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Key Dates

1. Revised library operating hours due to COVID 19

New Arrivals

The Library continues to add quality, relevant and exciting new resources to its collections

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Message from the Acting Vice Chancellor – Professor James Pounder



It gives me great pleasure to write this foreword for the Library Newsletter. 2019 was a momentous year for the Library which underwent a major organizational restructure to bring it more in line with the needs of a modern university. This restructure was skillfully and compassionately led by the University Librarian and the Director of Human Resources such that it was effected with the minimum of disruption and widely accepted by the Library staff. Consistent with this restructuring exercise was the completion of the Koronivia Open Learning Commons which encapsulates the modern concept of a university library. On 23rd April FNU, through the initiative

of the library, celebrated world book day which including free issue books for staff and students and for the two days of 11th and 12th July the library organized the first ever learning resource exhibition that includes vendors such as McGraw-Hill, Elsevier, Cambridge University Press and EBSCO Information Services. Aside from successfully renewing its ISO Certification, the Library initiated a 24/7 library opening hours' system during study and examination periods. 2019 to the present has been a highly successful year for the library and I would like to thank the University Librarian and his staff for their forward looking, proactive and creative efforts.

Victorian Association for the Library Automation (VALA2020)

VALA – biennial conference was held from 11th February to 13th February, 2020 at Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Center Australia. User Engagement Librarian Ms. Luisa Fapiano from the College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences (CMNHS) participated in this conference representing FNU Department of Library Services.

VALA is an ongoing gathering and commitment of the Victorian Association for the Library Automation in Australia established in 1981. The conference reflects qualities of many professionals featuring different skill sets and as a Diversity Scholarship recipient greatly

appreciated the award received.

The aspect that I found while at the conference that



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was benefiting was to hear about the latest research or witness impact of the latest technology use in the library. Refine ideas, an interactive robot designed to assist children discover books to match interest and reading ability or the idea to provide sensor movement in the library for body counts and usage of space. There were many academic leaders to meet and listen to high level of discussion especially from the roundtable sponsored by SAGE publishing organization that refine ideas. There were great lessons learned and key opportunity for networking. It was wonderful to meet up with familiar organizations such as SAGE, EBSCO, ENDNOTE, HORIZON Library Management Software and SirsiDynix, McGraw Hill Education, Access Medicine, American Psychological Association, Springernature and others who were already supporting the Fiji National University with the provision of databases and also meeting new vendors



keen to assist FNU.

Soft skills are important for every career, and in academia or research skills in presentation and communication are particularly important. Observing the many presentations gave audacity to utilize my performance.

Wonderfully received dialog with my sponsor, SAGE Publishing Company and engage with information that inspires educational assistance that could lead to more future collaboration.

COVID-19

FNU library services have revised its operating hours for precautionary measures against coronavirus. Staff and students will still be able to access the electronic resources outside FNU via EZproxy. Library staff will continue to facilitate their assistance in terms of information search and all other services during its operation. Library thanks all its users for their support and understanding while at the same time urges

everyone to please take precautions and stay safe.

Some of the ways to take precaution to stay safe as well as safeguard others: ensure to wash your hands with soap and water; use hand sanitizer as you are away to places; use your elbow to sneeze; most important of all 'stay safe at home and refrain from unneeded movements'.

Library Opening Hours

Opening hours differs according to the academic calendar to give our students maximum access to library. You can find the opening hours on our website:

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Send in a Question

You can send us your questions anytime and we will be happy to assist you with your questions in best possible ways.

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Talk to a Librarian

Talk to a library staff or a librarian who knows your subject area by calling or emailing to discuss your needs with them. They'll answer your questions or refer you to a specialist

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