

Nai Rogo Mai



Future Forests Fiji General Manager Masum Buksh, NJV Country Manager Greg Morris, and the Permanent Secretary for Fisheries and Forests Inoke Wainiqolo at the opening of the Namosi Nursery

New nursery for Namosi

The Namosi Nursery was launched on 29 August, 2013 by the Permanent Secretary for Fisheries and Forests Inoke Wainiqolo.

The launch was marked by a traditional yaqona ceremony at the Namosi village hall before Mr Wainiqolo unveiled the signboard and officially opened the nursery gate.

Mr Wainiqolo said the newly established nursery was the result of strengthened partnership between Government, Namosi Joint Venture (NJV), Future Forests Fiji and the Namosi and Waidina communities.

“The establishment of the Namosi nursery is a substantial investment for NJV which will support the ongoing rehabilitation works carried out by the company. Native plant seedlings grown in these nurseries will be purchased by NJV to maintain its rehabilitation program,” Mr Wainiqolo said.

He also thanked the Tikina Namosi communities and Tikina Namosi Landowners Committee (TNLC) for their commitment to the project and the collective effort they have put in.

“The project will see more trees being planted and create greater awareness of harnessing native species. The nursery will help bridge the gap between the younger generation and community elders on their native forestry resources,” the Permanent Secretary highlighted.

While NJV has sponsored the Namosi nursery, it will be solely managed by the communities.

“This will build capacity for business management and create greater awareness for potential business opportunities within the community,” Mr Wainiqolo said.

NJV invested about \$40,000 towards the Namosi nursery.

Mr Wainiqolo also thanked Future Forests Fiji for sharing their expertise and providing capacity building training to the villagers on managing and sustaining the nursery.

NJV Country Manager Greg Morris said the company looks forward to building on the partnership with the landowners and Future Forests Fiji – a partnership that is mutually beneficial to all.

Building on partnerships

by NJV Country Manager, Greg Morris

The project continues.

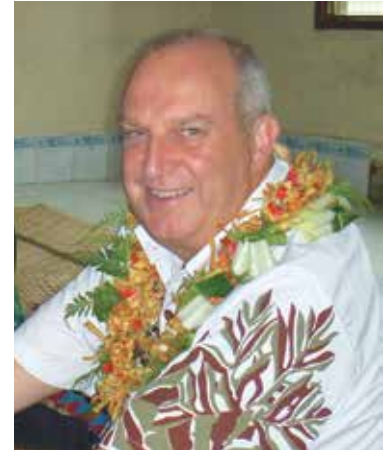
Exploration drilling in the Waivaka Corridor continues with one rig operating.

The rehabilitation program is in its final stages. A recent review with MRD and TNLC identified some things we can improve on, mainly planting of more mature seedlings. This is an example of where working cooperatively together can lead to better outcomes. Another significant milestone was the opening of the Namosi nursery which together with the Naitavuni nursery will be able to provide plants for both our future rehabilitation needs and other business and community programs.

We are continuing on with our environmental baseline studies focusing in on the Namosi Road Corridor and the site of a

proposed Bulk Handling Facility. These studies will be part of the environmental impact assessment which we are preparing to submit to the Government next year. The EIA will help the Government decide on whether a mine can proceed or not. You should remember that the SPL allows us to undertake exploration and project related activity but not mining. NJV will need to apply for a mining lease should NJV wish to proceed. You will be kept fully informed of our progress.

Some of NJV's community assistance programs are highlighted in this newsletter and I wish to thank those who participated and for the great government and community support for these initiatives. Through this cooperation we can help build a better community.



I would like to thank Negishi and Sophia for their contributions to the project and wish them every success in their future work.

If you have any questions on the project please feel to contact our Community Relations Officers or myself.

Vinaka
Greg



Greg with women of Yavusa Naitavuni at a community engagement event

Nasirotu water project in purification phase

The Nasirotu village water project – which NJV has contributed \$20,000 towards – is on track and is expected to be officially opened soon.

52 houses in the village have been installed with piped water systems, or have had their down pipes and showers repaired. This is more than the 48 initially approved in the budget and the project survey.

At a recent meeting with villagers and NJV, the Water Authority of Fiji also confirmed that the newly constructed village water tank is functioning well.

The next phase is to add a water purification plant within the process to ensure that the communities consistently receive clean water.

The Water Authority of Fiji will carry out a costing on this and inform the village.

The project is another initiative that highlights the successful partnerships between the communities, NJV and Government to improve the standard of living.



Turaga ni Yavusa for Nasirotu village, Ratu Lasaro Sakuwai turning on a new tap and shower in the village

\$100,000 for Semester 2 Assistance



Eseta Naikaukacagi (Foundation Social Science, USP), Aminio Mataika Navanikoso (Geography/Earth Science USP), and Selina Nariva (Foundation Social Science, USP) are supported by NJV's education assistance programme

Applications for NJV's education assistance programme for Semester 2, 2013 were processed in August with over 80 students from Namosi and Tikina Waidina having their tuition fees for tertiary studies paid.

The total value of assistance for semester 2 stands at \$100,000 in addition to \$130,000 paid out for assistance in Semester 1, 2013.

"We are pleased that many of the students that were assisted in Semester 1 passed their exams, and are now being assisted again to continue their studies into Semester 2," said NJV Country Manager Greg Morris.

Mr Morris reiterated that support for education and training is a central value for the company.

"We have worked closely with educators, the Tikina Namosi Landowners Committee (TNLC) and other stakeholders to review the results, and strengthen the education assistance programme to ensure funds are used effectively."

