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FIJI INSTITUTE OF ACCOUNTANTS

## New Year Message from FIA President

A warm New Year's greetings to you all!

On behalf of the FIA Council I take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for your contributions towards the activities and achievements of the Institute in 2017 as we embark on a new year. FIA relies greatly on the good voluntary work of its members to deliver its annual planned activities.

I also acknowledge the efforts of the Secretariat staff and thank them for diligently working to better serve the members of the Institute.

Our Strategic Plan 2017 – 2021 recognises that the Institute operates in a dynamic environment where it must anticipate and appropriately respond to change to remain relevant. For this reason we will continue to focus our efforts in this new year on areas that are most important in delivering against the objectives set out in the Strategic Plan to enable the Institute to meet the expectations of members and other stakeholders.

I therefore look forward to your continuing support in 2018.

**Finau Nagera**

## Congress 2018

Registration for the 2018 annual FIA Congress will open shortly. With the theme **GROWTH THROUGH SYNERGY: Collaboration, Innovation, Resilience** we expect another sellout event. We will be featuring our sponsors and speakers for the FIA 2018 Congress in the coming weeks. Congress registration details will be released soon. Registrations will close on Friday 13 April 2018. Book early to be a part of Fiji's premier business forum.



## Accreditation of the Fiji universities

Professor Denis Vinen visited Fiji in September 2017 and undertook the review of the three Fiji based universities: the University of the South Pacific, Fiji National University and University of Fiji.

Following the extensive reviews Professor Vinen recommended that all three Fiji based universities should be accredited for the same courses as had been accredited previously for a period of three years from 1 January 2018.

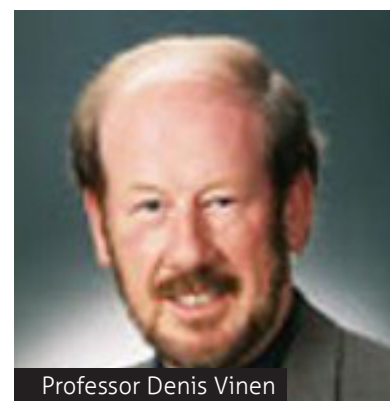
## Professor Vinen is new FIA Accreditor

The FIA had engaged the services of Professor Denis Vinen from Swinburne University in Melbourne in succession to Professor Keith Houghton of the Australian National University in Canberra to undertake an accreditation exercise of the main tertiary institutions in Fiji from which FIA draws its members namely USP, FNU and UoF.

The FIA Council acknowledged the great

service by Professor Houghton who was the FIA accreditor from year 2010 to 2015.

FIA has since 2003 engaged the services of independent professional academics to review the quality of tertiary education being provided by those educational institutions from which the Institute principally draws its members. The latest review was conducted in 2014 and a review is done every three years.



Professor Denis Vinen

## Professor Michael White Memorial Public Lecture



FIA President Finau Nagera, Jenny Seeto, Mrs Lena White, and Dr Nacaneili Rika

The USP School of Accounting and Finance (SOAF) in association with the Fiji Institute of Accountants (FIA) held a public lecture at the Japan Pacific ICT Centre on Wednesday 25 October 2017.

Over 250 people attended the lecture including senior members of the accounting profession, members of FIA, the USP community and the general public.

The Acting Head of School Dr Nacaneili Rika said the lecture will

be an annual event featuring a guest speaker from academia and industry in alternate years. Dr Rika also acknowledged the FIA as one of the School's most important stakeholders which provides accreditation for Accounting programmes at USP.

The inaugural lecture was delivered by Ms Jenny Seeto the Senior Partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers Fiji who is a graduate of the School and served as the first female president of the FIA.

## FIA launches awards



Arun Narsey and Past FIA President Ross McDonald at the FIA Awards Launch

The FIA President Finau Nagera launched the FIA Awards for members in Suva on Wednesday 15 November 2017.

"One of the objectives of the Action Plan in the Strategic Plan of the Fiji Institute of Accountants is to recognise and distinguish members who are exceptional having the greatest impact on the broader accounting profession" said Ms Nagera.

The three categories of the FIA Awards are as follows:

- Young Accountant of the Year - Applicants for this category should be aged 30 or less as at the

closing date of application

- Chartered Accountant of the Year - Applicants for this category should be full Chartered Accountant members

- Outstanding Contribution to the Public Sector- The award recognizes an outstanding contribution by a member employed in the public sector

The Institute had called for and was starting to receive expression of interest from members for the Awards.

The closing date for submissions is 31 January 2018.

## NEW ADMISSIONS

The Institute is pleased to welcome the following persons who have been admitted to membership in various different categories in the month of August, September, October & November 2017.

### Chartered Accountant with a Certificate of Public Practice

Burns, Grant Edward - PricewaterhouseCoopers

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Burns, Grant Edward - PricewaterhouseCoopers

Davui, Akeneta - Ministry of Economy

Deo, Paritosh - PricewaterhouseCoopers

Devi, Rajneeta - University of South Pacific

Goundar, Artika Devi - Bank of South Pacific

Kumar, Vimlesh - Tropik Wood Industries Ltd

Lata, Arishma - Paradise Beverages (Fiji) Ltd

Pal, Amit Vinesh - Office of the Auditor General

Prasad, Narend - Ministry of Public Enterprises

Prasad, Priya Pretika - KPMG

Shankar, Ashmita - Bank of South Pacific

### Provisional Member

Devi, Arti - Water Authority of Fiji

Ismail, Mohammed Alfaaz - PricewaterhouseCoopers

Kahele-Keil, Aushia-Marie Kau'ionalani -GH Whiteside

Kishore, Kelvin - Carpenters Fiji Ltd

Naidrodro, Sereana - Ernst & Young

Naidu, Pritika Vandhana - BDO Chartered Accountants

Prakash, Ravnish - Tour Managers (Fiji) Ltd

Prasad, Rahul - Ernst & Young

Ram, Shobna Wati - GH Whiteside & Co

Rasea, Ruci Rokoleba - Fijian Teachers Association

Serau, Asesela - Gold Rock Investment Ltd

Shankar, Sheetal Shivangni - GH Whiteside & Co

Singh, Amrita - BDO Chartered Accountants

Sugutanaivalu, Samuela Nagatalevu - Fiji Roads Authority

### Affiliate Accountant

Cakacaka, Viliame Mataitoga - FHL Fund Management Ltd

Dewan, Ravneeth Kumar - HN Pande & Co

Khan, Shahil Murad - FASANOC

Maravuakula, Pita - Merchant Finance Ltd

Singh, Dhiraj Neel - UNICEF

Sova, Teresia Laisa - Fijian Holdings Ltd

Tuwai, Asena - Unemployed

### Overseas Member

#### Chartered Accountant

Veioغو, Apaitia Biu - Kumul Consolidated Holdings

#### Affiliate Accountant

Silo, Ateca Katarina - Nestle (PNG) Ltd

## FIA VP attends CAPA Conference

The FIA Vice President Zarin Khan attended the Confederation of Asian and Pacific Accountants (CAPA) conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia that was held from 7 – 10 November 2017. The conference also marked the event to celebrate CAPA's 60th Anniversary.

"The conference was a huge success. FIA had a lot to gain from its CAPA membership. We looking forward to more collaboration with the members," said Mr Khan.