



# December 2023 Member Newsletter



**Mr. Francis Lee**  
Grand Bilo &  
General Manager

Dear Bilo Bar Club Members,

As we approach the end of another incredible year at Shangri-La Yanuca Island, Fiji, I find myself reflecting on the wonderful moments and memories we've shared as a family. It has been a year filled with laughter, camaraderie, and unmistakable warmth.

Throughout the year, we have hosted unforgettable events and continued to build on the traditions. I am proud to say that renovation works at the Golden Cowrie Coastal Italian Restaurant and Beach Bar & Grill have been completed and are now fully operational.

I want to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you. May this festive season bring you joy, peace, and an abundance of precious moments with your loved ones.

Looking ahead to the New Year, we are excited about the opportunities it holds for us as a family. On behalf of the entire resort team, I wish you and your loved ones a joyous festive season filled with love, laughter, and the warmth of cherished company. May the coming year be one of prosperity, good health, and continued togetherness.

Loloma Levu and yours sincerely,

Francis Lee  
Grand Bilo, Bilo Bar Club  
Shangri-La Yanuca Island, Fiji



**Mr. Andrew Neaves**  
Imperial Bilo

Bula Members!

It brings me immense joy and honour to serve as your Imperial Bilo. The rich history of this role inspires me to take strides toward shaping a future for our club that is even more successful, resilient, and united. I am eager to connect with as many of you as possible, so please feel free to reach out to me. Your trust in me means the world, and I am grateful for this incredible opportunity.

Our 2023 Reunion exceeded expectations despite some initial hesitations. The positive feedback from attending members was heartening. I extend heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to its success, raising over FJD 15,000 for the club and setting a high benchmark for our 2024 fundraising endeavours. If you have suggestions to enhance our events or want to share ideas for next year's celebrations, please don't hesitate to let us know.

During this year's AGM, we confirmed our five trustees who will play vital roles in guiding the club forward. Join me in extending a warm welcome to Ariane Simon, David Lennox, David Neaves, Chris Marshall, and Graeme Harvey. Together, we will meet quarterly to oversee the portfolios of Education, Health, Welfare, Sports, and Treasury, with each trustee taking on a specific responsibility for the year ahead.

I'm delighted to share that the resort has graciously offered our members fantastic room rates and packages for stays during and beyond our 2024 reunion dates. Your support in booking directly with the resort is invaluable, and we also appreciate the travel agents you collaborate with for providing additional great deals.

Once again, vinaka vaka levu for entrusting me with the role of Imperial Bilo. alongside your dedicated Trustees, we are committed to making a positive impact with the funds raised for our beloved club.

Vinaka vaka Levu, Andrew

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# Getting to know you...

LET'S GET TO KNOW A COUPLE OF OUR NEWEST TRUSTEES, WHO WERE RECENTLY ELECTED AT OUR 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING!



**Ariane Simon**  
Trustee

"I am so excited to be a trustee for the Bilo Bar Club. I have been an Early Childhood Teacher for the past 40 years and so it comes as no surprise that I am looking after the five Bilo Kindergartens. We are in an interesting space with the Kindergartens as the Ministry of Education pays the wages and outlines the curriculum that is to be taught, and we are looking after maintenance and supplies. Whilst at the reunion in November I went and visited the 5 kindergartens and as always was enchanted by the children but concerned by the physical aesthetic of the play spaces and classrooms as well as the lack of understanding that books, toys, and other resources are finite and need to be looked after.

I am thinking that firstly we, the Bilo Bar could arrange for cleaning, fresh paint, fixing broken furniture and fixtures, disposal of broken, unfixable equipment, books, etc. This would also go hand in hand with either some professional development for the teachers or me spending time at each Kindergarten working with the teachers and helping them to understand the importance of not only looking after the fixtures and fittings but also the benefit that having clean, tidy and in good repair equipment for the overall development and learning of the children. This project won't happen quickly as there will be a lot of groundwork to do first and then finding times that do not impact curriculum delivery at each of the Kindergartens. I am happy to chat to anyone who might be interested in being involved in such a project or who has other ideas.

Merry Christmas to you all."





**Chris Marshall**  
Trustee

"As a registered charity in Fiji we are bound by many responsibilities whilst maintaining our mission to support the local Fijian community. As a Trustee and as Treasurer it is an honour but also a responsibility to ensure management of and where our funds are allocated but we must get maximum impact.

I aim to reinforce and improve where possible the processes and controls of our cashflows and assist with assessing the financial worthiness and application of our funds. This will include due assessment of projects, forecasting and adequate budgeting to ensure our Club remains viable for future generations.

I will investigate to get Bilo Bar Club as a registered Charity in Australia to assist with annual membership collection and raise donations in Australia. Our members' generosity is not to be taken for granted and we owe it to the Members and donors to ensure it is governed strongly and allocated transparently."

