provisional Pre-Poll schedule as well as the pre-poll route maps and other logistics information regarding ballot box packing, ballot paper printing and postal vote packaging.

In explaining the workshop, Mr Saneem mentioned that it was necessary for Political Parties to be given all packing information considering Political Parties have made their intentions known to observe the election from ballot paper production right down to the return of materials to sensitive storage after the election.

“What basically the Political Parties want to do is they want to be at every point in the process so that they are able to peruse and see the entire process for themselves,” he said.

**Read more:** <https://www.feo.org.fj/press-release-updated/#1538944757684-cd36ee8b-c5aa>



Supervisor of Elections at the logistics workshop at Grand Pacific Hotel

## VOTER SERVICES CENTRE REMAINS OPEN

On the 10th day after the issue of the Writ, the Fijian Elections Office [FEO] resumed all Voter Services Centres operations around the country.

This was done from 11 October, 2018 until the day before of the 2018 General Election. With polling to take place on 14 November, 2018, the FEO ensured that voters were able to obtain replacement VoterCards right up to the day before Election Day.

Supervisor of Elections, Mr Mohammed Saneem said voters who may have lost their card could still obtain replacement cards.

“While registration of new voters has closed, persons who are already registered can request replacement VoterCards from 11th October, 2018, right up to the day before Election Day,” he said.

**Read more:** <https://www.feo.org.fj/press-release-updated/#1539297868217-3576f5aa-0f13>



Voters at the Voter Services Centre, Suva Central

## PHOTO GALLERY

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FEO Staff on the Bai Ni Takali - the team were heading off to Lau to distribute Voter Instruction Booklets



Final Voter Registration drive at Rups Nakasi with outdoor broadcast



Data entry clerks getting scanned before entering the National Results Centre



## FEO PUBLISHES POLLING VENUE LIST

On 09 October, 2018, the Fijian Elections Office [FEO] published the Polling Venue List for the 2018 General Election.

The Polling Venue List contains the following details:  
Names of Polling Venues around the country; and  
Addresses of Polling Venues by Divisions

Supervisor of Elections [SoE], Mr Mohammed Saneem has called on members of the public, political parties, government agencies and all other stakeholders to access the list in order to locate their Polling Venues.

Mr Saneem said voters should be fully aware of where to vote during Polling Day to avoid any confusion of appearing at the wrong Polling Venue.

“Each Polling Venue may have as many Polling Stations as required to distribute voters and maintain a maximum of 500 voters per Polling Station,” he said.

**Read more:** <https://www.feo.org.fj/press-release-updated/#1539058741423-044265cf-12dc>



FEO Director Operations, Ms Anaseini with the Polling Venue List for the 2018 General Election

## MEDIA REGISTRATION AND ACCREDITATION

The media plays an indispensable role in an election where news media organizations report and inform voters on exercising their democratic rights; election campaigns; counting and results; and of course, the electoral processes itself.

The 2018 General Election saw 371 media personnel (both local and international media personnel) interested in covering the big day.

These 371 media personnel represented 19 media organizations who were registered and accredited by the Fijian Elections Office.

The FEO had created a 'Media Accreditation Form' which interested media personnel had to fill. Prior to accreditation, media organizations and freelancers were required to be registered with the Media Industry Development Authority, this being specific to the General Election. A code of conduct was developed for the Media as well.

The accredited media personnel were handed information packages which contained handbooks and other materials published by the Fijian Elections Office.

**Melvish Kumar**  
*Civil Society & Media Accreditation Officer*



Supervisor of Elections signs Media Accreditation Badge with the Media Accreditation Officer Melvish Kumar

## PHOTO GALLERY



FEO Industrial Elections Coordinator, Mr Aisea Wainiqolo during Voter Instruction Booklet Quality Assurance



MIDA Chairperson, Mr Ashwin Raj conducts a press conference at the FEO Media Centre



Supervisor of Elections Congratulates FEO staff for the successful completion of the 2018 General Election



