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# 2018 FIJI AUSTRALIA BUSINESS FORUM

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## OPENING REMARKS BY FABC PRESIDENT DAVE AIDNEY



On behalf of my fellow President of AFBC Geoff Shaw and our FABC Execo Team - Welcome & Bula Vinaka to this wonderful venue at the Fiji Marriott on Momi.

When our VP Warwick picked this location as our venue it was on the basis that many of us had not been here and wanted to do something different that created the WOW factor.

Warwick and our Forum planning Team have had many a late night pulling all of this together and as with all major Forums we have had our challenges.

The biggest challenge has been the strong turn out and our apologies to those who were not able to secure accommodation as we simply took every room that the Marriott had on offer and ran out.

Our program today has been a moving target and has changed considerably from what we drafted up at the outset.

A special Thank You to Australia's Assistant Minister for Trade Hon. Mark Coulton for taking time out to join us, especially given his recent cabinet reshuffle in Canberra.

Also to our Minister for Trade and Tourism for accepting our invitation to be our Chief Guest. Our Government has been strong supporters of FABC and our joint Forums.

Today is Fiji Climate Change Day and wearing my Hon. German Consul hat - I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Prime Minister and his Team for taking on the Presidency of COP23 and bringing our Climate challenges in the Pacific to the global stage.

Celebrations are being held today for climate change and all going well our AG & Minister responsible for Climate Change may be able to join us later today or this evening.

At FABC, we have been concerned about a number of issues including:

- » Our decline in Tourist arrivals from Australia which represents at least 45% of our arrivals. I was pleased to read recently that out of the 88,693 arrivals in August, this represented a 7.7% increase on the same period last year with a marginal 0.8% increase for visitors from Australia.

Not a decline but we must be careful about pricing ourselves out of the market as a possible 10% decrease from such a major source would have a major impact on our local industry.

- » We have also been concerned about our gradual decline in ratings on the Ease of Doing business in Fiji.

Today, we are going to put a positive slant on this and seek from you all what we can do to improve on our ratings.

Fiji has huge opportunities and we welcome our Australian Trade delegation we have with us today - led by Adrian Weeks who are exploring exciting opportunities in Fiji. They come from a varied field and I would encourage all of you to engage with them and help make things happen.

I am told that Assistant Minister for Trade - Hon Mark Coulton comes from a farming background and I see from the recent Cabinet reshuffle that he is one of the few survivors.

Minister – as you would appreciate – Fiji has untapped opportunities in Agriculture and anything you can do to help us harness these would be much appreciated.

Some of you may not be aware but every week we airfreight to Los Angeles 20 tonnes of fresh turmeric and ginger which is grown wild and deemed to be organic. Apparently the Americans consider Turmeric as the latest health tonic as the Germans and French discovered with our Kava 10-15 years ago when we were airfreighting large quantities of Kava to Germany and France who were producing Kavakava capsules.

The larger pharmaceutical companies became concerned and kava became a banned substance until the full status was known. Now that the ban has been lifted, our Kava price has increased to \$120 per kilo and revenue earned from home consumption is now probably on par with our Sugar Cane earnings.

The opportunities that our local medicinal / herbal products have to offer are abound and offer Fiji great opportunities.

We will be discussing these throughout today along with our ongoing challenges re – Productivity ensuring that we are internationally competitive.

This afternoon's session will be focused on our TCF industry but the same applies to our ongoing challenge to make Fiji – the “Hub of the Pacific” not for cocaine and or Ice and those brown parcels that are being found washed up on beaches but for shipping.

Tax matters are also part of our Forum and whilst we all want to encourage Tax Compliance, sometimes the big stick approach turns away possible would be investors rather than dealing with the limited few who are trying to beat the system.

This Forum would not have been possible without the hard work of our Execo Team & Secretariat.

Thank you Warwick for taking on the challenge. It will probably be the last time you will volunteer to do this.

Thank you Saud for helping us get our Website re-ignited, and Ronna & her Team at The Greenhouse Studio for helping us pull this together in such a short time and helping us with this Forum.

To HE. John Feakes and your Team at Australian High Commission, especially Amy and Sophie for their ongoing support and for

our Execo for being there to stand in when required.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all of our Past Presidents, some of whom accepted our invitation to join us at this forum.

