

## Greetings From the *Sustainability* Initiatives Committee



### Welcome to the latest edition of the sustainability publication.

The SIC convened in February, where the year's plan was discussed, and significant milestones were thoroughly reviewed. The important milestones for 2023 have been distributed to the Colleges and divisions for implementation. FNU has a significant role to play in the environmental aspect, hence it is critical that all departments include sustainability in their Annual Plans and daily operations.

The Sustainability Plan of the University is a key document that must be referenced when planning the sustainability initiatives for the year. The KPIs are indicated under four focus areas: Administration & Governance, Academic & Research, Stakeholder Engagement, and Operations. These key focus areas also highlight the sections responsible for meeting the KPI, and thus, it will be helpful to align these KPIs to your annual work plan for 2023. As a National University, we must lead in implementing sustainability through climate change actions and incorporating Sustainable Development Goals.

As the Sustainability champion, Fiji National University has been actively promoting environmental practices to serve as good environmental stewards with the inclusion of staff, students, and the broader community.

FNU partnered with organisations such as Tourism Fiji, Swire Shipping, and Pacific Energy to collaborate with the Pacific Recycling Foundation and Waste Recyclers Fiji Limited (WRFL) in its recycling initiatives that were launched as part of the Global Recycling Day on March 18th 2023.

1. The first initiative, 'Wear a Pin – Support Recycling Movement'.
2. The second campaign, "Declaration of March 18th as the Official National Plastic Free Day, emphasised not using plastic and raised awareness of its negative environmental effects.



National Plastic Free Day was also formally declared on this day by the Honorable Prime Minister, Sitiveni Rabuka.

In light of reducing waste and promoting recycling initiatives, the university signed a contract with the Waste Recyclers (Pte) Fiji Ltd (WRFL) for the I Recycle Hub Programme. FNU is the first tertiary institution to implement this programme. The partnership is aligned with the institution's Strategic and Sustainability Plans commitment to the environment.

The I Recycle Hub Programme will be piloted first in Derrick and Natabua Campus and follow through in other campuses accordingly. Through this initiative, the Student Environmental Ambassadors will be provided training by the WRFL, which will encourage our students to take broader steps in sustainability.

The university benefits from participating in such initiatives because it increases stakeholder involvement and provides opportunities to investigate additional waste minimisation strategies. With this, SIC would like to acknowledge the Divisions that have already started the 2023 sustainability initiative. The Division of Human Resources carried out a clean-up campaign within the FNU Nasinu Campus, which reflected that the need for cleanliness around our workplace is important as it supports a good working environment and promotes good health. Further to this, the Division of Estate & Facilities also carried out a tree-planting initiative with the involvement of staff and students paving the pathway to carbon neutrality.

This year, SIC hopes to achieve its sustainability goals as planned. As usual, support from all stakeholders is crucial to be successful.

Thank you for your continued support. Continue to follow the Sustainability Website for updates.

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