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*My Election, My Fiji*

**2018 GENERAL ELECTION**

**FINAL NATIONAL  
RESULTS TALLY**

**Section 103 of the Electoral Act, 2014**



.....  
Mohammed Saneem  
*Supervisor of Elections*  
18 November, 2018



**FijiFirst**

<b>Candidate Number</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
688	Bainimarama	Josaia Voreqe	167732
638	Sayed-Khaiyum	Aiyaz	17271
668	Nagata	Alipate Tuicolo	6876
657	Bala	Parveen Kumar	5063
539	Nath	Vijay	2256
599	Reddy	Mahendra	2081
618	Kumar	Premila Devi	1379
508	Nand	Joseph Nitya	1349
587	Pillay	Viam	1280
571	Seruiratu	Inia Batikoto	1251
740	Vuniwaqa	Mereseini Rakuita	1167
730	Kirpal	Sanjay Salend	1147
737	Naiqamu	Osea	1129
567	Maharaj	Alvick Avhikrit	1019
576	Vegnathan	George	944
534	Koroilavesau	Semi Tuleca	888
642	Usamate	Jone	849
582	Sharma	Rohit Ritesh	821
669	Sudhakar	Ashneel	755
512	Waqainabete	Ifereimi	743
724	Adimaitoga	Selai	718
704	Akbar	Rosy Sofia	705
661	Sigarara	Jale	697
547	Prakash	Vijendra	596
652	Bhatnagar	Veena Kumar	577
665	O'Connor	Alexander David	572



FijiFirst			
Candidate Number	Last Name	First Name	Total Votes
554	Govind	Salik Ram	559
585	Koya	Faiyaz Siddiq	547
719	Lal	Virendra	519
586	Nand	Sachida	472
560	Politini	Howard Robin Thomas	409
708	Lal	Brij	360
574	Ratumaitavuki	Peni Vakabara	329
667	Rokotinasau	Vatemosi	321
532	Seru	Ratu Orisi Vuiru	313
673	Ravunawa	Penioni Koliniwai	313
631	Singh	Arvin Kumar	297
608	Rokoduna	Ivamere Tilili	293
716	Nalatu	Joape Mudre	289
545	Delana	Iliesa	278
718	Jokhan	Reginald Manor Kant	276
513	Dunn	Anne Christine	253
601	Galala No.2	Ilisoni	240
517	Lata	Vinay Vikashni	226
726	Baleikorocau	Peceli	197
691	Veramu	Joseph	189
706	Tuilau	Susana Yatulau	183
663	Ledua	Ateca Laveti Mina	164
705	Niumataiwalu	Mataiasi Akauola	150
664	Gucake	Kelepi	118
543	Waq	Christopher Takalaiyale	81

**Social Democratic Liberal Party**

<b>Candidate Number</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
530	Rabuka	Sitiveni Ligamamada	77040
518	Tabuya	Lynda Diseru	8795
694	Kepa	Teimumu Vuikaba	6036
564	Bulitavu	Mosese Drecala	5342
612	Nawaikula	Niko	5187
720	Lalabalavu	Atonio Rabici	5016
598	Jale	Anare	4287
527	Vosanibola	Peceli Waqairatu	3730
515	Gavoka	Viliame Rogoibulu	3536
555	Saukuru	Jese	3299
551	Rasova	Simione Rokomalo	3286
621	Matanitobua	Ratu Suliano	3279
629	Bulanauca	Mitieli	3031
619	Tuisawau	Filipe	2835
696	Kuridrani	Inosi	2724
616	Leawere	Mikaele Rokosova	2354
557	Radrodro	Aseri Masivou	2312
710	Radrodro	Salote Vuibureta	2235
645	Qionibaravi	Adi Litia	2195
546	Lalabalavu	Naiqama	2165
538	Navurelevu	Tevita	2010
572	Waqanika	Tanya	1933
700	Tikoca	Ratu Isoa Delamisi	1710
578	Seniloli	Jone Rabici	1683
743	Samisoni	Mere Tuisalalo	1659
639	Vuataki	Kitione	1632



