



MAQAI 'Bula' Times



Maqai Eco Surf Resort Newsletter

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Ni Sa Bula (A warm welcome from the Directors – Angie, Shaw and Dr Dave) to the latest edition of the Maqai 'Bula' Times. We hope this reaches you all (Village chiefs, elders, staff and shareholders) in good health and spirit. Marau na kerisimasi!! We hope you had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!



With these lovely ladies at Maqai who wouldn't want at midnight to embrace, kiss, and wish one another 'Happy New Year'. *Ni sa 12 donu na kaloko ena bogilevu keimami veimoko, veireguci ena vakanuini vinaka ni yabaki vou!*

Village

Everyone at Maqai would like to wish all people from the villages a blessed new year with plentiful and levu yaqona (large kava) growth for 2017. Our most sincere sympathy for the mudslide impacts in 2015.

Staff

Bula to all staff, we are very grateful and blessed to have such a good team of people committed to Maqai and its guests. Vinaka Vaka Levu!! A huge Bula Bula welcome to Jeff all the way from Africa to the Maqai team, return of Tony, and Kelly and Chad for helping at Maqai. Farewell to Bale who we wish all the best for his new job at Laucala. *Our friend forever!!*



Guests

Our guests continue to love Maqai and 2017 is going to be a great year for the resort and the experience of 'Paradisi' (Paradise) that everyone feels when they come to stay with us. The year has started well with marau (happy) surfers, New Year fun and vinaka kakana (good food) and cold Fiji Bitter and the best local yaqona.



The surf has been pumping and Luke Kewming from Atoll travel scored big time. Maqai 'Paradisi' (Paradise).

Health and Safety

Remember please it is very important that we continue to ensure we are keeping both staff and guests safe on land and in the water, as we want to prevent as best we can any accidents taking place. **Please keep yourself and others SAFE!! Vinaka!!**



Sea creature on Winston Island called 'Ricky Walrus'





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ANZ Awards

Maqai has made the finalists for the 2016 Excellence in Tourism Awards (Sustainability Category). What an incredible accolade!!

The judge has visited us recently and we wait on the results. The awards are presented on the 17 Feb 2017. Just being a finalist is an amazing achievement, and we will continue to enhance our sustainability.



Shortlisted Nominees

ACCOMMODATION BUDGET

Smugglers Cove
South Sea Island
Uprising Beach Resort

ACCOMMODATION DELUXE

Castaway Island Resort
Musket Cove Island Resort & Marina
Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort

ACCOMMODATION QUALITY

Malolo Island Resort
The Palms
Tropica Island Resort
Wananavu Beach Resort

VISITOR ATTRACTION & ACTIVITY

Sky Dive Fiji
Discover Fiji Tours
PADI Diveaway Centre

ACCOMMODATION LUXURY

Intercontinental Fiji Golf & Spa Resort
Liku Liku Lagoon Resort
Nanuku Auberge Resort
Sofitel Fiji Resort & Spa
Yasawa Island Resort

TOUR & TRANSPORT OPERATORS

Captain Cook Cruises
Rosie Holidays
South Sea Cruises

TOURISM SUSTAINABILITY

Castaway Island Resort
Maqai Beach Eco Surf Resort
Ahura Resorts

SERVICES & SUPPORT TO THE INDUSTRY

Port Denarau Marina
Pure Fiji
Vuda Marina

DESTINATION MARKETING

Rosie Holidays
Sofitel Fiji Resort & Spa
Tour Managers
Tourism Suncoast

VISITOR DINING EXPERIENCE

1808 Restaurant - Castaway Island
Navo Restaurant - Intercontinental Hotel & Spa
Ivi - Outrigger Fiji Beach Resort
Kanavata Restaurant & Bar - Nanuku
Auberge Resort
Port O'Call - Sheraton Fiji

Our latest Trip Advisor latest reviews:

"Paradise" – Johnnie I had the greatest time there. The staff were incredible. I can only recommend to go visit this little paradise and if you do, make sure to brush up your ping pong skills to beat Tex. And By The Way the food was amazing too!!

"Surf lodge for all the family" – Karen Visited this resort as its location is straight across from the surf. The accommodation looked comfortable and the view

was unreal. We were cruising Fiji on our Yacht so pulled in on our dingy, this is the first time I've posted on Trip Advisor regarding Fiji. This resort supports villages on Qamea Island and employ's local people, a beautiful family and superb location.

"Pristine & peaceful in real Fiji" - Nikki Maqai is a special place, natural, idyllic and genuine. We loved the snorkelling, surfing, jungle walks, hermit crabs, amazing shell Island, trips to waterfalls and natural water slides, lots of ping pong and hammock time! I have to say that the food absolutely blew me away, taste sensations like I'd never experienced before and an absolute pleasure! Not to mention the story telling by Jeff - that was sensational, something I'll never forget!

From the Directors

Au maru vakalevu (we are very happy to receive these wonderful reviews), well done to everyone. We thank all the staff at Maqai and Naviivi and other villages for supporting Maqai and keeping the 'Maqai Magic' spirit alive and flourishing.

Vanuinui vinaka ki na siga ni kua (Have a nice day)

Did you know?

The International Date Line runs through Fiji's island of Taveuni, so you can stand with one foot in the present date, and the other in the previous date.

Marau na kerisimasi!!



Merry Christmas

