



Commander Kean with Rewa Committee Chairman (left) Ro Donal Takalaiyale and Namosi Care Committee Ratu Romanu Matanibotua after the signing.

'RECIDIVISM' - All Time Low

Namosi & Rewa onboard

The Commissioner of Corrections Commander Francis Kean at a press conference in early August made two special announcements. "We are here this morning to enlighten you on a milestone achievement for Fiji Corrections Service rehabilitation efforts plus signing of MOUs with two provinces of Rewa and Namosi. The latter again reinforcing and strongly supporting the rehabilitation efforts of FCS," Commander Kean said.

Commander Kean revealed the reduction in recidivism rate for the year ending 31 July 2018 as at 1.5% which is equivalent to 27 persons compared to the last reporting period which was 4.78% an equal of 72 persons. This 1.5% is the lowest recidivism rate over the past ten years," he said. This achievement is a collective effort of all stakeholders and we extend our highest appreciation to religious organisations, rehabilitation program providers, volunteers, the vanua, the community, private and public sector, non government organisations that work with FCS, Government, family, friends plus the Officers, men and women of the FCS.

"Similarly, we would like to commend those that have been discharged from our care and taken onboard the key messages of rehabilitation that has been imparted to them and charting a new course in life."

"It is imperative that we continue to work together as a team of many teams to reduce this statistic to zero. This calls for a whole of nation

effort and we at FCS together with our current stakeholders plead to all who can make a difference in the lives of those incarcerated, to join us in our mission of restoring lives." In 2017, the FCS reviewed and changed its strategy of Incare to Throughcare. This strategy of Throughcare means taking the delivery of rehabilitation to the doorsteps of all prisoners whilst they are incarcerated and also when they are discharged. Previously under the Incare strategy, all rehabilitation efforts ended at the correction centre gates.

"The Throughcare Strategy requires commitment and sacrifice from FCS personnel and I wish to commend the diligent efforts all my Officers, men and women. This Throughcare strategy works in tandem with the establishment of Care Networks in our 14 provinces. Today we witnessed the signing of MOU's with the province of Namosi and Rewa," Commander Kean added.

The FCS was already in the process of engagement with other provinces and looked forward to partnering with them in this new financial year. Rewa Care Committee Chairman Dona Takalaiyale said the milestone event was a reflection of the hard work conducted by the FCS. "We are happy that this has been formalized today as this was an undertaking we had promised to take on way back in 2010. We now take ownership concerning inmates from Rewa, and work will begin 12-months from when they will be released as we try to set up the conditions at his home and community before they are released.

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'Commissioner's Jackspeak'

Leaders Think Big

Strategic Statement

Vision:

To effectively rehabilitate all inmates that they will become law abiding citizens, who contribute positively to our country, Fiji.

Mission:

To positively restore lives

Values:

Family, Integrity, Loyalty, Honesty, Empathy, Leadership

Motto:

Semper Restituens
- Always Rehabilitation

Core Business

Security:

Security Service includes a well-defined and organized corrections safety measures for inmates and safe keeping from the community. The security of Corrections Institutions encompasses several essential components including appropriately designed physical infrastructure, relevant modern technology and an efficient and effective manning standard.

Safety:

The Fiji Corrections Service ensures proper management and treatment of those under its care. These include the recognition of inmates' personal needs and affection, the protection of their human dignity and rights, and the provision of nutritional health and hygiene services.

Through Care:

FCS has transformed its focus from containment to effective rehabilitation of inmates. This involves the development of a holistic rehabilitation framework that ensures realistic change in the lives of inmates to ensure their successful re-integration into society.

Consistency is the Key



**Reverend
Josefa Tikonatabua**

RATCHET UP YOUR PASSION

What makes it possible for people who might seem ordinary to achieve great things? The answer is Passion. Nothing can take place of passion in a leader's life. Take a look at four truths about passion and what it can do for you as a leader:

1. **Passion Is the First Step to Achievement:** Your desire determines your destiny. Anyone who lives beyond an ordinary life has great desire. It's true in any field: weak desire brings weak results, just as a small fire creates little heat. The stronger your fire, the greater the desire-and the greater the potential.