**Joining Ariane and Chris is David Lennox; another new face to the Trustee team. David is a very familiar face amongst members and has strong ties to the local villages and community.**

**Graeme Harvey and David Neaves round out the team and are familiar faces amongst the club.**



# Financial Report

## BILO BAR TRUST FUND

### YEARLY AUDITED REPORT

1st October 2022 to 30th September 2023

	2023	2022
Balance of Funds 1/10/2022	306,282	284,362
<u>add INCOME</u>		
Subscriptions	34,167	28,495
Melbourne Cup	17,745	-
Donations	-	-
Coconut collections	5,202	629
Beer Wraps	-	-
Interest	3,698	5,331
Tax refund	-	-
<i>total receipts</i>	<u>60,812</u>	<u>34,455</u>
<u>less EXPENDITURE</u>		
Automated Defibrillator units	2,175	-
Bank Fees	79	110
Beer Wraps	-	-
Cancer Kids WOW	-	-
Banking shortage	18,503	-
Funeral benefit	200	-
Kindergarten transport pupils	-	-
Prize Money local horses	1,000	-
Repairs/Replacements kindergartens	20,786	-
Sand Dunes Fence Repair	23,500	-
Scholarships	10,500	12,375
School Supplies	274	-
Staff Assistance - fires	1,000	-
Travel	5,080	50
<i>Total Payments</i>	<u>83,097</u>	<u>12,535</u>
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Balance 30/09/2023	<u><u>283,997</u></u>	<u><u>306,282</u></u>
<b>Represented by</b>		
<u>Cash at Banks</u>		
Cheque Account	162,068	46,326
Internet Collection Account	2,998	1,127
Term Deposit BSP 80685273	-	118,671
Term Deposit BSP 9287494	62,948	61,558
Term Deposit BSP 36133445	79,483	78,599
<b>total banks</b>	<u>307,497</u>	<u>306,282</u>
<u>Payables</u>		
Fencing Contractor	- 23,500	-
<b>TOTAL net funds</b>	<u><u>283,997</u></u>	<u><u>306,282</u></u>

I have audited the above cash statement and found it to be in agreement with the records & rules of the entity, covering its receipts & payments for the year, and, of the assets as at year end. A separate audit report has been issued.



**DURING OUR RECENT REUNION BILO BAR CLUB MEMBERS BRAVED THE HUMIDITY AND BOARDED THE BUS FOR A TOUR OF SOME OF THE BILO BAR CLUBS MUCH LOVED PROJECTS.**

**On this trip, we visited Cuvu Kindergarten, Naevuevu Kindergarten, Sigatoka Hospital, and Sigatoka Sand Dunes National Park. The Bilobar Club committee sincerely thanks the teachers for welcoming us into their classrooms, Dr Amos and his team at Sigatoka Hospital as well as Mr. Setoki Tuiteci, Acting Chairman of National Trust of Fiji for their warm hospitality.**



# 2024 EXCLUSIVE ROOM RATES

THE BILO BAR CLUB IS PLEASED TO BE ABLE TO OFFER OUR MEMBERS TWO GREAT OPTIONS FOR ACCESSING DISCOUNTED ROOM RATES. THESE RATES ARE VALID FOR CURRENT FINANCIAL MEMBERS ONLY TO BOOK AND STAY.

## **30% OFF FLEXIBLE RATES.**

AVAILABLE TO BOOK YEAR-ROUND, THESE RATES ARE ONLY BOOKABLE VIA THE SHANGRI-LA WEBSITE; USING THE PROMO CODE; **BBM-B**. THIS CODE WILL GIVE YOU ACCESS TO ROOM RATES THAT ARE 30% CHEAPER THAN THE CURRENT ADVERTISED FLEXIBLE RATE, AS WELL AS A 10% DISCOUNT ON THE ALL-INCLUSIVE OPTIONAL ADD ON. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT FLEXIBLE IS JUST THAT, FLEXIBLE! THIS MEANS THAT IT CHANGES DAILY DEPENDING ON LEAD TIME, AVAILABILITY AND OCCUPANCY FACTORS.

## **REUNION PACKAGES.**

THE RESORT HAS CREATED AN ALL-INCLUSIVE PACKAGE FOR ALL ROOM TYPES, THAT IS ONLY AVAILABLE DURING REUNION PERIODS FOR STAYS OF MORE THAN FIVE NIGHTS. THESE PACKAGES CAN ONLY BE BOOKED BY CONTACTING THE RESORT VIA EMAIL OR TELEPHONE. BEING A STATIC PACKAGE, THESE PRICES DO NOT CHANGE AND THEREFOR ARE GARUANTEED NOT TO CHANGE. DETAILS OF THESE PACKAGES ARE ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.

