

CURRICULUM VITAE

Personal

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Education

- 2012** - **University of the South Pacific**
Project Management Certificate
- 1987-1988** - **Fiji Institute of Technology**
Diploma Business Studies (Completed Stages 1&2)
There are 5 subjects taken at stage 2 level of the 4 staged courses which I took
(Accounting, Economics, Administration, Company Law and Quantitative Methods).
- 1981-1986** - **Queen Victoria School**
University Entrance - 1986
New Zealand School Certificate - 1985
Fiji Junior Certificate - 1984

Further Training

- 2020** **Certificate of Completion**
'Quality, Safety and You' - NDIS Worker Orientation Module
- Certificate of Completion**
Infection Control Training - COVID 19
- 2014** **Inter-Cultural World Perspective Course**
- Understanding Christian World Views and Church failures in missions to Culturally sensitive people/countries.
- 2014** **National Substance Abuse Advisory Council**
- Training For Trainers/Teachers on HIV & AIDS Prevention, Elimination of Child Abuse and Violence against Women, girls and women, school related gender based violence and lifestyle related diseases & basic counseling.
- 12/03 -15/03/02** **Fiji Bible College**
- Successfully completed APL Walk Thru the Bible Ministries course devoted to building excellence in teaching and communication skills
- 01/02/91 - 15/02/91** - **Government Training Centre**
- Fiji Government Induction Course

Work Experience

Support Worker – Gifted Care, NSW, Australia September 2022 to Current

- Provide AIN Support Services to Aged Care Facilities including Baptist Care Orana, Peninsula Village, Hillview Homes.

Support Worker – My Coast Support, NSW, Australia 17/06/2020 to Current

- Provide support and counselling for clients
- Provide emotional and physical support for clients with physical and mental disabilities.

Highlights

1. Convince client and talked him out while in the process of taking his own life. His testimony can be found on www.mycoastsupport.com.au

Advisor Land Matters/Special Projects – CETEL/Naco Chambers, 2012-Current

- Working with children, youth, families, tribes and their communities to reach their full potential by tackling the causes of their poverty and injustice.
- Advice, on best ways and methods to earn a descent livelihood ensuring that basic life necessities are met utilizing God given resources.
- Conduct community awareness and enlightenment on current laws governing their land occupation and current affairs and consult them in ways to protect their interests.
- Provide linkages with Government and Non-Government Organisations for clients.
- Set-up Trusts in many villages & Communities in Fiji to manage their resources & set-up local entities or legal structures for communities and facilitate negotiations between investors and communities ensuring a fairness for all parties on resource-based projects.
- Reorganize village structures and educating villagers on ways & means to improve village living standards adhering to I Taukei Affairs Act, redefining means to extend the structures and having respect for Laws governing village living.
- Facilitate/Organise meetings conferences, workshops and awareness with interested local/international organisations.
- General Consultation – Including Sports Bodies consulting and Management/Organising events
- Family Counseling including setup Drug Awareness Programs

Highlights:

1. Set-up of Trusts and relevant legal entities in Fiji and trained Trustees to successfully manage projects
2. Set and took part negotiating a better deal with LOU in Colo I Suva with Goodman Fielder International.
3. Set-up LOU Trust for Qamea Island to negotiate terms of expansion with Laucala Island Resort.
4. Set-up Trust and company for LOU in Yadua, Nadroga and spearheaded the setup of new Sub-Division next to Hexagon group of Companies set-up.
5. Resolved long standing dispute over access with Yadua LOU and Hexagon Group of Companies
6. Instrumental in resolving long standing dispute with LOU in Tagaqe and Hotel owners of Valase Beach Resort at the Coral Coast and helped the transfer of ownership to Mataqali Company.
7. Successfully negotiated a better deal with Tambua Sands Management (Warwick Group) and LOU in Namada.
8. Resolved family disputes over Land & Natural Resources and Income derived from the use including the Cakobau Family.
9. Negotiated the set-up of a Mining Company in Fiji-Destiny Gold Pte Ltd in 2020 to involve

Landowning unit as partners and also be shareholders in a new Partnership-Current. Hold position of Local Agent for Destiny Gold Fiji Ltd

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Pacific Growers Export Partnership -Fiji Team Leader-2008-2012(Unanimously elected as Regional Manager in 2012

- Involvement in community development in region including PNG, Solomons, Bouganville, Vanuatu.
- Provide linkages to International Market
- Coordinate training for young people in the utilization of their land/sea resources.
- Reorganize village structures and educating villagers on ways & means to improve village living standards.
- Do research work on Land/Sea resources and its people.
- Assist & consult other villagers on managing their resources better.