**Social Democratic Liberal Party**

Candidate Number	Last Name	First Name	Total Votes
609	Raj	George Shiu	1588
562	Rinakama	Ratu	1522
721	Wise	Albert	1500
735	Kiliraki	Kiniviliame	1474
738	Ratunabuabua	Adi Meretui Tuvou	1225
573	Waka	Nacanieli	1190
591	Immanuel	Esrom Yosef	1131
679	Nalawa	Malakai Lalanawasawasa	1096
690	Dulakiverata	Jiosefa	1026
521	Salababa	Uraia	987
568	Daveta	Berenado Kolinio Tuiraviravi	947
611	Ravai	Opetai	802
640	Matawalu	Pauliasi Rawasoi	801
594	Tabaiwalu	Pio Kameli	792
701	Koroisavou	Joape Sulinibau	740
569	Drole	Simione	739
660	Kata	Jone Masivou	734
742	Ligairi	Ropate	717
697	Qereqeretabua	Inia	666
541	Karavaki	Semesa Druavesi	627
630	Singh	Arvind Deo	419
649	Jaduram	Nilesh	383
622	Kuinikoro	Joape Kuriyawa	359
707	Tupou	Ioane	166
566	Sharma	Anirudh Kamal	130

**SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC LIBERAL PARTY - TOTAL VOTES RECEIVED 181072**

**National Federation Party**

Candidate Number	Last Name	First Name	Total Votes
596	Prasad	Biman Chand	12137
656	Tikoduadua	Pio	2684
519	Qereqeretabua	Lenora Salusalu	1811
588	Salabogi	Kiniviliame	1614
537	Singh	Charan Jeath	1102
685	Singh	Prem	926
653	Chand	Parmod	864
627	Lagi	Pasepa Rosarine	712
675	Naidu	Davendra	710
683	Sami	Rajan Anand	682
553	Singh	Attar	614
674	Subramani	Bal	608
592	Koya	Siddiq Faizal	589
734	Damodar	Riddhi	589
693	Shandil	Satya Nand	537
698	Prasad	Anendra	449
523	Kumar	Ajay	414
736	Reddy	Narendra	374
617	Raj	Shalendra	363
633	Tikotikoca	Leslie	294
610	Wah	Richard Terry Ung	292
723	Ram	Mano	258
511	Sivan	Shanal	252
516	Chandra	Pradeep	250
590	Brown	Michael Finau	245
634	Nath	Aman Abishek	235



**National Federation Party**

Candidate Number	Last Name	First Name	Total Votes
607	Salabogi	Veniana Devu Katonitabua	230
605	Kumar	Sunil	230
525	Balawa	Sila	224
570	Dass	Pushp Chand	222
647	Kumar	Amol	199
725	Naicegucegu	Samuela	198
686	Rattan	Raj Kumar	190
613	Nabou	Leba Seni Lutu	185
522	Lata	Ansu Vikashni	181
552	Pickering	Herbert William	177
687	Charan	Rajneesh Lata	172
677	Kanavo	Waisele	163
635	Umuumulovo	Osea	155
558	Bajpai	Sandhya	149
625	Baravilala	Manasa Saumaisue	143
655	Tagivakatini	Daiana	136
636	Vatuniveivuke	Apenisa Yabakitini	129
556	Ali	Himaiyat	123
712	Titoko	Semi	121
650	Gavidi	Jiosefa	111
703	Kabu	Tuinadave	110
713	Ram	Priyanka Hansa	108
651	Iyer	Kamal Krishn	98
583	Lee	Tung Yong	83
711	Vunidogo	Kavai Rabukagaga	73

**NATIONAL FEDERATION PARTY - TOTAL VOTES RECEIVED**

**33515**

**UNITY FIJI**

<b>Candidate Number</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
533	Narube	Savenaca	2811
614	Nabulivou	Alivereti	432
715	Naevo	Asaeli Driu Borabora	387
637	Rabuka	Nasoni Mua	228
595	Naidiri	Kelemidi	225
681	Qoro	Adi Sivia	209
577	Dawai	Makera Makitalena Bui	207
589	Wai	Taniela	201
550	Lomavatu	Ratu Josevata	197
648	Tubuna	Ratu Isoa Bulamaidelanivatu	186
509	Vukitu	Solomone	146
514	Shah	Dildar	141
593	Blake	Ashwen Belinda	139
644	Rasiga	Mereia Tinanitabua	124
646	Vakatora	Tomasi Wainiqolo	121
542	Waqaliva	Leiene	118
684	Nasivi	Paula	116
540	Tamanalevu	Suliasi Kalounisiga	111
709	Konataci	Manasa	108
624	Kumar	Satish	107
524	Gukisuva	Ligavatu Guvinaka	90
623	Naqau	Eliki	86
549	Matalomani	Laitia	78
606	Vakawaletabua	Ratu Jone Vatukatakata	74
563	Tupou	Samuela	67
602	Uludole	Jolame	54