2. **Passion Increases Your Willpower:** There is no substitute for passion, it is fuel for the will. If you want anything badly enough, you can find the willpower to achieve it. The only way to have that kind of desire is to develop passion.

3. **Passion Changes You:** If you follow your passion instead of others' perceptions-you can't help becoming a more dedicated, productive person. And that increases your ability to impact others. In the end, your passion will have more influence than your personality.

4. **Passion Makes the Impossible Possible:** Human beings are so made that whenever anything fires the soul, impossibilities vanish. A fire in the heart lifts everything in your life. That's why passionate leaders are so effective. A leader with great passion and few skills always outperforms a leader with great skills and no passion.

Find or rekindle your passion today to increase your intensity for success.

May God Bless You All



**Jone
Kalouniviti**

The effectiveness of all the work conducted in the Fiji Corrections Service (FCS) can be measured by the rate of recidivism or rate of re-offending.

In the lead up to the second quarter of 2018, it is quite pleasing to note that the fruits of our hard labor within and beyond the walls of the FCS is beginning to bear fruit.

The statistics for the recidivism rate was 1.50% for the 2017-2018 financial year as compared to the 2016-2017 financial year rate of 4.78 %.

The work of rehabilitation officers though a noble one is not easy. It requires a lot of heart and is a great battle of faith to always go the extra mile to see the potential good beneath all the dirt, malice, discontent and the misunderstood.

The collaborative efforts with program providers, NGOs, Government and special community groups has enabled the FCS to slowly break barriers which

Editor's Note

for years have produced a second prison for those who are released back into society.

This today remains the greatest challenge for the FCS.

The second quarter of 2018 also focused very much on capacity building within the walls of the FCS.

Training continues to be a hallmark of the current leadership in order to meet the demands of the work the FCS carries out.

The types of training programs brought into the FCS this year were very much specific and targeted towards improving how Custodial officers carry out their operational and administrative takings daily.

For instance, graduating after a 6-week intensive course were 28 medical orderlies to operate in the 15 institutions who were also equipped with skills to work on the injured on a rugby field if needed.

A knowledgeable officer will conduct his or her work as a rehabilitation officer with more confidence and more conviction. All great leaders went through rigorous training and education regimes.

Also running concurrently were other promotional courses for the Correc-

tions Officers Class C (COC) whilst those in positions of leadership were also put through a vigorous 9-week course to prepare them well for their roles as leaders in their institutions.

The education of the Fiji Corrections Force personnel has become a major activity within the organization in trying to achieve goals in line with the Commissioner's Intent.

In this issue we bring to you the many activities held in the last quarter, and also just an insight into the work conducted with inmates.

Also we farewelled one of the most experienced, respected and decorated officers from the service. On 25 May, Deputy Commissioner Joe Kulinidilo after serving 38 years with FCS, officially retired from the service.

He entered the service as a 19 year old in May 1980. His parting comment to everyone was, "Without discipline, there was no purpose in life." As discipline breeds loyalty, respect and obedience - qualities which will take you far in the service of others.

We wish him and his family all the best and thank them for his tireless service to the organization.

Vinaka.

A Life of discipline and honour

Without discipline there is no purpose in life at all said the outgoing Deputy Commissioner of Corrections Joe Kulinidilo at his farewell ceremony in Naboro on May 25th, 2018.

A veteran of 38-working years in the Service, SSP Kulinidilo said that was the only thing that helped him achieve his goals while working as a Corrections Officer.

"I never thought that one day I would be holding this position," he said in his farewell speech.

"But looking back all I can recall is that I was always disciplined and always listened to instructions even if I liked it or not.

"I entered this profession as a very young man fresh out of high school and it has set me up for life because all I did was I listened to instructions and was loyal to whoever was in charge."

"This I believe was only possible because I was disciplined enough to take on the tasks without complaints or giving up."

Commissioner of Corrections Commander Francis Kean said it was a very hard day for him to bid farewell someone who has served the FCS honorably. "This is a hard day for me because we have to say farewell to someone who in my mind is



Mr. Kulinidilo receiving his farewell gift from Commander Kean.

the way a Corrections Officer and Leader should be like," said Commander Kean.

