

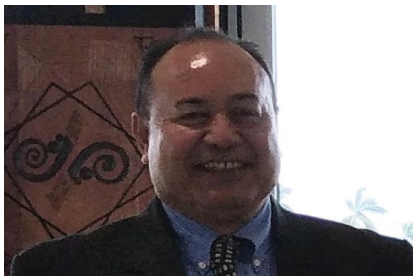
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ROTUMA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Friday 19th - Saturday 20th May, 2023
FMF Gymnasium, Suva

"Teag'Esea 'E 'Ofa La A'Nene'Akia
'Os Ag Fak Hanua"
Celebrating our Cultural Heritage

Message From Chairman Fiji Rotuman Association



Noa'ia 'e Mauri, Ni sa bula vinaka,
Namaste and Greetings!

It is with great pleasure that the Fiji Rotuman Association (FRA) after a lapse of 2 years because of the pandemic, can bring together this 2-day event dedicated to all Rotumans around the globe. This annual event which falls on the 13th of May signifies the anniversary of Rotuma's cession to the United Kingdom in 1881.

We are a minority race but are proud to be under the administration and leadership of the Fiji Government. Aligned to Fiji's National Development Plan the FRA's vision of Sustainability of the Rotuman Culture, Identity and Heritage through Sharing and Nurturing provides an irreplaceable identity for all Rotumans.

The preservation and promotion of our culture, tradition and heritage is what we proudly celebrate every year and today we witness the display of handicraft, root crops, chants, dancing and the gift of love.

We have overcome many challenges in the past years, but we thank God who has been a pillar of strength and source of inspiration in all areas of our lives. As we continue to work towards achieving our vision and values for present and future generations, the FRA acknowledges all the support received from the Fiji Government, Individuals, NGOs and Corporate Organisations who have made this celebration possible.

Happy Rotuma Day!

Victor Fatiaki

Programme - Friday 19th May 2023

MC: Susie David

TIME	ACTIVITIES
06:00 am	PREPARATION AND SET-UP BY THE FARMERS & WOMEN ASSN
07:00 am	GATES & FOOD STALLS OPEN
08:30 ~ 09:00 am	All to be seated at the FMF Gym
OPENING CEREMONY	
09:10 ~ 09:30 am	Devotion - Rev Rupeni Fatiaki <i>Chairman, Suva Oinafa Association</i>
09:30 ~ 9:40 am	Opening Address - Gagaj Maraf <i>Chief of Noa'tau</i>
09:40 ~ 10:00 am	Invited guests to inspect the farmers' root crops and women's handicraft display
10:00 ~ 11:00 am	MORNING TEA
COMMUNITY INFORMATION DISSEMINATION	
11:00 ~ 11:15 am	Mr. Lui Mario <i>Ministry of Employment, Productivity & Industrial Relations, Director National Employment Centre/Seasonal Work</i>
11:15 ~ 11:30 am	Dr Ane Atalifo-Veu <i>Consultant Physician & Oncology Specialist at CWM Hospital</i>
11:30 ~ 11:45 am	Rev. Rupeni Fatiaki <i>Retired Social Welfare Director</i>
12:00 ~ 02:00 pm	LUNCH BREAK & ENTERTAINMENT (DJ)
CULTURAL ACTIVITY	
02:00 ~ 02:30 pm	Ms. Agatha Ferei Furivai <i>IPA LEARNING CENTRE - Executive Director</i>
02.30 ~ 03.30 pm	ENTERTAINMENT (DJ)
CLOSING CEREMONY	
03:30 ~ 03:45 pm	Vote of Thanks - Pat Veu <i>Chairman, Fiji Rotuman Backyard Farmers</i>
03:45 ~ 04:00 pm	Closing Prayer - Rev. Viliame Fatiaki

