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Official Newsletter



Message from the Grand Bilobar

Dear Bilobar Members,

I would like to extend warm greetings from Fiji, your home away from home at Shangri-La's Fijian Resort & Spa.

2020 started a such a promising year with Resort renovations completed, new dining and bar concepts in place and receiving positive feedback (tasting great!) and encouraging forward bookings. Then... interruptions from a global pandemic followed by a raging Cyclone Harold for good measure.

However, over this time of hardship there has been many positive activities and stories in 2020 as well. The food and cash support programmes (with provision from Bilobar members) for Fijian Resort colleagues being two positive stories. Both of these programmes have greatly assisted colleague's transition into a 2020 without international guests, guests that comprised 95% of all reservations in 2019.

Another positive story was the rallying of colleagues in restoring Yanuca Island post the damages wrought by Cyclone Harold in April. Over 100 trees were toppled during the cyclone along with general damage to much of the Resort infrastructure. Colleagues were on hand offering support in tidying up and before too long Yanuca Island began to again resemble the island we know and love.

The spirit and comradery on display was wonderful and I am sure has helped us get through this difficult time and will carry us through into better times.

At the time of writing our borders remain closed and we are doing all we can with the local market to keep colleagues rostered and engaged. There is much behind the scenes activity as we ready ourselves to welcome back international guests and our esteemed Bilobar Club members to Fiji and your Fijian home.

We are all looking forward to meeting with you again soon and to share Fijian service from the heart, with a big "Bula" smile.

Stay safe until we next meet and thank you again for your support.

Loloma levu and yours sincerely,

Francis Lee
Grand Bilobar Club
Shangri-La's Fijian Resort & Spa



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Message from the Imperial Bilo

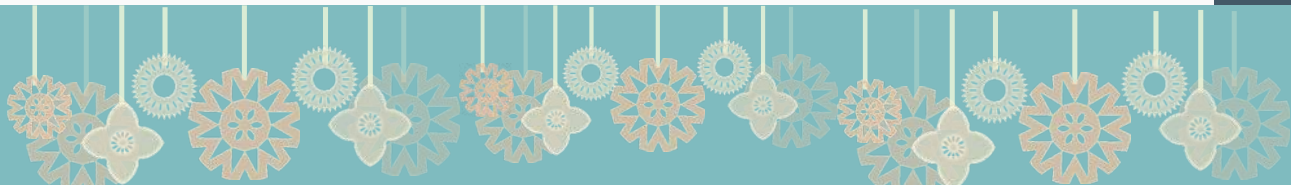
A Bula to all of our Bilo Bar and Davui members,

Firstly I would like to say it was very sad to lose Barry Hancock and he will be hard to replace as he put in a tremendous amount of work over nearly 40 years. I would like to thank Mike for putting a Eulogy together for Barry. Hopefully now 2020 is over we can all hold out some hope that we will be able to return to our second home at the Shangri-La's Fijian Resort & Spa at some stage this year.

Having not been back to Fiji since the 2019 reunion, there is not a lot of news to report on. We have been able to help support the staff from the resort with some payments alongside the resort handing out food hampers. We know a lot of the staff really appreciated our gesture.

It would be greatly appreciated if our members can continue to pay their yearly membership fees. Once again we hope to be able to see lots of members when the boarders reopen, please keep healthy and look after everyone in our extended families.

VINAKA
VAKALEVU
GRAEME HARVEY





BILO BAR MEMORIES

Let's take a walk down memory lane.