"If I was to describe Mr Kulinidilo, I would say he is a very honorable man, an honorable officer and it is a quality that is

ing and performance of the organization through the Strategic Framework for Change and Coordinating office.

He also had overall oversight for the Commercial Operation of the Trade and Manufacturing Accounts (TMA).

Previous appointments include Assistant Commissioner Operations. He was also Officer in Charge of Emergency Control Unit for a long time (a specialized branch of the FCS.)

"All I can leave with you today is the advice on disciplining yourself and loyalty to the chair of the Commissioner no matter who is Commissioner of the day is.

"These things will take you far in life."



Mr Kulinidilo receives a gift from the NZ Air Force for helping repatriate bodies of former NZ Air Force pilots who died in Fiji during World War 2.



Mr Kulinidilo with Northern Division captain COC Vulaqoro, the inter-unit soccer champions for 2018.

The values of Rehabilitation



Barely a year after he was given land to make a new life, Jekope Vukivou is already building a new home with his wife and already earning from his crops

THE value of rehabilitation to offenders is its' significant impact to the communities where they belong or are released back into. This is why the work of a Fiji Corrections Officer does not end at the gates of prison. When an inmate completes his or her sentence, they will then enter a second prison – which is society. In 2017, we revealed to you the plight and struggles Jekope Vukivou faced after he was incarcerated and the new lease of life that was offered to him through the Fiji Corrections Service rehabilitation program. In this issue we again highlight his progress in the outside world as an example of what one can achieve if they make use of the opportunities given to them.

Last year, he was offered a piece of land at by the FCS Chaplain Rev Josefa Tikonatabua's village of Natoika to help rebuild his life and give his children a secure future. This is called the "Solesolevaki" program under the FCS rehabilitation framework.

With assistance from FCS and Ministry of Agriculture he was able to farm the land. Today, Mr Vukivou has reciprocated this offer by already harvesting his root crops and vegetables from the land and supply to the local markets which has enabled him to make a living

for him and his children. Rev Tikonatabua is now preparing for the final phase of this program where Mr Vukivou will be provided the materials now to build their new home. "His family now has been further strengthened with the return of his wife who had left after he was sentenced in 2012, so bit by bit he is slowly rebuilding his life again. This is seeing through rehabilitation to the end beginning from the first phase inside our walls with the final one to be the building of his new family home.

"We will harvest timber from here to also provide for some of his housing materials and my family is also happy to help out in building his house," Rev Tikonatabua said.

Mr Vukivou and his family was very emotional at the latest gesture.

"This "Solesolevaki" program has given me and my children now a second chance in life. I was assisted with a piece of land and also the manpower and equipment to help start off my plantation.

Deep in the interior of Natoaika, about two and a half miles away from the village is Nasigadua, last used by Reverend Tikonatabua's family for farming 30 years ago. This is where Jekope is rebuilding his life and mentored by Rev Tikonatabua.

Corrections Officers on Medical attachments

TWENTY eight Fiji Corrections Services officers were on a 3-day on the job training attachment at several public medical centers around the Lami and Suva Peninsula in may this year.

The attachment is the practical component of a 6-week Basic Medical Orderly Course that was recently being conducted by the Fiji Corrections Service. This is to prepare them to work as medical orderlies for the 15 correction centres under the FCS.

Twenty-six year old COC Sera Domoni said her training attachment at the Lami Health Center yesterday was an eye opener and great learning experience. "It was very interesting and we learned a lot from the job attachment" COC Domoni said.

"It was also an eye opener, I have so much respect now for our local medical officers as today I helped assess and assist the nurses with over 60 patients at the Lami Health Center, and these are the normal numbers daily too," she added.

"This is the practical aspect of our 6 week course, and after 4-weeks in the classroom we were finally taken to the centers to put to test all we had learnt." The 28 officers were divided into three groups whose routine involved a daily rotational attendance to 3-facilities, namely the Lami Health Center, CWM Emergency Room and St Giles Psychiatric Hospital.

