

Fiji Memory of the World Committee

Annual Report for 2013.

The Fiji MOW Committee members for 2013 are as follows:

Full Board Committee Members

Mr. Setareki Tale	-	Deputy Secretary for Ministry of Rural and Maritime Development
Mr. Amani Cirikisuva	-	SG. Fiji National Commission for UNESCO.
Ratu Sela Rayawa	-	Fiji Museum
Adi. Meretui Ratunabuabua	-	UNESCO Pacific Culture Hub
Mr. James Bentley	-	Fiji National Commission for UNESCO.
Ms. Sin Joan Yee	-	University of the South Pacific Library
Dr Robert Nicole	-	University of the South Pacific
Mr. Opeta Alefaio	-	National Archives
Mr. Timoci Balenaivalu	-	National Archives
Mrs. Merewalesi Vueti	-	Fiji Library Services

Executive Committee Members

Mr. Setareki Tale (Chairperson)
Mr. James Bentley (Vice – Chairperson)
Ms. Sin Joan Yee (Treasurer)
Adi. Meretui Ratunabuabua (Secretary)

1. Fiji Memory of the World Board Meetings.

2013 brought many changes to various government structures/personnel which have had an adverse effect on FijiMOWC. This has been further exacerbated by international developments which have hindered UNESCO funding. As a result FijiMOWC have had to make some adjustments to bring the secretariat function wholly within the Department of the National Archives of Fiji. This should provide a more sustained approach as the secretariat will now have a sustainable funding level for personnel.

The afore mentioned hindrances prevented FijiMOWC from holding meetings, but it has been reconvened with a solid schedule of documents to be assessed for inscription on the national register, and other activities.

3. Family Tree Curriculum Unit – Production of a Family Tree Teachers’ Guide and Student Workbook

The Ministry of Education have authored and piloted an educational module designed to draw children to historical records and explore notions of identity as part of its societal cohesion portion of the school curriculum. So far there have been positive results and they are working to incorporate it fully into the national school curriculum. The development and printing of these materials has been driven by Fiji MOWC.

4. Inscriptions

A host of historical records have been earmarked for assessment and likely inscription on to the National Register. It is possible that the first of these will be forwarded with the Fiji Deed of Cession (already on the national register) to be considered for the Regional and then potentially the World register.

- Fiji Independence Order
- Rotuma Deed of Cession
- Methodist Records
- Anglican Records
- Colonial Secretaries Office
- Cakobau Papers

6. Public Awareness Exhibitions

Memory of the World public awareness materials have been taken around the country, with an emphasis on remote rural communities in order to build appreciation for national heritage documents and the MOW programme. For 2013, 12 such outreach opportunities were realized.



Awareness of historical records for rural school children of Nadarivatu



Providing archival services to rural communities

Fiji Memory of the World – Chairman.

Mr.Setareki Tale.