Highlights:

1. *Initiated the Revitalization of the Cocoa Industry in Fiji by bring all stakeholders in a meeting and negotiating a better price for the farmers by bring international market players.*
2. *Setup international Markets for farmers and negotiated fair & better prices*
3. *Influential in negotiating partnerships with PGEP & Fair Trade Australia & New Zealand*
4. *Guest Speaker and represented team leaders at ANU & Sydney Uni for Pacific Guests & Trade Partners in Australia/Region*

Manager Operations/Administration – Steelsmart Homes (April 2007 – Dec,2007)

- I was temporarily assigned this post to take care of my immediate daily needs while other initiatives were in progress.
- Overall operation management and administrative duties in this construction firm.

Manager Marketing & Printing - Datalink Software Solutions (April 2002 – Jan 2007)

Community Worker - Momi Group 2002 – 2007

Project Assistant - Narocake Pine Development (Apr 2000 – Mar 2002)

Clerical Officer - Viti Timber Resources (Jun 98 – Jan 99)

Chief Operations Officer - Nakauvuna Construction Company (May 92 - June 94)

- Overall responsibility for the management of company affairs & supervision of 40 company staff & laborers.

Highlights:

1. *Successfully Managed Construction of Village Houses in Natalau, Nailaga, Sorokoba, Rakiraki villages .*

Clerical Officer - Fijian Affairs Board (Feb 1988 - Mar 1992)

Associate & Membership

2021 - Local Agent – Destiny Gold Pte Ltd-Mining & Explorations

66 Forty Foundation, NSW, Australia- Fiji Partner(Current)

Co-Founder-Pacific Growers Export Partnership a Regional Organization

Board Member-CETEL Co-operative

Director CETEL TRUST

Fairtrade Association of Australia & New Zealand-

FTAANZ Organic Systems-NZ

Consultant – Gau Sydney Association (Initiated Set-up)

Executive Committee Member for Fiji School Managers Association-2016,2017

- Consists of all Secondary and Primary School Managers in Fiji

School Manager- Draiba Primary School - 2013-2017

- Managing Fiji' first Indigenous Fijian Primary School established in Suva.

Parents & Teachers Association Committee Member-Gospel High School 2014

Classiscs Rugby Fiji & ICare – Director 2019

Gau Sydney Association-2021 *Set-up Fijian Community Association in Sydney and act as Consultant*

Volunteer Experiences

Community Worker - Narocake Co-operative Society Ltd. (July 94-May 98)

Volunteer - World Vision International (1985-1987)

Sporting Profile

Summit 7s Festival 2020-To be the Worlds Biggest Youth Tournament (Postponed)

- Organised and prepare operations manual for the Tournament in Brisbane,QLD Australia.
- Prepare grounds and assisted with logistics
- Appointed as Tournament Manager

Radrdadra 7's 2019 – Tournament Director

- Organised Tournament
- Selected Tournament Officials
- Prepared Tournament Rules
- Coordinated Facilities & Infrastructure with relevant Stakeholders
- Organised all approvals for tournament
- Prepared Draws and Games Proper and Managed Tournament
- Organised National Coach & Chief Guest Itinerary

SIDVAKA 7s Rugby,Central Coast-Sydney - Manager 2016 - Current

- With Gordons Rugby Coach formed 's team to participate in local 's tournament
- Assisted Director Central Coast Rugby to organize CC 's tournament and Fiji Day Celebrations
- Assist with Qele Ratu with Benny Bulla in the Fiji Day Rugby Organisation in Sydney
- Organised Gordon Rugby Teams Fiji Tour and Liaison Officer in Fiji

First Light Rugby - Vice President 2017-2019

- Proper registration and Planned Team Strategic Plan 's
- Prepared Organisation & Structure and provided relevant training for Executives & Management
- Managed Team that Participated in 's Tournaments Around Fiji15's Competition and reached Final for the 1st Time
- Managed team to seven's tournament in Fiji
- Tournament Director For Tournament in 2017

1st Light Sevens Achievement

- 2017 Cup Winner - Mana Whey Coral Coast International 's Fiji's Only International 7s
- 2017 Cup Winner - Nawaka 's Tournament
- 2017 Cup Winner - Taveuni Jezreel 7s Tournament
- 2018 Organised Team for Melbourne International 7s & Central Coast Sevens
- 2018 Cup Winner - Rugby Plus International 's Tournament -Levuka
- 2018 Cup Winner - Wairiki 's Taveuni
- 2019 Cup Winner - Radradra 's
- 2019 Organised Partnership between First Light Rugby and Rush Rugby Academy U-20 who played in the Radradra 7s Semi-Finals

Mau Rugby Club - Director 2014-2015

- Proper registration and Planned Team Strategic Plan 's & 15's
- Prepared Organisation & Structure and provided relevant training for Executives & Management
- Participated in 15's Competition and reached Final for the 1st Time

Momi Rugby Club - Director 2005-2006

- Proper registration and Planned Team Strategic Short Term 7's & 15's
- Prepared Organisation & Structure and provided relevant training for Executives & Management
- Reached 3 Final's for the 1st Time
- Qualified to Seniors in 1 Year in Nadi Rugby Competition