These 3- centers had been identified as they provide the ideal conditions and kind of patients FCS medical orderlies will manage in their corrections work. The job attachment was possible through collaboration with the Ministry of Health who are also assisting in the delivery of the Course at the Fiji Corrections Service Training

Academy in Naboro.

The training is central to FCS service delivery in ensuring the well being of prisoners incarcerated as convicts or remandees.



COC Sera Domoni attending to a patient at the Lami Health Centre.



FCS takes lead in treatment of sexual offenders



Participants of the Treatment of Sexual Offenders workshop at the Novotel Convention Centre, Lami.

THE treatment of sexual offenders is paramount as the country of Fiji experiences an increase in the number of sexual offences.

These sentiments were greatly echoed as the Fiji Corrections Service who in collaboration with Operation Foundation ran a workshop on the Treatment of Sexual Offenders for 80 of its officers at the Novotel Convention Center in Lami, today.

Operation Foundation is a Christian restorative organisation led by the Senior Pastor, the Reverend Peter Schultz in bringing renewal and transformation in the lives of prisoners and their communities in Fiji since 2006.

While opening the workshop, Deputy Commissioner of Corrections Senior Superintendent (SSUPT) Apimeleki Taukei said it has become a challenge to the Fiji

Corrections to rehabilitate an offender well so they can become better citizens of our country and be trusted again by their loved ones.

It is important that our officers are equipped with the right skills and knowledge in terms of rehabilitating these inmates because their crimes are the type that greatly impacts communities," said SSUPT Taukei.

"Research into sexual offending is a relatively new field of study with good progress made over the last 30 years."

"There have been trials in a number of distinct approaches ranging from punitive to reformative with differing evidence of effectiveness.

Reverend Peter Schultz said sexual offending has become a major problem for Fiji and the Fiji Corrections Service has now taken the leading role to build its ca-

pacity, to improve their response to this major problem.

"And I applaud them for this," said Reverend Schultz.

"Over the years that we have worked together its exciting to see that rehab has continued to be at the front and always took the lead in the work they do in restoring lives."

In the month of May alone a total of 18 people were charged with a total of 29 counts which accounted for separate incidents in May. This was revealed in the Rape and Sexual Offences Statistics for May 2018 released by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution (ODPP) this week.

There are currently around 500 inmates incarcerated for sexual related crimes in the Fiji prisons.



Top recruit remembers late Dad

In January early this year, 36-year old Eparama Ravulo saw an advertisement for the Basic Recruitment Course for the Fiji Corrections Service in the newspaper.

What followed were days of decision making that would set a course in his life forever.

Even at his age, Ravulo was determined to make an impact and invest in a career that would recognize his talents. So he decided to apply.

He left his work at the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport to join the Fiji Corrections Service Basic Recruitment Course.

This decision was supported by his late father who passed away the day after he joined the course.

"He gave me the confidence to leave my work and chase my dreams of joining a disciplined force even though he died just a day after I was accepted into the program," Ravulo told reporters at the passing out parade.

Fourteen weeks later, the Cakaudrove man from Vanua Levu graduated top of the class of 60 recruits and attained not one but two honours in his name. He received the Baton of Honour and the Commissioner's Trophy and saluted his late father Jone Ravulo for the

belief instilled in him to succeed.

Hundreds of relatives and friends and invited guests greeted the new recruits as they marched on to the drill square that day after a grueling 14-weeks in camp where they were physically, mentally and spiritually tested and trained to become a Fiji Corrections Officer.

"I salute him and my mum for their advise and support, especially when I left our home in Tacirua and his final words to me was to go for it, I wished he was here today."

Ravulo said the 14-weeks was tough.

The other award – Best in Drill went to Sakiusa Matavola.



Recruits top graduate Jone Ravulo receiving his award from the Commissioner, Commander Francis Kean.

Recruits implored to read more



Commander Francis Kean.

During his keynote address, Commander Kean implored the new members to read a lot.

"Reading builds knowledge, knowledge builds confidence and confidence assures you success," Commander Kean said.

