

## New Digital Learning space at FNU's Natabua Campus Library for Post-Graduate and PhD students



Team Wild West with Pro Vice Chancellor Learning and Teaching, Professor James Pounder (middle) and FNU staff during the learning space opening at Natabua Campus.

Fiji National University (FNU) students pursuing postgraduate studies will now enjoy a dedicated new digital learning space at the Natabua Campus library which will enable them to access journals and books through online subscription.

FNU Pro-Vice Chancellor Learning and Teaching, Professor James Pounder and College of Humanities and Education (CHE) Professor Eileen Honan in Educational Research opened the PhD and Post-Graduate research space recently.

Professor Pounder while opening the space congratulated the FNU Western libraries team, Wild West for winning the 2018 Internal Quality Circle Competition (IQCC) Gold and best facilitator award, which resulted in the creation of dynamic quality teaching, learning and research environment at Natabua Campus.

"The whole idea of quality circles is an effective way to improve quality and productivity through participation of the employees with the organisation," said Professor Pounder.

Professor Honan shared similar sentiments adding the new facility would greatly benefit students undertaking postgraduate studies.

"This new digital space will allow students to spend extra time in the library engaging with print resources as well as the journals and books available digitally through online subscriptions," commented Professor Honan.

With the introduction of the Postgraduate Diploma in Education programme, Professor Honan said that the dedicated space is beneficial to many working teachers who are engaged in research activities.

"Research is an essential part of the work of FNU. Our Library at Natabua Campus is providing support for this research through the provision of these learning spaces as well as through new research related resources," she said.

FNU Deputy University Librarian Dr Tanveer Haider Naqvi revealed that a quality circle was formed within the Western libraries which met regularly and

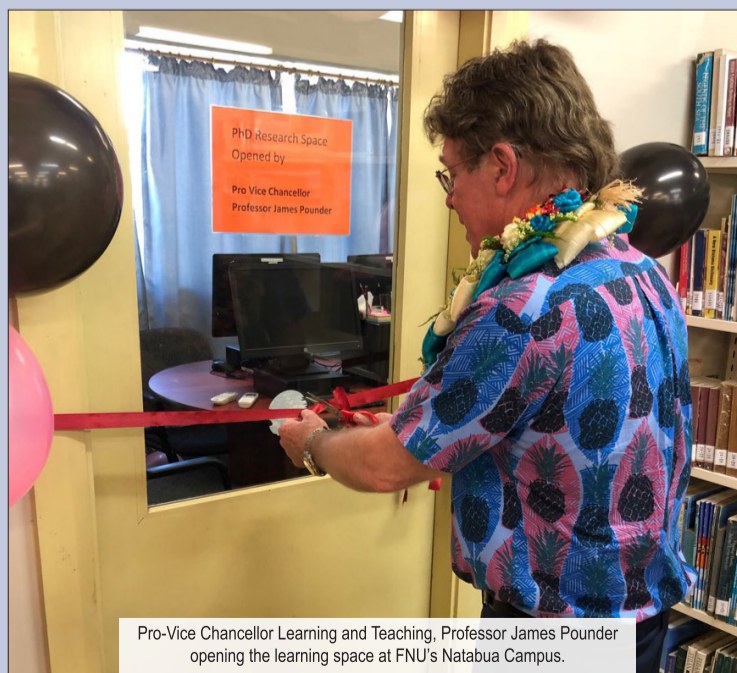
worked towards continuous improvement.

"We identified areas of opportunities within our department, which was based on the digitalization of the learning resources and provided solutions through research before implementing the test findings," Dr Naqvi said.

He added the new learning space was designed to promote active learning with technology engagement.

"The new leaning space will offer best possible opportunities for Post-Graduate and Ph.D. students' to extend learning beyond traditional mode and provides an open, technology-rich interactive environment," he said.

This new facility is fully equipped with digital resources, which will provide a conducive learning environment.



Pro-Vice Chancellor Learning and Teaching, Professor James Pounder opening the learning space at FNU's Natabua Campus.