Fiji Secondary Schools Rugby

1986 – National Secondary School XV Squad

1987 – Fiji Secondary Schools XV Under 18 Team Winner (QVS)

1986 – Fiji Secondary Schools XV Under 17 Team Winner(QVS)

1985 – Fiji Secondary Schools XV Under 15 Team Winner(QVS)

1984– Fiji Secondary Schools XV Under 14 Team Winner(QVS)

Computer Use Proficiency

Proficient with the use of the following packages :

1. Ms Word/Ms Excel/Ms Publisher/ Ms PowerPoint/ Ms Access
2. Internet / E-Mail Facility

Professional & Work Referees

1. **Shannon Gooley**
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Recommendations - Can be verified on Linked In Page



Kelera Cavuiliati-Tourism Investment Specialist South Pacific Tourism Org.

I have had the opportunity to work with Sakiasi in various development projects, when he was a development consultant facilitating a project on behalf of overseas based clients. He has a particular ability to listen to individuals, to attend to project goals, and to weave these elements together into a working partnership that demonstrates relevant outcomes to the communities and people involved. His work connecting community-based groups, government officials, and reputable persons in society through the projects he handled, has led to long term and systemic change. I have no hesitation in recommending Sakiasi to any development project in Fiji that may require a local consultant who not only has the technical skills, ability, knowledge and network but the people skills to carry out any task required.

John McLuckie-Director at Everything Infrastructure,Australia

Saki helped us negotiate a great outcome in some difficult circumstances, bridging both cultural and language barriers. On top of that he was great to work with, being very passionate about his work and also compassionate in dealing with people. I highly recommend him

David Turik - Director; Australian Capital Services, Cricket 4 Life, Capital Services International, SYNRGii, SCPE

I have had the pleasure of working with Sakiasi on a number of projects over many years and have consistently found him to be very thorough and diligent, displaying sound judgement and business acumen. Saki is very friendly, experienced and highly trustworthy.

Pacific Growers Export Partnership- Team Leader,Fiji

Andreas B Lombardozi-Founder. African Pacific, Trade Advisor

Sakiasi and myself have been working together for over the past 4 years on building a regional, open source business network across the Pacific. The Pacific Growers Export Partnership is most probably the largest informal growers representation in the Pacific with over 15 000 participants.

Sakiasi has been building the PGEP in Fiji as well as being committed to all other regional partners across the Pacific. He has achieved to bring together the cocoa growers of Fiji to recommence exports of Fiji Koko to show a practical example of grower empowerment through open and transparent trade facilitation.

Sakiasi and myself have also developed a strong friendship and deeper commitment to respective vision of making this world a better place, based on the principles of ethical, sustainable and fair. I would recommend anyone who may have to opportunity to work with him, to do so for their own learning experience.

Andreas B Lombardozi

Founder. African Pacific, Trade Advisor

I have had the privilege to work with Sakiasi as a co founder of the Pacific Growers Export Partnership. Sakiasi is an inspirational champion for landowners and the youth in Fiji and is an outstanding ambassador for Fiji whenever we have traveled together to bring our mutual vision of an alternative, transparent and sustainable trading platform for growers in the Pacific Region.

He is understanding of all aspects of the region, articulate in communicating and presenting the stories of his people in his passion for social change and improved livelihoods for growers in Fiji.

I look forward to continue to share my love, work and gratitude for the Pacific with him as we continue to work towards making this world a better place

Herman uit de Bosch-Director at FairMatch Support, Sustainable Trade, Innovation

I have worked with sakiasi now for 3 years in a row within the Pacific Growers Export partnership. He is seriously great in complex settings and knows how to manage problems and find solutions.

January 9, 2011, Herman worked directly with Sakiasi at Pacific Growers Export Partnership

Brendan Hoare -Founding Director at Organic Systems Ltd

As a programme co-ordinator for the Pacific Growers Export Partnership I have found Saki to demonstrate a strong passion and commitment to the prosperity of Fiji and the communities he works with. He is equally capable as a team leader and demonstrates the necessary qualities for this leadership role. A great man to have in your team. March 25, 2010, Brendan worked directly with Sakiasi at Pacific Growers Export Partnership

Ties Kroezen -Venture Manager at Philips

I worked with Saki in the set-up of the Pacific Growers Export Partnership. Saki is a dedicated professional with a passion for the development of the Pacific Islands. He is a pleasant person to work with. March 25, 2010, Ties was with another company when working with Sakiasi at Pacific Growers Export Partnership

Craig Ingram-Director at BRIC Consulting Group Pty Ltd

Saki was always professional whilst dealing with any customers, Fijian locals and overseas investors. Saki showed a thorough knowledge of the laws and regulations of the Fijian culture and was very helpful with ensuring our project kept to our timelines and within our scope set.

I have always found Saki to be an professional, honest, polite and very helpful individual. His work cannot be faulted and his dedication to his tasks was second to none. August 21, 2010, Craig was Sakiasi's client