"As the saying goes, a reader today – a leader tomorrow, so I implore you go invest in books, read books and grow."

Commander Kean thanked them all for putting their hands up and making the decision to be part of a noble profession.

"The process from recruitment to passing out this morning, has been a long process.

We commend the 60 young men and women this morning for coming through this process, particularly the 2-day attachments at the institutions to confirm in their hearts whether they want to be part of the family, as officers, or men and women of the Fiji Corrections Service.

Commander Kean reminded them that the

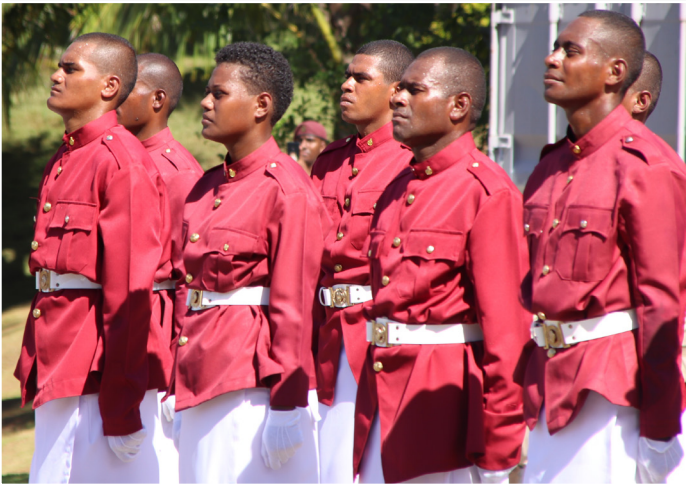
work of restoring lives was at the heart of the Fiji Corrections Service. And as member of the FCS, they have a lot of responsibilities on their shoulders.

"It calls for the respect of law, it calls for the application of best practices. And I am sure that you have learnt a lot of the legislations of the Fiji Corrections Act, you would have learnt the relevant operating procedures of the Fiji Corrections Service to ensure that you deliver your services flawlessly every time and all the time."

Commander Kean also gave the recruits some sound advice in order to be successful at work.

"Firstly, always do the same things right, second is to commit yourself to an honest day's work and last is to have some heroes in your lives, you will be joining the real world of a working environment and some of you for the first time."

"But always remember leaders do not look for excuses, they look for solutions."



Blooming Inside Project



UP at the Women's Corrections Centre, a project which began earlier this year is beginning to take shape.

Ten female inmates have for the past 2 months been involved in the Blooming Inside Project which involves the art of jewellery making, fashion designing and sewing.

The 4-part Module skill based program is designed to help them set up their own businesses when they are released back to society.

Volunteer Linda Walker and daughter Natacha Brochard have been carrying out this work since 2015, but this particular undertaking takes everything up to a new level based on the standard of what they can produce.

"After these modules, the ladies will have the capacity to produce designs or jewellery to a standard that can be sold even on the international market – because we have put in certain aspects like quality, the use of colours apart from design alone," Linda said.

"We have also thrown in an administration element so that they will be able also to cope with managing their businesses and stock take.

"But I must say the local people here in Fiji are blessed with a unique level of skill and creativity because what I have taught them here in a mere few days would take at least over a month

or two back home."

Linda's mother is from Fiji and she was raised for the most part of her early childhood here and went to school at Suva Grammar in Veiuto, while her father is from American Samoa.

The family left for Australia when she was 13-years old but it has not stopped her from visiting and helping out where she can.

Last year, they ran a similar program at the Tagimoucia Art Gallery teaching artists the use of colours and also jewellery.

"This is what we love to do, to share our skills with those who under normal circumstances in society will not be given a chance to up skill or given a fair chance to earn a living due to the stigma of mistakes they committed earlier.

"We thank the Commissioner of Corrections for his vision to allow us to come and help out when we can and it has been an inspiring journey even for us".

Assistant Commissioner of Corrections Operations Salote Panapasa said the 10 female inmates selected for the course were hand-picked after reviewing their progress with the rehabilitation programs currently conducted at the FCS.