"A good education creates future opportunities for the recipients and these benefits will flow through to the communities. NJV strongly believes in the value of education and training, and the resources we put into this shows our

commitment to community support and development in the areas we operate in," Mr Morris said.

Over the last 4 years NJV has spent over \$800,000 on its Education Assistance Programme.

The Education Assistance Programme guidelines are on the website www.njv.com.fj

Moce Negishi

NJV farewelled geologist Yoshimitsu Negishi in September.

Negishi was seconded to the NJV by joint venture partners Mitsubishi Materials Corporation of Japan.

He has been a familiar site at both Waisoi and Wainikatama camps and field sites over the last three years and remembered for his friendly and pleasant personality, and good sense of humour.

Before leaving Negishi presented



Negishi presenting a gift to the Narukunibua village PTA earlier this year

his iTatau (farewell ceremony) to the elders of Namosi village and Nasevou village.

The headmen of both villages gave Negishi their blessings for



Negishi at the home of the Liuliu ni Koro (village head) of Namosi village after presenting his iTatau

his journey and thanked him for his contribution to the project.

Negishi was then chief guest at the closing ceremony of the 2 Stroke

Engine Training at Nasevou village and given the honour to present the certificates to the 34 participants.

In June this year he was the chief guest at the Narukunibua village Parents and Teachers Association fundraising drive for St Peters Primary School – where he presented a financial contribution on behalf of NJV staff.

Before leaving for Japan - Negishi thanked fellow employees and the communities for their warm hospitality during his stay.

Moce Sophia

NJV farewelled Environment Officer Sophia Narain in early October.

Sophia who is well-known and loved for her bubbly and pleasant personality as well as solid work ethic – leaves NJV to join her husband in Australia.

NJV Country Manager Greg Morris praised Sophia for maintaining good relationships with the communities and for her environment efforts in the field.

In her farewell message – Sophia said she has thoroughly enjoyed working with the company and building genuine friendships with fellow employees and people in the communities.

“Thank you all for your continuous support and assistance during my employment as Environment Officer. In the three years that I have spent with the NJV, I have learnt so much, not just professionally but also on a personal front. Through the great times and the not so great times, we have all worked together as a

team and I have appreciated this aspect of working with you all,” Sophia said.

“Thank you all once again for being my family away from home.”



Sophia in the Waidina river

Biau is Employee of the Quarter

Vitorolina Biau Drau has been awarded Employee of the Quarter for the period July – September 2013.

Biau as she is most commonly known – received her award from Country Manager Greg Morris.

Site Superintendent Ben Hastings praised Biau's commitment to her work and her colleagues.

"Biau is well qualified in receiving this award due to her consistent demonstration of the values, particularly around working together and high performance. Biau is often observed pitching in for all manner of tasks such as making up beds and baking fantastic cakes. Her contribution is much appreciated by all camp residents," said Ben.

Administration Manager Daphne Fong also congratulated Biau.

"Biau has been a loyal, hard working, honest and dedicated employee. She started as a kitchen hand and is now a supervisor. She puts a lot of thought and



Biau with her award at Wainikatama Camp

effort into her work, welcomes constructive criticism and talks openly about matters even when not agreeing or not understanding. I know a lot of the women at camp look up to her for moral support," said Daphne.

"She also lives and works by all Newcrest values."

Biau who is from Waivaka village started work with NJV in 2008.

NJV support for Namosi Secondary School fundraising



Administration manager Daphne Fong presenting NJV's contribution to school vice chairman Sipiriano Nagata (left) and the school principal Filomena Bulivakarua (right)

NJV contributed \$5,000 towards the Namosi Secondary School fundraising bazaar in September.

The school had a target to raise \$20,000 for general school operations.

School Principal Filomena Bulivakarua thanked the NJV for the contribution – noting that the company has been a strong supporter of the school.

NJV has also bought the Namosi Secondary School a new photocopier, provided fuel for the school generator, helped in building the school's fish pond, and last year provided a laptop computer for the school's dux prize.

Small engine training at Waidina

A 2-stroke engine training supported by NJV was conducted over five days from 2-6 September at Nasevou village, Waidina. The training was facilitated by the Centre for Appropriate Technology (CATD) in Nadave.

34 villagers, mainly youth, participated in the training which encompassed basic awareness and understanding of small machine operations.

Participants were taught the various parts of the machinery, maintenance of a machine and overall care of machines.

The idea for the training came about after NJV community relations officers undertook community visits to Tikina Waidina and exchanged ideas on relevant and appropriate training for village youth.

The head of the Yavusa Naitavuni Ratu Leone thanked NJV for funding the program, the CATD for facilitating the training, the participants for coming in large numbers, and the women for their support and hard work.

“This training from the experts will help us service and maintain our small engines within the district,” Ratu Leone said.



Participants at the Nasevou 2-stroke engine training



Greg presenting the first nursery payment to Naitavuni Nursery chairman Pio Kelekeleivalu.

Naitavuni nursery receives first payment

A proud moment for NJV and Yavusa Naitavuni as Country Manager Greg Morris presented a cheque of \$1,000 to the chairman of the Naitavuni Nursery, Pio Kelekeleivalu for the payment of 400 native plant species.

The payment on 8 September

was for the first batch of native plants – mainly Vesi – that was procured by NJV.

The Naitavuni nursery was launched in May this year, while the Namosi nursery was launched in August. The nurseries are solely managed by the communities.

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