To James Huey who helped set up FABC in 1986 and to Ikbal Jannif who took over from James, and I am told is the only President who did two terms.

To those Presidents who helped guide FABC through troubled waters during a Coup or two, Trade Bans and sanctions and did everything they could to help restore our Fiji/ Australia bilateral relations.

Our thoughts go out to our past Presidents who are no longer with us today but played a major role in helping us bring FABC where it is today.

This forum would not have been possible without the generous sponsorship received and whilst our sponsors will be acknowledged throughout the day, I would like to pass on my token of appreciation for the same.

By the end of today, we will have a list of Key Outcomes and Action Items which our newly elected EXECO will use to work on throughout the year. They will keep you all informed and will co-opt your assistance when needed.

Thank you for being here and we look forward to a fruitful day of deliberations.

**Dave Aidney**

President – FABC.

# JOINT FORUM PROGRAM

## Thursday 4 October 2018

3:00pm	Registration Desk open at hotel lobby.
6:00pm	BSP Welcome cocktail & “table top” exhibition at Grand Salon (Sponsored by Bank South Pacific)
7.30pm	FABC President’s Dinner at Lagoon House (a tribute to past presidents of FABC) (Separate registration for this event by email to the Secretariat or dinner by own arrangement)

## Friday 5 October 2018

7:30am	VaiWai Registration Desk open at Conference Centre. (All day espresso and other beverages bar sponsored by VaiWai Natural Artesian Water)
8:30am	The Fiji Economy and Business; Justin Smirk, Director-Senior Economist, Westpac Institutional Bank
9:00am	Global Trends That Will Disrupt Boards in 2019. Edward Palmisano, Australian Institute of Company Directors. Venue Grand Salon. (Sponsored by South Pacific Stock Exchange)
9:30am	Welcome by FABC President Dave Aidney. Venue: Grand Salon
9:40am	Official opening. Fiji’s Minister for Industry, Trade, Tourism, Lands & Mineral Resources the Hon. Faiyaz Siddiq Koya.
10:10am	Response. Australia’s Assistant Minister for Trade, Tourism & Investment the Hon. Mark Coulton
10:20am	Panel discussion. Moderator: Nitij Pal, Principal ANDE + Co.
10:40am	Group Photo (please wear your official bula shirt/blouse to the forum)
11:00am	Fiji Gas Morning refreshments in pre-conference outdoor area adjacent to the Grand Salon. (Sponsored by Fiji Gas)
11:20am	Building Resilient Industries in a Changing Climate. Dr. Kate Duggan, Australia Pacific Climate Change Action Program.
12:00pm	Tax Matters. Moderator Lisa Apted, Partner KPMG in Fiji. Transfer pricing. Kim Jarrett, Partner KPMG in NZ. Fiji/Australia Double Tax Agreement. Jerome Kado, Partner PWC.
1:00pm	ANZ Lunch break in pre-conference outdoor area adjacent to the Grand Salon. (Sponsored by ANZ Banking Group)
2:00pm:	PCL / Dulux Snapshots of Key Sector Performance. Moderator Ajay Raniga, Budget Pharmacy. Venue Grand Salon (Sponsored by Pacific Coatings Ltd. / Dulux Paints) Tourism: Opportunities for, and Impediments to, Growth. Matt Stoeckel, CEO Tourism Fiji. Building and Construction: What’s Happening on the Ground? Gordon Jenkins, President Fiji Construction Industry Council. Business Operations: Solid and Liquid Waste, the new business frontier. Paul Evers, Country Manager HG Leach Fiji.