Jan 2020 Meet the Team cocktails



AUG 2019 Kava time at Meet the Team cocktails



AUG 2019 Rum tasting at Black Marlin Bar



2019 Boccee winner at reunion



2010 Meet the Team cocktails



2018 Bilobar club reunion



2009 Bilobar club reunion





BILO BAR MEMORIES



2018 Reunion- Smiles all around



2017 Reunion



May 2009 Reunion-Alfred (in red) with the kids



2018 Reunion- Visitation to the kindergarten





Obituary- In Loving Memory

The Passing of Imperial Bilo- Barry Hancock

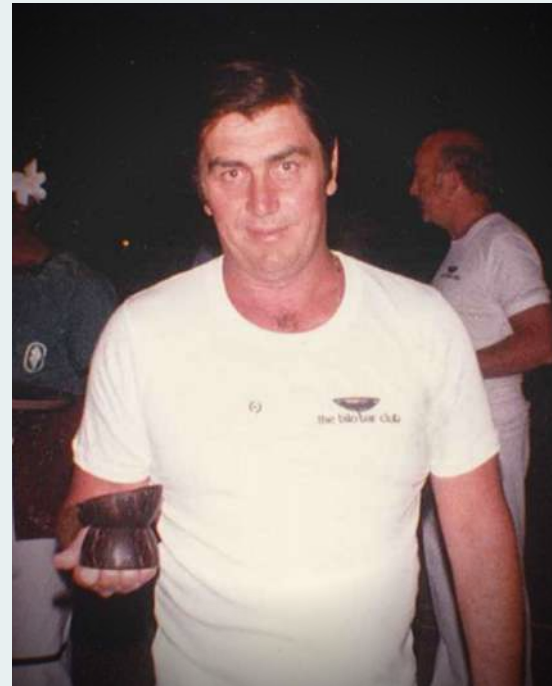
During this frustrating year of 2020 with Covid19 we have lost a tremendous worker for the Bilo Bar in our passing of our Imperial Bilo Barry Hancock who passed away in June 2020.

As you all know Barry was one of the original members when the Bilo Bar was formed way back in 1981 and since then Barry has been a very active worker for the Bilo Bar Club since the Club started a Trust Fund to raise funds for projects for the Fijian People who look after each and every one of us when we visit the Shangri-La Resort & Spa.

During Barry's time as a member of the Bilo Bar Trust Fund there have been numerous projects started and finished and just to mention a few like the building of a ward at the Sigatoka Hospital, a kindergarten at Cuvu , the running of five kindergartens and the continued maintenance of these kindergartens, the introduction of a Bilo Bar Scholarship scheme for Year 13 students where a boy and girl from each of the four local high schools receive a scholarship payment for the first four years of their University studies. As well as a couple of other projects undertaken with the Shangri-La's Fijian Resort & Spa as joint contributors, these being the fencing of the Sigatoka Sand Dunes and the building of a Dialysis Station in Cuvu.

The one thing going forward that the current Trustees of the Bilo Bar Trust Fund will miss, is Barry visiting Fiji on many occasions during the year and sometimes was on site during most of these projects during their construction and was able to keep a close eye on what was being done. Barry will be sadly missed by many members of the Bilo Bar Club and the many friends he has met over the years in Fiji. Thank you for everything you have done for the Bilo Bar Club since its inception 1981.

Rest in Peace



Ni Sa Moce Ratu Tevita

On 18th February, 2020 , one of the most iconic faces of our Shangri-La family, passed away.

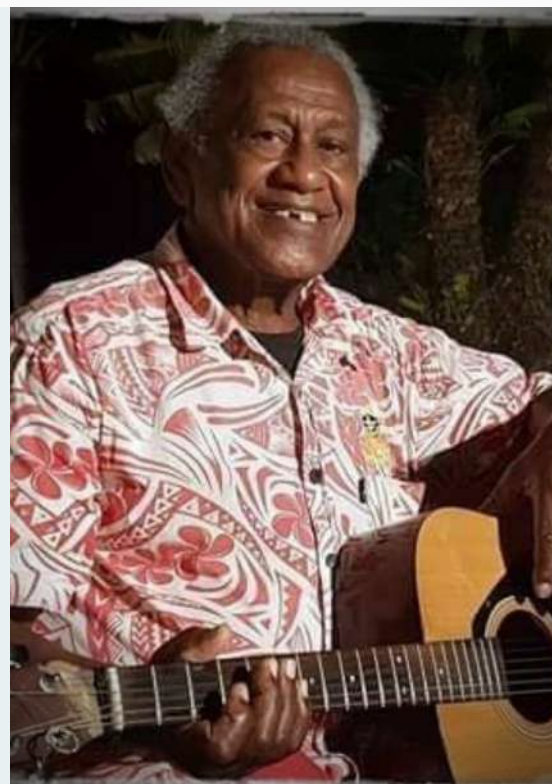
Ratu Tevita Makutu Vosailagi fondly known to the Bilo Bar members as 'David', was from the chiefly tribe of Nakuruvakarua , Cuvu Village.