"This is part of our Rehabilitation Framework and we are always thankful to volunteers like Linda and Natacha who show so much heart and passion in delivering this course for our inmates.

UNIFIL 40 ANNIVERSARY PICTORIAL



FCS introduces first Brass Band

The FCS Brass Band was established on the 24 April 2018 at Nasinu CC. It started with 16 bandsman which comprised of 1 CCO, 2 COB and 13 COC.

The initiative to introduce a Brass Band in to the organization is a new development under the rehabilitation framework of the Fiji Corrections Service for young offenders.

The core function of the FCS Band is to effectively rehabilitate young offenders through Music and

Entertainment in public relations activities as a form of positive PR and community engagement platform.

The Band first ever performance was the Commissioners parade

held at Naboro on the 7 of July 2018. Band practices are always conducted at the Nasinu Corrections Center, which is being prepared as the new school for FCS to up skill and qualify offenders in special courses.

The second performance of the Brass Band was the COMCORS route march from Suva to Naboro on the 19th of July 2018 and on the 21st of July 2018.

Music School will be introduced during the month of August 2018 and will begin from Grade One Music up to Grade Four.

Inmates will have a chance to further their education through a Diploma in Music outside of Prison also.



Yellow Ribbon Artist Wins USP Competition

TAGIMOUCIA Art Gallery artist Aisake Amoe was named the most outstanding artist at a University of the South Pacific art exhibition held this week.

The art competition and exhibition was organized to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the South Pacific and invited submissions from the 12-member countries of USP.

Amoe with fellow artist from the Tagimoucia Art Gallery, Pauliasi Delaibatiki both made the cut for the 8-finalists whose works of art were exhibited at the

new Oceania Arts Center Gallery which also opened this week.

Both Amoe and Delaibatiki are inmates at the Suva Corrections Center and are part of the Fiji Corrections Service Rehabilitation Programs at the art gallery.

The artworks submitted needed to be original and framed around the theme "Celebrating the Pacific, Shaping the Future."

Amoe's piece titled "Fast Track," depicted the many things happening around the Pacific today. It took him 2 weeks to complete.

personal decision."

Deputy Commissioner of Corrections Senior Superintendent Apimeleki Taukei witnessed the auspicious occasion and thanked the USP Oceania Art Center for giving the two artists the opportunity to expose their talents in a public forum.

"Our rehabilitation programs is all about trying to up skill inmates in preparation for the outside world so they can make an honest living," said Mr. Taukei.

"Our art gallery under the guidance of our volunteer Mrs. Jane Ricketts has been the breeding ground for some outstanding artists and we thank USP for allowing them to be a part of their programs."

Director of the Oceania Arts Center in USP, Dr Frances Vaka'uta said Amoe and Delaibatiki's works were outstanding and unique.

"But Amoe's piece won because of the presentation in detail, you must look at it closely to fully appreciate and understand why this was the best painting submitted." and women.

"It is not much but we sincerely hope that it gets you and your family back on your feet."



(L-R) Deputy Commissioner of Corrections Apimeleki Taukei, Mrs. Jane Ricketts, Aisake Amoe with his certificate and Elenani Vuru, the FCS senior psychologist.

In his painting brief, Amoe stated that, "... in order for people to unite under one banner to achieve one common goal, they must first break down barriers and that many of the problems people have are within them and that making choices was a

Lautoka wins Inaugural Corrections Skills

LAUTOKA made a clean sweep of the inaugural Corrections Skills Competition taking out both the Men's and Women's competition on Thursday afternoon at the Naboro Complex.

The Lautoka Womens Corrections Center team had a commanding victory over Suva Women's Correction team to take top honours, whilst the Lautoka Remand Center team scored top averages in all exercises to top the men's division.

The 2-day exercise, which is a first for the Fiji Corrections Service brought out 19 teams from within the 15 Institutions plus the National Headquarters and Training Academy to compete.

The competition which ran over 2-days consisted of a theory examination and a demanding 7km Obstacle course over the rugged Naboro Farm and bush terrain which tested each team physically and mentally.

While handing over the spoils of battle Deputy Commissioner of Corrections Apimeleki Taukei paid tribute to the hard yards put in by all participants and their team managers over the two days.