### Friday 5 October 2018

- 3:00pm Productivity: The Elephant in the Room. With special focus on the Textile Clothing and Footwear (TCF) industry.  
Moderator Mike Towler, Performance Flotation Developments (Fiji) Ltd.  
Nesbitt Hazelman, CEO Fiji Commerce and Employers Federation  
Mark Halabe, Chairman of Mark One Apparel Ltd.  
Apisai Tuikubu, GM Outfitters (Fiji) Ltd.
- 4:00pm From Farm to Tourist Table: A study of fresh produce demand from Fiji's hotels and resorts. Alike Cooper, Tourism and Agriculture Consultant, International Finance Corporation, presents highlights of the recently released report in partnership with the MITT and Ministry of Agriculture.
- 4:45pm Forum closure. Geoffrey Shaw, President, Australia Fiji Business Council.
- 5:00pm FABC AGM Venue Grand Salon.
- 6:00pm TCF Fiji Pre-dinner drinks at Vonu Beach. (Sponsored by the Fiji TCF Association)
- 7:00pm The Westpac Forum Dinner at Vonu Beach. (Sponsored by Westpac Banking Corporation)

### Saturday 6 October 2018

If you are looking for an activity on Saturday, please consider the two below and advise the Executive Committee by emailing [fabsecretariat@kpmg.com.fj](mailto:fabsecretariat@kpmg.com.fj)

#### OPTION 1 The "Urwin/Ratu Isoa Trophy Challenge" FIJI VS AUSTRALIA

**Venue:** Natadola Golf Club

**Fees:** Green Fee - \$125.00 for 18 holes, Club Hire: \$65.00 per set

**Tee Off:** 9.30am, Bus Departure: 8.00am

#### OPTION 2 Inland Highlands Driving Adventure

For those not wanting to play Golf with Vili, or lounge around at the resort - we are planning to take all those interested for a Cross country drive up the Nausori Highlands and down through the Sigatoka valley. See <https://goo.gl/Mf8NZo> for the route.

The total distance is 208km which without stops will take 4hrs 36min.

Depart Momi at 9am and proceed to Bukuya via Nadi back Rd. A stop over at Mahen's Export along the valley Rd to check out their Export Packing station is planned to be on the itinerary (President Dave says "enjoy a bowl of kava to help wash down the dust").

At Sigatoka those heading back to Momi will turn right and those heading back to Suva will turn left.

**NOTE:** Those wishing to join either of these activities please advise. Also let us know if you can take your car and how many passengers you can accommodate.



## GUEST SPEAKERS



### Faiyaz Siddiq Koya

**Hon. Minister for Industry, Trade, Tourism, Lands & Mineral Resources Government of Fiji**

A barrister and solicitor by profession and a practicing lawyer since 1999.

A true Fijian at heart, born and raised in the western region of Fiji, Hon. Koya is passionate and committed to the call of developing Fiji to a modern nation state, recognizing the talents of our young people and encouraging the development of our multi-racial and multi-cultural communities.

With his drive and determination, he leads the above crucial ministries in delivering the agenda of the Fijian Government.

### Hon. Mark Coulton MP

**Assistant Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment**

- He has served in the House of Representatives as the Member for Parkes (regional NSW) since 2007.
- Mr Coulton has also held the position of Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- He also held the position of Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Ageing and the Voluntary Sector and for 2 other divisions.
- Mr Coulton was the Mayor of Gwydir Shire Council from 2004 until 2007.
- He has an extensive agricultural background having spent 30 years as a farmer and grazier.



## PRESENTERS



### Justin Smirk

Justin Smirk has more than 20 years of experience in Financial Markets joining Westpac's Economics team in 1999 following his training as an Economist at the Reserve Bank of Australia.

He has a wide range of experience including advising traders, dealers senior managers, as well as institutional, corporate and small business clients. He spent time in Westpac's London office as well as a secondment as Chief Economist at St.George Bank.

Justin's manages the Bank's medium commodities, foreign exchange, labour market and inflation forecasting processes. He keeps a keen eye on the international economy and in particular the Asia/Pacific region as well as the resources and energy sectors.

Justin is Westpac's spokesperson on economic issues in the Pacific Region. He is a regular visitor to Fiji and PNG and while there he tries to be positive voice in the economic debate rather than critic from afar. He is still learning about the region, even after all this time every visit he makes to the Pacific Region broadens and deepens his knowledge and understanding, so he is keen to give something back in return.