Programme - Saturday 20th May 2023

MC: Susie David

TIME	ACTIVITIES
08:00 am	CHURCHWARD CHAPEL CHOIR – SINGING ROTUMAN TUNES
08:30 am	Guests be seated [elders and leaders of each district]
08:45 ~ 09:00 am	Arrival of the Chief Guest and Distinguished Guests Rotuman Anthem – Atumotu Helava Churchward Choir National Anthem of the Republic of Fiji Churchward Choir
09:00 am	OPENING CEREMONY
09:00 ~ 09:10 am	Devotion - Rev Jioje Taito
09:10 ~ 09:20 am	Garlanding of the Chief Guest and Distinguished Guests
09:20 ~ 09:35 am	Traditional Welcome Ceremony
09:35 ~ 09:40 am	Opening Address Victor Fatiaki <i>Chairman of FRA</i>
09:40 ~ 09:45 am	Introduction of the Chief Guest Surkafa Katafono <i>Chairlady of Ituti'u</i>
09:45 ~ 09:55 am	Keynote Address by Chief Guest Dr. John Fatiaki
09:55 ~ 10:00 am	Address by the Chairman of the Rotuma Island Council - Gagaj Manav
10:00 ~ 10:10 am	Address by the Deputy Prime Minister Hon. Professor Biman Prasad
10:10 ~ 10:20 am	Tour of the farmers' Yam & Taro display
10:20 ~ 10:50 am	MORNING TEA BREAK – LIVE BAND ENTERTAINMENT Vak ne Sine
11:00 am	Traditional dances
11:00 ~ 11:30 am	Suva Noatau Association
11:30 ~ 12:00 pm	Suva Oinafa Association
12:30 ~ 01:30 pm	Suva Ituti'u Association

TIME	ACTIVITIES
01:30 ~ 02:00 pm	LUNCH BREAK – LIVE BAND ENTERTAINMENT Vak ne Sine
02:00 ~ 02:30 pm	Suva Juju Association
02:30 ~ 02:40 pm	Presentation of trophies for farmers’ crop winners
02:40 ~ 03:10 pm	Suva Pepjei Association
03:10 ~ 03:40 pm	Suva Itumuta Association
03:40 ~ 03:50 pm	Announcement of cash collected and presentation of Trophy
03:50 pm	CLOSING CEREMONY
03:50 ~ 03:55 pm	Vote of Thanks - Gagaj Kauturaf
03:55 ~ 04:00 pm	Closing Prayer - Fr. Kaitu’u
04:00 ~ 05:45 pm	Setup for Island Night
06:00 ~ 11:00 pm	Island Night Live Band – Sons of UK

Executive Council membership:



Suva Noatau Association
Matapule Finiasi & Romokoi Jone-
Faamaloga



Suva Oinafa Association
Rev Rupeni Fatiaki & Fiu Rigamoto



Suva Itu'ti'u Association
Surkafa Katafono



Suva Juju Association
Paserio Furivai & Jacinta Fesaitu



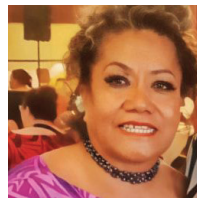
Suva Pepjei Association
Kepani Lino & Fisi Nasario



Suva Itumuta Association
Pasirio Samisoni & Muariro Samisoni

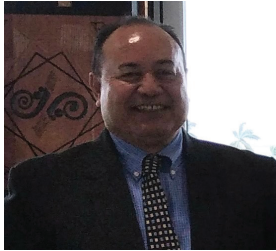


Chairman of Rotuman Backyard Farmers
Pat Veu



Chairperson of Women's Wing
Rina Wasile

Secretariat:



Chairman
Victor Fatiaki



Deputy Chairperson
Agatha Furivai



Chairman - Rotuma Hub
Francis Paul



Treasurer
Roger Emberson



Assistant Treasurer
Susie David



Secretary
Joan Williame



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Media Officer**
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Acknowledgement



On behalf of The Fiji Rotuman Association, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your generous support towards our 2023 Rotuma Day Celebrations. Your contributions have played a vital role in making this event a success, and we are honored to have your organisation as one of our esteemed sponsors. Faiaksea 'e Hanisi.