Having lived with his family as a young boy on the island, David watched the resort come into being. He started as a waiter and then as an entertainer, entertaining the many children and adults alike over the years.

His humble nature and magnetic charm, would make any stranger feel like family upon the first meeting. Many would remember him on the Bilo Bar lawn, strumming his guitar and welcoming inductees with a bowl of kava to initiate the membership ' Low tide, high tide or rain drop?' he would query before the first bowl.

David is survived by his daughter.

He will be sadly missed. Ni sa Moce David from all your Bilo Bar friends and the Shangri-La family.





Financial Report

BILO BAR TRUST FUND YEARLY REPORT (1ST OCT 2019- 30 SEP 2020)

Balance B/F 1/10/2019 \$36,685.31

Receipts	Subscriptions	\$22,457.81
	Donations	\$8,455.74
	Melbourne Cup	\$11,185.00
	Coconut	\$951.05
	From T/D	\$49,985.00
	Riverside Fair	\$200.00
	Interest received	\$577.17

Total Receipts \$93,812.27

Payments	B/ Fees	\$67.00
	Prize money (Staff M/C)	\$1,000.00
	Scholarships	\$14,550.00
	Interest W/ H	\$57.76
	Kindy maintenance	\$1,200.00
	Staff assistance	\$74,150.00
	Other	\$345.00

Total Payments \$91,369.76

Balance carried forward \$39,127.82

Bank reconciliation statement 30/09/2020 \$39,127.82

TERM DEPOSITS

\$113,415.16 @ 2.85% Maturity Date 09/06/2021
 \$58,830.68 @ 2.85% Maturity Date 13/10/2020
 \$75, 103.00 @ 2.85% Maturity Date 17/05/ 2021

Payments for other
 \$345.00 Kindy Kids Transport

Sue Brett
Trustee/ Treasurer 27/10/2020





Annual Membership Fee

To be entitled for the Hotel benefits offered to our members, your fee is due on the 31st of July every year.



For payment by Telegraphic Transfers:

Bilo Bar Club bank details are provided below:

Bank Name: Westpac Bank (Sigatoka Branch)

Account Name: Bilo Bar Trust Fund

Account number: 0519183600

BSB Number: 039005

SWIFT Code: WPACJFX

For credit card payments please email your details to bilobar.fij@shangri-la.com or call +679 6520155 and speak to the Bilo Bar coordinator.



Bilo Bar contribution







On behalf of all our colleagues here on Yanuca Island, we would like to say a big VINAKA VAKALEVU for your assistance and contribution to the team during this pandemic. Here are some heartfelt thank you messages from the team and the Hakwa Foundation.



Tity SQ Weleilakeba is with Tracey Haddad and 27 others at Shangri-la's Fijian Resort & Spa.

Our sincere gratitude and vinaka goes out to Resort Management & The Bilo Bar club of the Shangri la Fijian resort & Spa for your continuous support and your generous contribution we have received today. We are so blessed to have friends and family whom still look out for us during this pandemic. Our prayers that God will continue to shower his blessings on you & your families and that we get to meet again in good health in the near future. Till that day, Sota Tale 🙏🙏🙏🙏

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 Leti Tuicakau
19 June · 🍷
I am wholeheartedly blessed to be a part of the Shangri-la family 🍷🍷
Vinaka vakalevu to the management team, HR and Bilo Bar Club 🍷🍷
#forevergratefulandblessed
#mysecondfamily
Covid 19 assistance: second batch 🍷🍷
— feeling blessed.



Sigatoka Totoka is with Wayne Quinzel.
2 July · 🍷
The sign says it...
Vinakwa Bilo Bar of Shangri La Fijian Resort for donating stationeries and clothes to the Hakwa Foundation. These donations will be distributed to families in our province, affected by Covid19, loss of income.



General Manager Mr Francis Lee with the distribution team.