## BILO BAR REUNION 2024 - ALL INCLUSIVE PACKAGE

Valid for Stays From: **22 April – 31 May 2024**  
**14 October – 30 November 2024**

ROOM CATEGORIES	Rate Per Night (Inclusive of 15% VAT)
Ocean Deluxe Twin/King	FJD 885.50
Ocean Terrace Twin/King	FJD 966.00
Ocean Grand Deluxe	FJD 1,023.50
Yanuca Lagoon Deluxe	FJD 1,023.50
Yanuca Lagoon Terrace	FJD 1,081.00
Yanuca Lagoon Grand Deluxe	FJD 1,138.50
Yanuca Lagoon Suite	FJD 1,253.50
Yanuca Lagoon One Bedroom Bure (Villa)	FJD 1,598.50
Yanuca Lagoon Two Bedroom Bure (Villa)	FJD 1,828.50
Reef Deluxe King/Twin (Adults Only)	FJD 1,138.50
Reef Grand Deluxe (Adults Only)	FJD 1,253.50
Reef Suite (Adults Only)	FJD 1,368.50
Reef Bure (Adults Only)	FJD 1,598.50

### Offer Inclusions:

Daily Buffet Breakfast for 2 adults & 2 children (11 years & under)  
Full Board (Lunch & Dinner \*)  
Beverage Package from 12pm – 10pm daily  
Wi-Fi in rooms and public areas  
2 x kids 11 years & under stay, play and eat for free when dining with a paying adult.  
Access to the Resort's non-motorized water activities  
Access to the Resort's children's club, The Cool Zone  
Access to the Resort's Waterpark

### Terms & Conditions:

- Rates are inclusive of 15% VAT (Value Added Tax)
- 5-nights minimum stay requirement
- Extra Person All Inclusive Charges apply – FJD 432.40 inclusive of 15% tax per person/per night
- \*All restaurants are included in the Full Board program.  
Credits, to the equivalent value of FJD 150.65 inclusive of tax in local currency will be applied to restaurants outside of the Lagoon Terrace including theme nights / shows at the Marau Village. Full Board cannot be used in the Kapiti Ice Cream and New Zealand Natural Ice Cream outlets, Tappoo's Talei Shop.

### Beverage Package Details:

#### Valid:

From 1200hrs – 2200hrs at all outlets (excluding Black Marlin, Marau Village & In-Room Dining)

#### Includes:

Beers (Local & International, Bottle or On Tap), Wine by the Glass, Selected Cocktails, Standard Spirits, Soft Drinks, Juices and Bottled Water, one (1) soft drink or juice is included for up to two (2) children under 12 years per room when dining with parents.

For more information or reservations:  
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[www.shangri-la.com](http://www.shangri-la.com)



# INDUCTION CEREMONIES

WELCOME TO THE CLUB! IT'S GREAT TO SEE SO MANY NEW MEMBERS BEING INDUCTED EACH WEEK!



In 1986, fresh-faced and full of dreams, Sakiusa took his first steps into the world of hospitality as a dining room waiter at Shangri-La Yanuca Island, Fiji.

His dedication did not go unnoticed, and the management soon recognised his potential. Promotions came one after another, and Sakiusa climbed the ranks with grace and humility. The turning point in Sakiusa's career occurred when he was appointed as the Assistant Banquet Manager.

The role brought new challenges and responsibilities, but Sakiusa faced them with the same passion that had defined his early days. He is now the Outlet Manager. Sakiusa celebrated his 35th anniversary last month.

Vinaka Saki for your contribution and years of service.



**CELEBRATING 35  
YEARS OF SERVICE!**

## SU HAS CALLED LAST DRINKS!



Sureti Malua, a stalwart employee of Shangri-La Yanuca Island, Fiji, has recently announced her well-deserved retirement after an impressive career spanning an incredible 35 years. Su's story with the resort began in 1989 when she took on the role of a temporary staff member, serving as a dining room waitress. Over the years, Su became a familiar face behind the bar, earning the respect and admiration of colleagues and patrons alike. Her friendly demeanor, exceptional service, and attention to detail contributed significantly to the overall ambiance and guest experience at Shangri-La Yanuca Island, Fiji. Vinaka Su. We wish you well on your retirement.

# 2023 REUNION HIGHLIGHTS

WE HAD A GREAT TIME CELEBRATING AND RAISING FUNDS AT OUR LATEST REUNION! ARE YOU BOOKED FOR NEXT YEAR YET?



# MEMBERSHIP FREE!

**As a fully paid member you can take advantage of the great Bilo Bar Club members-only Room Rates and Inclusions;**

- Exclusive Bilo Bar Club member accommodation rates
- Daily breakfast for 2 adults and 2 kids under 12 years of age
- Weekly cocktail party invitation
- Bottle of wine upon arrival & fruit basket
- 3.00 pm late check-out on the day of departure (subject to availability)
- Free golf green fees (prior booking essential)
- 10% F&B discount (excluding concessionaire charges)
- 10% discount on Chi Spa treatments

Membership is only available to those who meet the following criteria:

- a) persons aged over 18 years of age, &
- b) have holidayed at the resort on more than three occasions (or such other number as the Management Committee shall decide), &
- c) has been duly invited by the Grand Bilo or Imperial Bilo to become a member

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

PAY ONLINE



Phone +679 6520155  
and speak to the Bilo  
Bar Club coordinator



Westpac Bank (Sigatoka Branch)  
Account Name: Bilo Bar Trust Fund  
Account number: 0519183600  
BSB Number: 039005  
SWIFT Code: WPACFJFX

# Coming Soon



- Sigatoka Hospital Project
- Back to School Assistance
- Kindergarten Grounds Maintenance