**UNITY FIJI**

Candidate Number	Last Name	First Name	Total Votes
575	Sukanaveita	Ratu Jope Naucabalavu	54
671	Dakuvula	Jone	49
561	Khan	Nazia Nisha	30

**UNITY FIJI - TOTAL VOTES RECEIVED**

**6896**

**Humanity Opportunity Prosperity Equality**

<b>Candidate Number</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
604	Draunidalo	Roko Tupou	650
531	Rokobote	Sokoveti	217
529	Melaia	Maraia	207
658	Tabanivesidrau	Asilika Frances	165
654	Teimumu	Adi Lavenia	156
699	Vunitokalau	Vani	151
620	Drole	Ratu Lekima Dainiteri	132
659	Waitawa	Eta Cava	99
510	Tasoqosoqo	Vilimaina	88
528	Liwaliwa	Pailato	78
702	Tailasa	Kesaia Palu	76
729	Niu	Asesela	73
692	May	Timaima Yabaki	72
597	Dranibaka	Tavaita Naiteqe	70
615	Marama	Karalaini	65
676	Radike	Josese	59
672	Ofa-Kialofa	Adi Loisi Latu	55
584	Duwaka	Lorima	55
728	Watisoqoibau	Alumeci	51
526	Sirisirivalu	Ratu Sailosi	50
641	Bavadra	Ilaija Bulavou Daloloma	43
581	Vakacegu	Adi Sovasiga Lewanuya Vulawalu	42
714	Nakeke	Ratu Rusiate	39
717	Nataku	Sailosi	35
643	Liku	Venina	30
739	Vakatovola	Maraia	29



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**Humanity Opportunity Prosperity Equality**

Candidate Number	Last Name	First Name	Total Votes
727	Niu	Sainimere Seinijale	12
722	Raduva	Necani Tuikaroni	12

**HUMANITY OPPORTUNITY PROSPERITY  
EQUALITY - TOTAL VOTES RECEIVED**

**2811**

**Fiji Labour Party**

Candidate Number	Last Name	First Name	Total Votes
732	Ravindra-Singh	Aman	724
680	Ratumanaceva	Ekua	193
689	Catanagi	Josepa	158
628	Cavalevu	Aropiame	152
548	Taulele	Vilikesa Stanley Evans	132
695	Lal	Prem Parkanta	108
603	Raghwan	Monica	103
580	Bainivalu	Taina Rokotabuavukicake	92
632	Mudaliar	Avinash Anand Gopal	90
559	Padarath	Lavinia Kau	88
678	Rasuaki	Milika Turagaca	82
600	Kumar	Dharmendra	81
741	Lal	Surendra	81
579	Finau	Viliame	79
733	Singh	Roneel Lalit	77
565	Taufa	Marika Likubuli	66
535	Tukana	Fane	66
520	Vosalave	Uluqalau	66
544	Matawalu	Filimoni	62
682	Tuikoro	Ulaia Waqaitanoa	58
731	Mataka	Mikaele	57
670	Nauci	Rupeni	54
536	Salim	Mohammed	54
626	Bennion	Aliti Makarita	44
662	Suliano	Apisai	33

**FIJI LABOUR PARTY - TOTAL VOTES RECEIVED**

**2800**





# Fijian Election Snapshot

## 2018 GENERAL ELECTION

**51** SEATS



**72%**

**VOTER TURNOUT**

**0.9%**

**INVALID VOTES**

### Votes Received



FijiFirst

**27**  
SEATS

**227,241**  
VOTES



Social Democratic Liberal  
Party (SODELPA)

**21**  
SEATS

**181,072**  
VOTES



National Federation Party  
(NFP)

**3**  
SEATS

**33,515**  
VOTES



Unity Fiji Party

**6,896**  
VOTES

**HOPE**

**2,811**  
VOTES



Fiji Labour Party  
(FLP)

**2,800**  
VOTES

**1,436**

POLLING  
VENUES

**2,173**

POLLING  
STATIONS

**3,069**

AWARENESS  
SESSIONS

**371**

ACCREDITED  
MEDIA

**107**

PRESS  
CONFERENCES

**43**

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RELEASES

**77**

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