### Edward Palmisano

Edward Palmisano leads the AICD's international operations, winning the NSW Emerging Exporter Award in 2017 and the Hong Kong Australia Business Award NSW in 2018. He is a speaker on global governance in the Middle East, Asia and the Pacific. As a former diplomat, he represented Australia at international negotiations, served at the Embassy in Spain and was awarded an Australia Day Citation. He is admitted to the High Court of Australia, is on the Council of the Art Gallery Society of NSW and is a Fellow of the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust. He holds a Masters from Cambridge, and BA (Hons 1) and LLB from Sydney University.





## Dr. Kate Duggan

- PhD Earth Sciences Macquarie University/Australian National University.
- More than 25 years working in international development.
- Specialist in natural resource management and climate change.
- Strategic analysis for climate change investment in the Pacific.
- Currently leading the Australian Pacific Climate Change Action Program.

## Kim Jarrett

- International tax specialist.
- Leads KPMG NZ's Transfer Pricing team.
- Over 20 years' experience advising multinationals on Transfer Pricing issues.







## Jerome Kado

Mr Kado specializes in Business Advisory Services, Tax compliance and consultancy.

He is a member of the Fiji Institute of Accountants (FIA) and holds a Certificate of Public Practice. He is also a current Council Member and former President of the FIA. He is an investment advisor representative licensed by the Capital Markets Development Authority (CMDA).

Jerome has been significantly involved in reviewing and making submissions on legislation, including various presentations to Government on proposed legislation. He has also made various submissions on changes to various tax and related legislation. His Corporate Social Responsibility roles include being a former President of the Fiji Red Cross and he is currently Vice President Finance of the Fiji Association of Sports and National Olympic Committee.

## Matt Stoeckel

Matt Stoeckel is the Chief Executive Officer at Tourism Fiji with the responsibility of marketing Fiji as a visitor destination.

Prior to joining Tourism Fiji, Matthew worked as a tourism consultant advising destinations across Asia Pacific with their international marketing and destination management planning activities.





## Gordon Jenkins

- 73 years old
- Fiji citizen. Lived in Fiji for 45 years
- Fellow, New Zealand Institute of Quantity Surveyors plus an Arbitrator in regard to construction dispute.
- Worked in New Zealand/Australia/Great Britain/South Pacific.
- Very versatile and experience Quantity Surveyor with full knowledge of all types of construction in the South Pacific.
- President of the Construction Industry Council of Fiji

## Paul Evers

Paul Evers has been the country Manager of H G Leach (Fiji) Pte Ltd since 2014 and is responsible for the day to day running of the only International Landfill in the South Pacific region.

The government Landfill, located at Naboro 20 minutes from Suva, receives waste from approximately 360,000 people residing in the greater Suva area. Every month approximately 8000 tons of solid waste are received and contained in the landfill footprint.

H G Leach has managed the government landfill from 2005, when it was successful in the government tendering process. Since then the company has been responsible for all construction and expansion of the landfill





## Mr. Nesbitt Hazelman

Mr. Nesbitt Hazelman leads Fiji's Premier Employer Organisation the "Fiji Commerce & Employers Federation" as its Chief Executive. He has been in the position since 2010.

### Qualifications:

- A Masters Degree in Human Resources and Industrial Relations from Sydney University
- A Post Graduate Certificate in Human Resource form the Australia Quality College
- A BA in Management & Sociology from the University of the South Pacific.

### Senior positions held at:

- Fiji Development Bank,
- Fiji Islands Trade & Investment Bureau now Investment Fiji
- Fiji Broadcasting Corporation.

### Current Board Positions:

- A Commissioner with Fiji Public Service Commission,
- Housing Authority of Fiji,
- Public Rental Board,
- Fijian Holdings (Trust) Limited,
- Export Council of Fiji
- Employment Relations Advisory Board.

Mr. Hazelman is the current member of His Excellency the President "Fiji College of Honor".



## Mark Halabe

### 1999

Chairman of the Textile Clothing and Footwear Council of Fiji.

### 1999-2001

President of the Fiji/Australia Business Council.

### 2000

Appointed Chairman of the Productivity & Quality Training Board

### 2001.

Appointed a member of the Prime Ministers Think Tank

### 2012

Inaugural Chairman Fiji Fashion Council.

### AWARDS:

### 2000

Member of the Order of Fiji for Service to Industry.