"Today provided a good test on how strong your sense of bonding was and the importance of working together," he said.

"On behalf of the Commissioner I want to thank and congratulate you on your efforts today, we know you all did you very best but there can only be one winner."

"I congratulate Lautoka for taking down both titles, and that should be a challenge for the rest of you."

"Today also you would have been able to understand better the essence of team work, we are a team of many teams and it is important that each team works together in this line of work."

Lautoka Remand Center team manager TPCO Sebastian Vulakoro said it was

through the grace of God and their strict focus at the weekly Wellness programs that boosted their efforts.

"We would like to thank the Commissioner of Corrections for this excellent event, we enjoyed it and we also learned a lot," said Vulakoro.

"The team we sent to represent us were the ones who were always focused in our wellness programs and so were the best prepared and most of all were the ones who listened to instructions."

The scores were all very close in the end which showed the level of competition brought to the floor by all teams.

Lautoka Remand edged out the National Headquarters team who settled for second while the Medium Corrections Center almost beat NHQ team to the second spot but were edged out in the theory exams.

In the women's competition however, the Lautoka Womens Corrections Center scored a massive lead from day one in the theory exams and further extended their lead on Day 2 in the obstacle course race.

The FCS hopes to organise another similar event in the upcoming Corrections Day Celebrations this October.



Lautoka Remand (Top) and Lautoka Womens Team (Bottom).

Final Scores

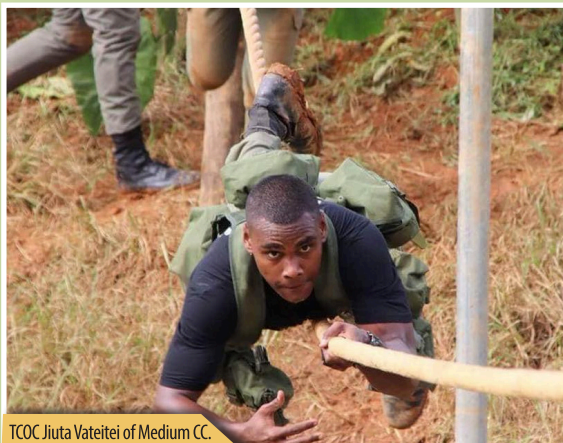
Men's: 1st – Lautoka Remand Center 80.5 points

2nd – National Headquarters 78.4 points

3rd – Medium Corrections Center 78.1 points

Women's: 1st – Lautoka Womens CC 47 points

2nd – Suva Womens CC 39 points



TCOC Jiuta Vateitei of Medium CC.



Maximum CC Team.

Soccer title goes North



The winning Northern Division team with their trophy

The Northern Division soccer team took out the inaugural inter-unit soccer competition for the Fiji Corrections Service (FCS) at Bidesi Park beating Southern Division 2-0 in an exciting encounter.

The one day meet brought together officers and civilians in the FCS from the institutions around the country.

The Northerners showed their seriousness early in the day when they unveiled their playing uniform which is similar to the training colours of the champion Labasa soccer team.

Supervisor Northern Division ASC Viniasi Buli said although they didn't have much training time together, he expressed to his players that what they must show the same tenacity and team work they show every day at work in how they play.

"It was all about team work, but overall we also came to have fun because we hardly come out like this to enjoy the company of our fellow officers from around the country and just have fun," ASC Buli said.

The event is the second event

organized this year to promote team work and supporting Government's stance in the battle against Non-Communicable Diseases.

Two months ago, the FCS also organized an Inter-Unit 7s Tournament to select their mens and womens 7s teams for the year and also honour the same themes.

"The latest statistics for diabetes in the country is very alarming," said Assistant Commissioner of Corrections Operations Salote Panapasa.



"Even here the FCS we have also had our fair share of people who have suffered from a NCD related disease.

"So we are organizing such events not only for our people to come out and relax from their challenging working environment but also to keep fit and stay healthy."

"Today we see all of those who are off-duty from the major divisions, they have prepared for this event and we hope they will enjoy meeting their fellow officers from around the country."