### 2002

Awarded the Prime Ministers Exporter of the Year.

### 2011

Fiji Business Excellence Awards PRIZE level

### 2014

Awarded the Prime Ministers Exporter of the Year.

### 2017

Awarded the Prime Ministers Excellence in Business Leadership.



## Apisalome Tuiekuba

Current Employer: Outfitters Fiji Limited

Designation: General Manager

Nationality: Itaukei

Language: English & Fijian

2007 - Graduated from the Training Productivity of Fiji with a TAFE- Western Sydney Institute franchise Diploma of Manufacturing Technology

2009 - 2011 Attaché Industrial & Systems Engineer to improve, monitor & manage the companies Productivity and efficiencies. (Outfitters Fiji)

2012-2018 General Manager (Outfitters Fiji)

Ex-com - Textile Clothing & Footwear Council (2015-2018)

Ex-com - Fiji Exporters Council (2016-2018)

## Alika Cooper

- Mr Cooper joined the IFC Tourism Project in late 2017 to support the agriculture linkages study entitled "From Farm to the Tourism Table: A Study of Fresh Produce Demand from Fiji's Hotels and Resorts."
- He is now working on implementing a program with hotels to assist them in increasing their local sourcing.
- IFC's Fiji Tourism Project aims to support growth through: developing tourism arrival markets that increase tourism value for Fiji, improving linkages between local agricultural producers and Fiji's growing tourism sector, and building a pipeline of tourism investments.





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Stuart Fredriksson		Westpac Banking Corporation
Justin Smirk		Westpac Institutional Bank
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Dave Aidney	Sue Aidney	Williams & Gosling

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Around two billion dollars each year in trade means Australia is Fiji's biggest bilateral partner. With more than 120 members the Fiji Australia Business Council is one of the most significant private sector organisations in this country.

FABC promotes friendship, goodwill and understanding between the business communities of Fiji and Australia to encourage trade, investment, tourism, technical and economic cooperation.

The Fiji Australia Business Council is a dynamic organization growing from **strength to strength** and is proud to celebrate **32 years** in 2018. Our very active and committed Executive Committee team welcomes FABC members and delegates.

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# FABC RESOURCES

*Reserve Bank of Fiji*

[Reserve Bank of Fiji Press Release \(28 Sep 2018\): Monetary Policy Stance Unchanged](#)

[Economic Review \(30 Sep 2018\)](#)

[Foreign Currency Payments effective from 1 Aug 2018](#)

*2018-2019 Fiji Budget*

[Fiji Budget 2018/19 \(KPMG Summary\)](#)

[Budget at a glance \(Parliament of the Republic of Fiji\)](#)

[Fiji Budget report 2018 – 2019 \(PWC\)](#)

# FABC EXECUTIVES

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Mr David Aidney (W&G) – President  
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# FABC PAST PRESIDENTS

<b>1986-87</b>	James Huey, Westpac
<b>1988-89</b>	Ikbal Jannif, Cainnes Jannif Ltd
<b>1990-91</b>	Don Aidney, Williams & Gosling Ltd
<b>1992-93</b>	Greg Blakeny, Agri Services & Consultants
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<b>2011-12</b>	Ajay Raniga, Budget Pharmacy
<b>2013-14</b>	Kalpesh Solanki, Ranjit Garments
<b>2015-16</b>	Viliame Leqa, Pacific Manufacturing Ltd
<b>2017-18</b>	Dave Aidney, Williams & Gosling Ltd

## ABOUT AFBC



The Australia Fiji Business Council, with its counterpart organization in Fiji the Fiji Australia Business Council, was established in 1986 with the aim of providing a framework within which the private sector can communicate with the Australia and Fiji Islands governments at the highest political and policy advising levels with a view to finding solutions to trade and investments issues involving the two countries.

The Council's activities include the holding of trade, investment and information seminars on Fiji including a major annual conference co-hosted jointly with the Fiji Australia Business Council, held alternately in Australia and in Fiji.

To keep members informed of developments in Fiji we distribute information to members regularly on current political, economic and social issues.

Of particular value to members whose interests in Fiji are in the early stages of development is that the Council provides access to a network of Australian businesses with long experience in Fiji.

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